



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Go shine
in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please ensure that children are not riding their scooters out the school gate, due to the slope. Children are at risk of gathering speed and ending up in the road. There have been a couple of times when this has happened with younger children. Luckily there was no car coming as they scooted onto the zebra crossing ahead of their adult. Thank you for your help with this.

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

Spring term 1 parent coffee mornings!

Please join us for tea, coffee and biscuits at the weekly Coffee Morning every Wednesday at 9.00am. This half term's sessions will include **parenting workshops** run by **Parent Gym**. Their programme has been designed by leading psychologists and is suitable for parents of children aged 2-11. The sessions are highly interactive!



Week 1 – CHAT Session - Get you and your child talking and listening in a positive way every day
Developing effective communication skills to ensure that families are talking and listening to each other.

Week 2 – LOVE Session - Boosting your child's confidence, with a balance between closeness and developing their independence

Building self-esteem and independence through secure attachments. Establishing boundaries as part of love.

Week 3 – BEHAVE Session - Bring calm to your family with rules and routines that really work

Setting rules, and being fair and consistent when you discipline your child. Getting the balance right, with enough praise and quality time together. Building daily routines that make your child feel safe and secure.

Week 4 – CARE Session - Keep yourself and your family healthy and happy with good sleep, eating and exercise
Looking after ourselves and our families, maintaining good physical and mental health for both parents and children.

Week 5 – DISCOVER Session - Help develop healthy learning habits with your child, including managing screen time

Supporting children to learn, explore, and make the most of their schooling.

Week 6 – TOGETHER Session - Keep your family feeling happy, supported and loved

Looking to the future and recapping key techniques. Creating a strong family bond in a supportive and nurturing environment.

Gain new skills, techniques, share experiences and take home everything you make! You will also receive a weekly magazine with inspiring activities and ideas related to relevant weekly topics.

Spring term 2 will be science workshops run by the Francis Crick Institute.

These will include fun Science experiments, handouts and a free trip to visit their exhibition at the Crick Institute in King's Cross.

An important deadline! Applications for Nursery and Reception class for September 2025...

If you or someone you know would like a place in Nursery or Reception for September 2025 then **applications must be made by 15th January 2025**. Applications for Reception need to be made online via www.eadmissions.org.uk and a separate school application form handed in to school. If your child is currently in Our Lady's Nursery then you must still apply. Please remind other parents about applying for Reception if this applies to their child. **Applications to Nursery must be made directly to the school by 15th January 2025**. An application form can be picked up from the school office or printed from our school website. **Spread the word about our lovely school!**

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 10.01.2025

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...



Week beginning 13th January - After-School Enrichment clubs start

Week beginning 13th January - Y6 Booster sessions resume

Wednesday 15th January - deadline for Nursery and Reception admissions for September 2025

Friday 24th January - Movie Night (more information to follow)

Friday 31st January - Non-School uniform day

Friday 7th February - **Academic Review day** (Children not in school - parents and children attend for appointment with the class teacher and receive first written report).

Monday 17th February to Friday 24th February - Half term. **School is closed this week**

The Baptism of the Lord

Jesus,

accept our sign of the cross as a prayer to you.

It reminds us that through our baptism we belong to you, and are children of God.

Let all who are baptised walk together in the light of Christ

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 5** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week **97.12%**

Year 5 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

Jubair in **Y4.**

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



Every week, one person from each class is chosen to be '**Person of the week.**' They are chosen due to their excellent attitude and learning behaviour, and for the fantastic work they are producing in class.

Person of the Week last week was...!

Reception - Libby
Year 1 - Rekiya
Year 2 - Gracie
Year 3 - Jewana
Year 4 - Mikey
Year 5 - Anaya
Year 6A - Niman
Year 6B - Catarina



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 learning about adding and subtracting fractions.

Sakarrah has successfully solved problems involving fractions with both common denominators and different denominators.

Sakarrah was able to use her knowledge of multiples and factors to convert fractions. She also developed a systematic approach, carefully working through each step with precision.

Well done **Sakarrah!**



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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2025

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s).

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

Early Years	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family
Year 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.
Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

EUCHARIST - RELATING

Early Years	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.
Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

Early Year	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

5 March

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

19 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

13 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

17 April

GOOD FRIDAY

18 April

EASTER SUNDAY

20 April