



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Go, shine in
the world and
live as Jesus
lived



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the spring term, and a Happy New Year 2026 to all the families at Our Lady's. The children enjoyed their break and have come back refreshed and ready to learn!

A reminder that our after school enrichment clubs start back next week, along with the Year 6 booster lessons.

Please find attached a reminder of the term dates for this year (2025-2026) and next year (2026-2027). There has been a change to the last day of summer term 2027. School will now finish on Wednesday 21st July 2027.

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



Coffee Mornings restart next week Wednesday 14th January at 9.00am in the Pratt Street Hall.

Dear Parents and carers,
you are all warmly invited to join this term's weekly
Coffee Mornings.

Please come along to enjoy a friendly catch-up with other
parents, a hot drink and biscuits.

Our coffee mornings have been helping to connect
families together and enjoy a friendly,
welcoming atmosphere for many years.

Do come along to join the introductory session next week and
learn more about the focus for this term. Throughout the term
you will gain support through interactive activities, develop
new skills and techniques, and be inspired with many fun
ideas and creative crafts that you can do at home with your
children. We look forward to seeing you all next week.



An important deadline!

Applications for Nursery and Reception class for September 2026...

If you or someone you know would like a place in Nursery or Reception for September 2026 then
applications must be made by 15th January 2026.

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!

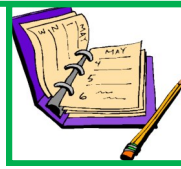
Do phone the school office on **020 7485 7997** if you have any questions.

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 09.01.2026

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 12th January @ 9.30am -

parent tour for parents applying to Reception in September 2026

WB Monday 12th January - After School Enrichment clubs and Year 6 Booster lessons start again this week

Thursday 15th January @ 9.00am - Y6 leave for mass at Our Lady of Hal - **parents invited**

Thursday 15th January - deadline for parents to apply for Reception places in September 2026

Friday 16th January @ 2:45pm - Y1 Prayer Service for parents

Thursday 22nd January @ 9.00am - Y5 leave for mass at Our Lady of Hal - **parents invited**

Friday 23rd January @ 9.15am - Y2 Prayer Service for parents

Thursday 29th January @ 9.00am - Y4 leave for mass at Our Lady of Hal - **parents invited**

Friday 30th January @ 2:45pm - Y6 Prayer Service for parents

Friday 30th January - Non Uniform Day - children donate £1 to charity to wear their own clothes

Our School Prayer

The Feast of the Epiphany

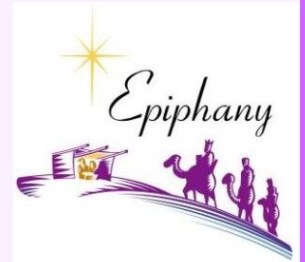
Like the three wise men,
We are here to worship you, Jesus.

We have no gold,
But we give you our love.

We have no frankincense,
We give you our prayers.

We have no myrrh,
So we give you ourselves.

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 6** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week - 97.93%

Year 6 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 **Sasha** in **Year 2**.



Sasha 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 - Sienna-Rose

Year 1 - Abigail

Year 2 - Emmanuel

Year 3 - Cece

Year 4 - Hailey

Year 5 - Amelia

Year 6 - Leo



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 6 have been drawing portraits of 'People Who Love Us...'

The children followed a 'Gentle Guide to Drawing Faces (Easy Step-by-Step Tutorial)' to create their portraits ensuring the faces were drawn with the correct proportions. They then finished their portrait by adding on the details of their chosen person.

Lisha drew a portrait of her mum because her mum always takes care of her, especially when she is sick, and helps her with her learning if she gets stuck.

Well done, **Lisha!**



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.



Story Garden



Welcome to the Winter Mini Challenge - an online reading challenge you can join from 1 December 2025 to 20 February 2026!

Visit wintermini.org.uk or scan the QR code, follow the steps below and start reading!



1. Sign up

Click 'join now' to create your account.



2. Read books

Read 3 books or more! When you finish a book, add it to your profile and leave a review



3. Earn digital rewards

Unlock rewards including a new online badge and a certificate when you complete the Challenge!



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Term dates 2025/26

Spring Term 2026

5 th January 2026	Pupils back at school
Half term	16 th February – 20 th February 2026
27 th February 2026	Academic Review Day
End of Term	27 th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

13 th April 2026	Pupils back at school
4 th May 2026	May Day-school closed
Half Term	25 th May – 29 th May 2026
10 th July 2026	Academic Review Day
End of Term	17 th July 2026
20 th July 2026	Inset Day

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Term dates 2026/27

Autumn term 2026

1 st & 2 nd September 2026	INSET DAYS. Pupils not in school
3 rd September 2026	Pupils back at school
11 th September 2026	Academic Review Day
Half term	26 th October – 30 th October 2026
End of term	18 th December 2026

Spring Term 2027

4 th January 2027	Pupils back at school
Half term	15 th February – 19 th February 2027
26 th February 2027	Academic Review Day
End of Term	25 th March 2027

Summer Term 2027

12 th April 2027	Pupils back at school
3 rd May 2027	May Day-school closed
Half Term	31 st May – 4 th June 2027
9 th July 2027	Academic Review Day
End of Term	21 st July 2027