



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 14th February 2025  
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in the world



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

From Monday 24th February, **Nursery children will finish school at 3.30pm**. This is to bring the Nursery school day in line with the rest of the school. **We will open the school gates on Pratt Street at 3.25pm**, in order to start letting parents into the school playground. We wish you and your children a safe and restful half term and look forward to seeing the children back on **Monday 24th February**.  
**With Best Wishes, Mrs O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)**

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

As parents, we are certain that you know you are responsible for your children's online activity. **Please look at your child's social media feeds every day:** WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, Discord etc. **so that you can monitor their content, and how your child is interacting with others on social media.** Children do not have a right to privacy on social media, so please check their phones, laptops or tablets every day in order to keep them safe and ensure that their communications to others are appropriate. **As you may know, children should not have Snap Chat, Instagram or Facebook until they are 13.** If you would like to discuss any of this further, please do make an appointment to meet us. Thank you very much for your help with keeping our children safe.

### Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

Under 13	13+	16+	17+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roblox</li> <li>PopJam</li> <li>FaceTime</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Twitter</li> <li>Facebook and Messenger</li> <li>Viber</li> <li>WeChat</li> <li>Monkey</li> <li>Yubo</li> <li>Dubsmash</li> <li>Instagram</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TikTok</li> <li>Skype</li> <li>Google Hangouts</li> <li>Reddit</li> <li>Snapchat</li> <li>Pinterest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WhatsApp</li> <li>Telegram Messenger</li> <li>Tumblr</li> <li>Line</li> <li>Sarahah</li> <li>Tellonym</li> </ul>

**Tuesday 11th February was also Safer Internet Day.** The theme this year was, 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from Scams online.' More information can be found at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025>



Our piano teacher (Joel Armishaw) currently has some extra schedule space available to take on new pupils. Joel is a graduate of the Royal College of Music and performs in hotels, restaurants and other venues around London.

More details about Joel can be found on his website: [www.joelarmishawpianist.com](http://www.joelarmishawpianist.com)

Applications for piano lessons are made via Camden Music Service, using the following link: <https://www.camden.gov.uk/apply-for-music-lessons-in-school>

For more information about instrumental lessons in school, visit the Camden Music Service website

(<https://www.camden.gov.uk/instrument-and-voice-lessons-in-schools>)



I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 14.02.2025

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)**

## Important dates for your diary...



**Monday 17th February to Friday 24th February -**

**Half term - school is closed this week**

**WB Monday 24th February -** Whole School Project Week - Keeping Safe Studies

**Friday 28th February - Academic Review day** (Children are not in school - parents and children attend for their appointment with the class teacher and receive their child's first written report of the year).

**Thursday 6th March -** Word Aware Day (more information to follow)

**Wednesday 12th March at 2pm -** Spring term music concert

**Friday 28th March -** Non-School uniform day - children donate £1 for charity

**Friday 4th April -** last day of Spring term

## Our School Prayer

### Sixth Sunday of the Year

Teach us, Lord,  
that true happiness comes from you  
and is worth more  
than all our worldly possessions.

**Amen**



## Best Attendance this week...



For children to learn well and make good progress, it is vital that they attend school every day. Congratulations to **Year 2** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week **99.26%** **Year 2** really showed the Christian value of **Community** by helping their class to have the best attendance this week.

**Please make sure your child is in school every single day.**

**Thank you for your help with this :)**

The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is **Habiba** in **Y5**.

**Habiba** has won a £5 gift voucher to spend in Waterstones.



## Person of the Week last week was...!

Reception - Shaye

Year 1 - Joy

Year 2 - Arisha

Year 3 - Azriah

Year 4 - Alina

Year 5 - Sakarra

Year 6A - Kiana

Year 6B - Khalil



## Work of the Week!

Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).

This week, **Year 5** have been exploring the classic poem **The Highwayman** by Alfred Noyes, delving into its rich language, vivid imagery, and dramatic storytelling. Inspired by the poem, **Santiago** has written a brilliant continuation that captures the original's rhythm and style perfectly. His use of rhyming words flows seamlessly, staying true to the poem's structure while adding his own creative flair. With a wonderful choice of vocabulary, **Santiago** brings the story to life in a way that is both powerful and engaging.

Well done, **Santiago**!



## Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Mr Withers or Mrs O'Reilly.

**We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.**



# Story Sacks Sessions During Feb Half Term with Camden Family Learning

Free, fun, and creative sessions where we will bring stories to life making puppets and props  
*for children aged 3-9 years old*

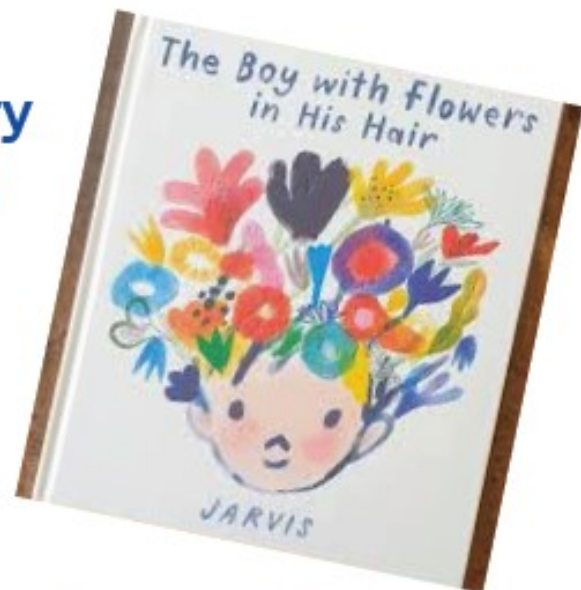
**Wednesday 19 February**

**Pancras Sq Library N1C 4AG**

**10:00am-11:30am**

**Kilburn Library NW6 5UH**

**1:30pm-3:00pm**

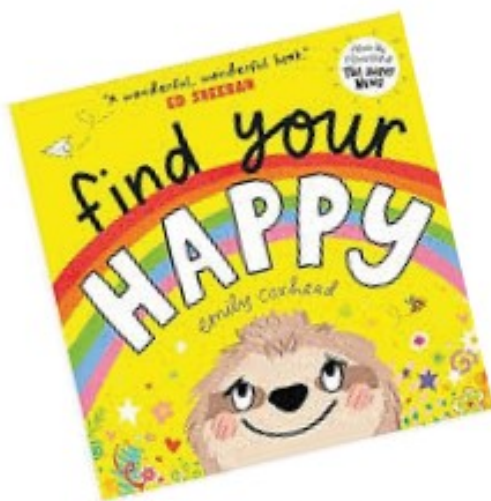


**Thursday 20 February**

**Camden Town Library**

**Crowndale Centre NW1 1BN**

**1:30pm-3:00pm**



**Contact Alison NOW to book your place: 07876 651 950**  
**You cannot attend these sessions unless you book**  
**Get a FREE book to take home!**

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# The Camden Reading Road Map



## Short Story Competition

- Write your own original short story for a chance to win!
- Your story can contain characters from a book you have read before, or characters from your imagination.
- We will judge the stories on— Creativity, originality, use of language and imagination

Winners of the short story competition will have their story printed in a book.

That book will appear on next year's Camden Reading Road Map!



- Submit your story to [els@islington.gov.uk](mailto:els@islington.gov.uk) OR your teacher can have them sent to us at the Education Library Service.
- No more than 500 words.
- Competition ends 25th of April. Winners announced in June.
- Open to Years 3,4,5 and 6.
- You can include drawings but they won't count towards the judging of the story.

