



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023

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Go shine in  
the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we had some of our Year 6 parents joining us for a Parents Working Alongside Children session. Parents took part in a Maths lesson. We could not have been prouder showing off the amazing and important work that our teachers do here. Thank you for all of your positive feedback on this. Please see on the back of the newsletter for the dates for each year group's 'Parents Working Alongside Children'.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all to our annual Family Fancy Dress Disco next Friday. Prizes for the best costumes and of course the best dance moves!

With Best Wishes, Ms Toop (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

## Reading at Our Lady's...

At Our Lady's, reading is firmly at the centre of everything we do because we understand that reading is the **key to all other learning**.



### What do we do in school to give children the best chance?

- We start every day with reading lessons promptly at 9am. This is when children can learn best.
- Pupils have daily phonics and reading practice lessons (or Destination Reader in Key Stage 2)
- We carefully choose the perfect books for children to read at school and at home at their level.
- We model reading and create a love for reading in our **daily story time**.
- We create appealing class libraries in every room. These are well stocked with a variety of carefully chosen books.



Miss Davies and Year 2 in story time

### What do you do at home to give your child the best chance?

- You ensure that your child is in school every day on time so that they do not miss any of their reading lesson.
- You listen to your child read at home and enjoy their sharing book together. Do sign the reading record to show us that this is happening.
- You visit your local library together to help develop their love of reading and learning.

Let's keep working together so that our children can go from strength to strength.

From left to right: Neila (Y2), Junior (Y2), Ethan (Y6A) and Madiha (Y6A) share their favourite books.



I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 06.10.2023

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

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

## Important dates for your diary...

**Friday 13th October – Family Fancy Dress Disco**

**Thursday 19th October – School photographer in**

**Friday 20th October – Non-Uniform Day**

**Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October—  
School closed for half term**

**Monday 30th October – Children return to school**

**Friday 24th November – Non-Uniform Day**

**Thursday 7th December – 10am**

**Nativity Performance for Reception and  
Y1 parents**

**2pm Nativity Performance for Y2  
parents**

**Wednesday 20th December – KS2 Carol Concert  
(Year 3—Year 6 only)**

**Thursday 21st December – Non-Uniform Day and  
last day of term**



## A Prayer for Harvest...

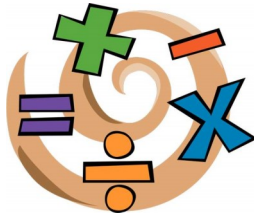
St Francis of Assisi,  
your whole life sang in harmony  
with God, nature and others.  
Pray for us Francis, that, like you,  
we may care for all that exists,  
until Brother Sun and Sister Water  
produce a harvest  
shared by all,  
in love and solidarity,  
justice and peace.

**Amen**



## Parents Working Alongside Children...

We look forward to you  
joining us to watch a maths  
lesson being taught in your  
child's class.



Year 6 parents joined us this week.

Wednesday 11th October—Year 5A and 5B

Tuesday 17th October—Year 4

Tuesday 31st October—Year 3

Tuesday 7th November—Year 2

Tuesday 14th November—Year 1

Tuesday 21st November—Reception



## Work of the Week!

In RE, Year 3 have been looking  
at our school's Christian Values:  
Determination, Respect, Community,  
Honesty, Integrity, Compassion,  
Inspiration, Friendship and Excellence. Lucas  
has thought carefully about how he shows  
these values in his own life and linked his  
ideas to Scripture in the Bible.

Please do come  
and look at this  
wonderful work in  
our school lobby!

**Well done Lucas,  
keep up the  
brilliant work!**



## Attendance...

**I am pleased to announce that  
Year 3 has the best attendance  
this week with an amazing  
98.33%. As a reward, you will  
receive some extra play time  
next week.**

Please make sure your child is in school every  
single day unless they are too  
unwell to come to school. Every  
day counts and children who miss  
school do fall behind in their  
learning.



## 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, Miss Toop, Miss Fearon or Mr Withers.

