



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th September 2025
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Go shine
in the world



Dear Parents/Carers,

We were so pleased to welcome our children back to school this week. It was lovely to see them arrive smiling, in their smart new uniforms. We have also been welcoming new children to our school, including meeting with our new Reception and Nursery parents and children. We are always pleased to welcome new children and their families to Our Lady's Primary School.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting parents for **Academic Review Day** on **Friday 12th September** - a letter was sent out in your child's book bag on Wednesday. **Please return the reply slip to class teachers.** On Academic review day, teachers will give parents the curriculum information guide for what your child is learning this term and will explain how you can help at home, including homework expectations.

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

Reading and coming to school every day... The two habits of **reading every day** and **coming to school every day** are going to make the biggest difference to your child's education and life chances.



Reading is a necessity for learning and a lifelong skill. We know that children who struggle to learn to read have a much harder, steeper path with all other areas of learning. It affects their social skills, well-being, attainment and progress. This in turn means that a child who does not succeed with reading has poorer life chances and fewer opportunities as an adult.

Listening to your child read and sharing a book daily is so important. That precious 20 to 30 minutes every day is time very well spent.

The best research for years tells us that the children who do best in school practise reading the most.

Please make sure that your child brings their reading books to school with them every day.

Please also make sure that you sign your child's home reading record to show that they have practised their reading at home. Thank you for your help with this.

This week, Mr Withers led the 'Golden Rules' assembly. To make sure our school is a place where your children can learn and be safe, we follow these **GOLDEN RULES...**

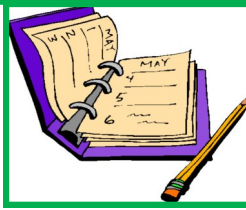
Do be kind, helpful and polite.	<i>Don't hurt people's feelings by being rude or unkind.</i>
Do be gentle.	<i>Don't hurt or play fight.</i>
Do listen to people and follow instructions.	<i>Don't ignore people or interrupt them.</i>
Do look after our things.	<i>Don't waste or damage things.</i>
Do be honest.	<i>Don't tell lies or cover up the truth.</i>
Do understand its OK to make mistakes.	<i>Don't laugh at those who are brave enough to have a go.</i>
Do work hard and try your best.	<i>Don't waste time or give up easily.</i>

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 05.09.2024

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...



Thursday 11th September at 3.45pm - Secondary Transfer Meeting and PGL meeting for Year 6 parents in the school hall

Friday 12th September - Academic Review Day for Year 1 to Year 6 - parent, child and teacher meetings

Friday 12th September - INSET Day for Nursery and Reception (children are not in school)

WB Monday 15th September - After School Enrichment Clubs start this week

Wednesday 17th September at 9am - parent coffee mornings start again

Friday 26th September - Non uniform Day - children donate £1 to charity to wear their own clothes

Our Prayer

Thank you God, for the gift of all people, all cultures, all races, all nations.

Thank you for your love for each of us.

Help us to remember that our differences enrich our world and our lives.

Be with all of us so that we may work together for the good of all people. **Amen**



Year 6 Secondary Transfer and PGL (residential trip) meeting for Year 6 parents...

Mrs O'Reilly will be holding a meeting for Y6 parents to explain how the secondary transfer process works. Please do attend this meeting as very important messages will be given out. It is on **Thursday 11th**

September at 3.45pm in the school hall.

We will also be giving out information about the Year 6 residential trip to PGL.









Healthy Snacks at our school



We can bring in a healthy snack to eat during break time. A healthy snack gives our brains fuel to help us concentrate in class.

Our healthy snacks must not contain nuts.



Things you can eat for your break-time snack	Things you cannot eat for your break-time snack
Fruit 	Fruit winders 
A PLAIN biscuit 	Biscuits with jam, chocolate or any other extras 
Vegetables e.g. carrot sticks 	Crisps 

We put our healthy snacks in the snack box as soon as we come into school.



An important reminder about nuts in school...

Please do not send your child to school with any nuts, or food containing nuts, as there are children, and adults, in school who are dangerously allergic to them. Thank you for your help with this.



Attendance...

For children to learn well and make good progress, it is vital that they attend school every day.

Congratulations to **Year 2** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week - **95.45%**

Please make sure your child is in school every single day.

Thank you for your help with this :)



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.



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Term dates 2025/26

updated 3/3/25

Autumn term 2025

1st September 2025
2nd September 2025
12th September 2025

INSET DAYS pupils not in school
Pupils back at school
Academic Review Day

Half term

27th October – 31st October 2025

End of term

19th December 2025

Pupil attendance
(73 days)

Spring Term 2026

5th January 2026

Pupils back at school

Half term

16th February – 20th February 2026

27th February 2026

Academic Review Day

End of Term

27th March 2026

(54 days)

Summer Term 2026

13th April 2026

Pupils back at school

4th May 2026

May Day-school closed

Half Term

25th May – 29th May 2026

10th July 2026

Academic Review Day

End of Term

17th July 2026

20th July 2026

Inset Day

(63 days)

(Total 190 days
attendance)

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Term dates 2026/27

Autumn term 2026

1st & 2nd September 2026 INSET DAYS. Pupils not in school
3rd September 2026 Pupils back at school
11th September 2026 Academic Review Day

Half term 26th October – 30th October 2026

End of term 18th December 2026

Pupil attendance
(70 days)

Spring Term 2027

4th January 2027 Pupils back at school

Half term 15th February – 19th February 2027

26th February 2027 Academic Review Day

End of Term 25th March 2027

Pupil attendance
(53 days)

Summer Term 2027

12th April 2027 Pupils back at school

3rd May 2027 May Day-school closed

Half Term 31st May – 4th June 2027

9th July 2027 Academic Review Day

End of Term 22nd July 2027

Pupil attendance
(67 days)

(Total 190 days
attendance)