



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7th March 2025  
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Go shine  
in the world



## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all so much for dressing your children up for 'Word Aware Day' yesterday. The children had a great day, learning new vocabulary, with the definitions, that they can use in their writing. The children took part in word games throughout the day and also enjoyed a fun assembly at the end of the day to share their words with their friends. Ask your child what new words and definitions they learnt! Every child's photograph will be displayed on a washing line in their classroom, so that they can use these words in their writing. We look forward to sharing some photographs with you next week!

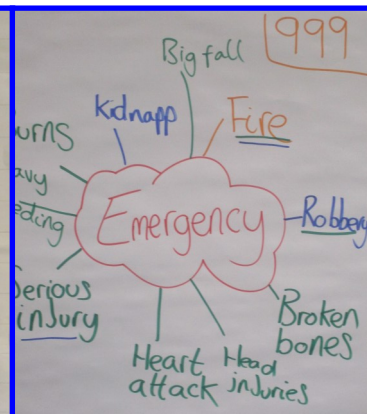
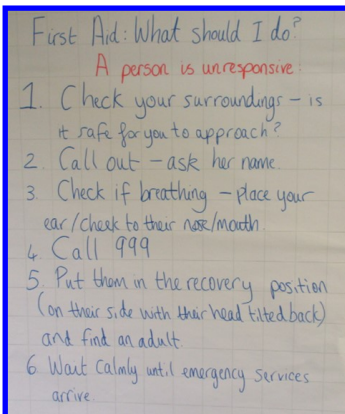
**With Best Wishes, Mrs O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)**

**Keeping Safe Studies** - At Our Lady's, we want our children to make good choices in order to live healthy lives. We want our children to: **stay safe, develop self-esteem and confidence, make a positive contribution, respect one another and make and maintain positive relationships.** We are preparing pupils at school for opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.



Last week, all children learnt about: **Online Safety, Road Safety, First Aid** and 'Keeping Myself Safe'.

**Please talk to your children about what they learnt last week.**

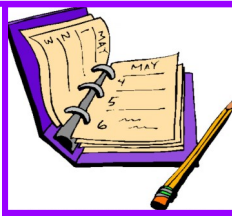


I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 07.03.2025

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...



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

**Tuesday 25th March @ 2.45pm -** Y5 Children  
Leading Worship in class - parents welcome

**Thursday 27th March @ 9.15am -** Y4 Children  
Leading Worship in class - parents welcome

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

**Monday 31st March @ 2.45pm -** Y2 Children  
Leading Worship in class - parents welcome

**Tuesday 1st April @ 9.15am -** Y6B Children  
Leading Worship in class - parents welcome

**Tuesday 1st April @ 2.45pm -** Y1 Children  
Leading Worship in class - parents welcome

**Wednesday 2nd April @ 2.45pm -** Y3 Children  
Leading Worship in class - parents welcome

**Thursday 3rd April @ 9.15am -** Y6A Children  
Leading Worship in class - parents welcome

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

## Our School Prayer First Sunday of lent

### Temptation in the desert

Lord Jesus,  
you never gave up  
even when you found it most difficult.  
During the six weeks of Lent,  
help us to be strong  
and to keep our promises  
as a sign of our love for you.  
**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 **96.84%** **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 **Riley** in **Y2**. **Riley** has won a £5 gift voucher to spend in Waterstones.



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

Reception - Ali  
Year 1 - Riona  
Year 2 - Jordan  
Year 3 - Karter  
Year 4 - Amelia  
Year 5 - Naksh  
Year 6A - Kiara G  
Year 6B - Leila



## Work of the Week!

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

As part of Keeping Safe Studies **Year 3** learned about **road safety**. Year 3 created a 'Road Safety Checklist' which showed different signs and symbols to help keep pedestrians and road users safe.

**Rayyan** completed an excellent information and advice poster about road safety. In it, he included key facts about staying safe near roads, using eye-catching colour and designs.



Well done, **Rayyan!**



## 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.**



# Lent

This Wednesday saw the start of the Lenten season. Lent is the period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays) leading up to Easter, the most important date in the Catholic Liturgical Calendar. Lent starts on **Ash Wednesday** and finishes at **Easter**. The last week of Lent is called **Holy Week**.



## What is the meaning of Lent?

Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days before beginning his work for God. Jesus was tempted several times, but was able to resist. Lent allows Christians to remember Jesus' fasting in the desert. It is a time of giving things up and a test of self-discipline.

## How is Lent celebrated?

**Shrove Tuesday** - In western Christian churches, the day before Lent starts is Shrove Tuesday. This is also known as **Pancake Day**. This day was traditionally the last chance to use up the foods Christians would not be eating during Lent.



## Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday many Christian churches hold services during which Christians are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes. This is a sign of saying sorry to God for any wrong-doing. On Wednesday, Fr Mark joined us for an Ash Wednesday Liturgy.



## Fasting

There are many foods that some Christians do not eat in Lent, such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. Some Christians give up something they really enjoy; such as cakes or chocolate. Christians may also choose to limit their phone or television time.



## Almsgiving



During Lent many Christians make an extra effort to give to those less fortunate than themselves. This can also include giving our time to people that need our help.

## Prayer



Dear God,  
at this time of reflection, teach us to be thankful for the goodness you have given us. Let us remember to treat others as we would like to be treated.  
At this time of fasting and giving up our favourite things, teach us to be thankful for the food that we eat. Let us remember that everybody is not so fortunate.  
At this time of forgiveness, teach us to be thankful for the gift of your mercy. Let us remember the sacrifice of your son, Jesus Christ.  
At this time of prayer, teach us to listen to your word.  
Let us remember the lessons of our saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

