



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025
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Go shine
in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that our parent coffee mornings run every Wednesday at 9am. Parent Gym are running sessions this term. You can find out more information about these sessions in our newsletter dated 10th January. We hope to see you there. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. :)

With Best Wishes, Mrs O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Reading at Our Lady's

All your children begin their day with a reading lesson, (from Reception to Year 6) **which starts at 9am**. If your child is arriving at the school gate at 9am they are missing the beginning of this very important lesson. Please help these reading lessons run smoothly, by ensuring that your child is in school **on time by 8.55am**, so that they are ready for this 9am start. The school gates are open at 8.40am to enable children to have a calm beginning to the day and to ensure they are ready to learn at 9am. Thank you for your help with this.



Did you know that? Researchers in the United States who looked at the impact of parents reading with their children quoted the following figures in a news release about their findings: **Here's how many words kids would have heard by the time they were 5 years old:** Never read to, 4,662 words; 1–2 times per week, 63,570 words; 3–5 times per week, 169,520 words; daily, 296,660 words; and five books a day, 1,483,300 words. (National Curriculum 2023)

There have been many reasons to celebrate our love for reading at Our Lady's, including our daily story time and the free books that the children were given last week. We aspire to achieve a love for reading where children can be enchanted by different stories and get lost in the books they love most! We also encourage children to continue to take part in programs such as 'The Reading Road Map' and competitions such as 'The Young Writers' Competitions to have their own stories published!

What is my child learning this term?

We know that you are the first and most important educator of your child. At the beginning of this term, you received your curriculum overview for parents, which tells you what your child is learning this term. The leaflets can also be found on our school website, in the 'our curriculum' area. We hope that you find this information useful.

On **Friday 28th February**, it is **Academic Review Day**. You will have a scheduled appointment to meet your child's teacher, when you will receive a mid-year report and have the chance to have a discussion about your child's progress and home you can support them at home. A letter will be sent to you next Friday, please look out for this in your child's book bag.



I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 31.01.2025

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

The Presentation of the Lord

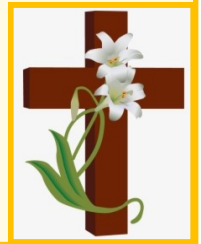
Loving Father,

may we present the face of Christ to the world in which we live, and generously share his love and forgiveness

with everyone we meet.

We make these prayers through Christ your Son.

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 4** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week **95.58%**

Year 4 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 **Amelia** in **Y4**.

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



Person of the Week last week was...!

Reception - Taria-Faith

Year 1 - Dillon

Year 2 - Marlow

Year 3 - Inaya

Year 4 - Ayaan

Year 5 - Habiba

Year 6A - Mollie

Year 6B - Nusrat



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 6A** have been studying the painting 'Still Life with Parrot and Fruit' by Frida Kahlo.

Mollie used this painting as a stimulus to inspire her to create her own still life painting.

Mollie really thought about the composition and the colours she used in her own piece of art.



Well done, **Mollie!**



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.



SATURDAY Story Sacks For All The Family

A free fun and creative storytelling and prop making session.

Come along and find out how to bring storytelling to life using our imagination and creativity.

Pick a session and phone Alison to book a family place 07876 651950.

You must book to join in (due to health and safety rules)



Saturday 1st February
Queens Crescent library NW5 4HH
11:15am-1:15pm
Kipper's New Pet

Saturday 15th March
Swiss Cottage Library NW3 3HA
10:30am-12:30pm
Kippers Little Friends



Saturday 29th March
Kentish Town library NW5 2AA
11:15am-1:15pm
Going on a Bear Hunt

A free book for every family that attends



Try An Instrument Day

Saturday 22nd February 2025

10 am to 2 pm

For all pupils in Key Stage 2 aged 7 to 11

Clarinet | Flute | Trumpet
Trombone | Violin | Cello | Guitar

- Experience free taster lessons
- Meet our specialist music tutors
- Find out more about Camden Music and how you can get involved

Find out more and sign up now by clicking the link or scanning the QR code.



<https://forms.office.com/e/uikjKGkH2s>



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

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>)

or email any queries to: EDU.CamdenMusic@camden.gov.uk

