Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Ofsted Outstanding

Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived!

Dear Parents and Carers,
This week, your child brought home their 'Summer Term - Curriculum Information for Parents' leaflet, which outlines what they will be learning this term, and includes suggestions for how you can support their learning at home. Please do check in their book bags for this important information.
With Best Wishes, Mrs O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

We were all saddened by the news of the death of Pope Francis. This week, we took a moment to remember Pope Francis with love and gratitude. He was a kind and humble leader who cared deeply for the poor, the planet, and for children everywhere. Pope Francis showed us how to live with love, kindness, and faith. Though he is no longer with us, we hold him in our hearts and thank God for his life.

Dear God, thank you for the life of Pope Francis, for his gentle words and caring heart. He taught us to love others, to help those in need and to take care of your beautiful world. We are sad that he is gone, but we know he is safe with you in Heaven. Please bless him with peace and joy, and help us to follow his example each day. Amen

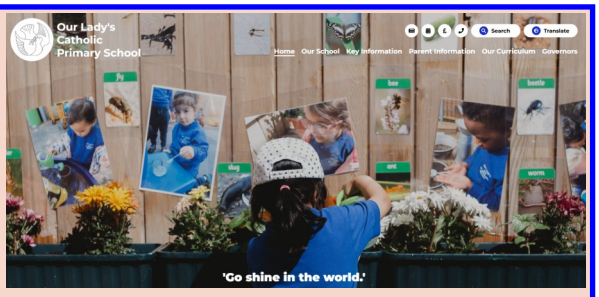
CAFOD
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

This week we had a visit from a representative, Miriam, from CAFOD. Miriam led workshops for the children in Year 2 to Year 4, helping them to understand more about Pope Francis' message of Hope and how they can be 'Pilgrim's of Hope' during this Jubilee Year.

At the end of the day, Miriam then led an assembly to explain to the children how their fund-raising for CAFOD helps provide gifts for those less fortunate than themselves around the world. The children's fundraising from non-uniform days meant we could donate £100. Follow the link below to see how the money can be spent and how to make additional donations:
https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/?srsltid=AfmBOopUIGAbNh9R2howdVK0epA-4WVWL8OoKrIpFqOPT0HiKvELTv0k

JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Our Lady's brand-new website!



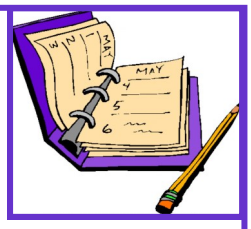
We're excited to announce the launch of our **brand-new school website**! (Still at the same website address - www.ourladys.camden.sch.uk). Designed with you in mind, it is now easier than ever to navigate, making it simpler to find important information about school events, policies, and resources. Whether you're checking the term dates, or looking for contact details, everything is just a few clicks away. We hope this updated site will make your experience smoother and more enjoyable. Be sure to check it out and let us know what you think!

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 02.05.2025

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 5th May - May Bank Holiday - school closed
Wednesday 7th May - parent coffee morning in the Pratt Street hall
Thursday 8th May at 9.30am - Year 5 attend mass at Our Lady of Hall - parents welcome to attend (leaving school at 9am)
WB Monday 12th May - KS2 SATs Week
Thursday 15th May at 9.30am - Year 4 attend mass at Our Lady of Hall - parents welcome to attend (leaving school at 9am)
Thursday 22nd May at 9.30am - Year 6 attend mass at Our Lady of Hall - parents welcome to attend (leaving school at 9am)
Friday 23rd May - Non School Uniform Day
WB Monday 26th May - Half Term week

The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is **Lucas** in **Y4.** **Lucas** has won a £5 gift voucher to spend in Waterstones.

Person of the Week last week was...!

Reception - Demi
Year 1 - Cody
Year 2 - Cecena (Cece)
Year 3 - Ronnie-Lee
Year 4 - Mahira
Year 5 - Adam
Year 6A - Curtis
Year 6B - Nusrat

May is the Month of Mary

Please join with us in praying the Hail Mary and Hail Holy Queen with your child this month in honour of Mary, our mother.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace...

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

Best Attendance this week…

Congratulations to **Year 5** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week - **97.24%**

Work of the Week!

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

In Science, Year 6 have been learning about the heart and that it is a strong muscular organ that pumps blood all around our body.

Araj drew the image of a heart and labelled his diagram including key parts such as the left and right atrium (sides of the heart).

Araj then made a fantastic poster explaining how blood helps us to breath, get rid of waste and transport vitamins and minerals around our body.

Well done, **Araj**!

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.

MAYDAY

At Kentish Town City Farm

LIVE MUSIC • MAYPOLE DANCING • GAMES • ARTS AND CRAFT
FACE PAINTING • CAKES • BBQ • TREASURE HUNT • CLAY
MODELLING • MEET THE ANIMALS • FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

MONDAY 5TH MAY
12-4PM

Kentish Town City Farm
1 Cressfield Close, NW5 4BN

Entry:
£1 adults
50p children

www.ktcityfarm.org.uk

ARTWORK BY COCO LILAC

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
(18 May)
After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

PENTECOST SUNDAY
(28 May)
This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
(4 June)
Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD
(11 June)
On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
(16 June)
On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
(29 June)
We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SUMMER TERM 2025 OUR LADY'S

Dear Parents and Carers,
As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event. The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World).

PENTECOST—SERVING
(21st April to 16th May)

Early Years	GOOD NEWS - Passing on the Good News of Jesus
Year 1	HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit
Year 2	SPREAD THE WORD - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News
Year 3	ENERGY - Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Year 4	NEW LIFE - To hear and live the Easter message
Year 5	TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power
Year 6	WITNESSES - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it.
Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING
(19th May to 20th June)

Early Years	FRIENDS - Friends of Jesus
Year 1	BEING SORRY - God helps us choose well
Year 2	RULES - Reasons for rules in the Christian family
Year 3	CHOICES - Importance of examination of conscience
Year 4	BUILDING BRIDGES - Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other
Year 5	FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible
Year 6	HEALING - Sacrament of the Sick

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven.
Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD
(23rd June to 22nd July)

Early Years	OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world
Year 1	NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world
Year 2	TREASURES - God's treasure; the world
Year 3	SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community
Year 4	GOD'S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God is like
Year 5	STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation
Year 6	COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian family

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family. Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country. Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.