



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th February 2026  
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Go, shine in the world and live as Jesus lived



Dear parents and carers,

A reminder that **Friday 27th February** is **Academic Review Day**. School will be closed on this day so that teachers can meet you and your child to discuss their attainment and progress. You will also receive your child's mid-year school report. If you have not already confirmed that you will be attending, please return the reply slip after the half-term holiday. Thank you for your help with this. We wish you and your children a safe and restful half term and look forward to seeing the children back on **Monday 23rd February**.

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

## Word Aware Day...

On **Thursday 5th March**, the children and staff will be taking part in 'Word Aware Day'. The purpose of this day will be to celebrate and promote the learning of vocabulary. To encourage the children to feel excited about this learning, we are asking them to come to school dressed up as a specific word.



After half-term, your child's class teacher will put a **letter in your child's book bag** providing you with details and with the **word that your child should dress up as**. The children will also be shown some examples of what these costumes could look like. As part of their costume, your child should have their **given word and its definition** clearly displayed on a piece of card. For example, the word can be hung from string or ribbon around your child's neck, or be attached to their clothing. We will provide some examples on the letter to help with this. As well as dressing up as these different words, the children will also be participating in word games and a whole school assembly.

**We look forward to celebrating 'Word Aware Day' with all of the pupils!**



### Prayer and Liturgy - Stations of the Cross

On Thursday, Year 3 and Year 4 visited Our Lady of Hal church to complete a 'mini-pilgrimage' to remember the last day of Jesus' life on earth as a man - from his sentencing to death by Pontius Pilate, his journey through Jerusalem carrying the cross, and his death on Good Friday. Thank you to Fr Mark for leading us in prayer and thanksgiving. Thank you also to all the parents who joined us.

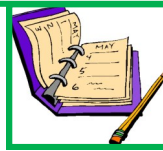


I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 13.02.2026

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 16th February - Friday 20th**

**February - HALF TERM WEEK**

**WB 23rd February** - Whole School Project Week - Looking After Our World

**Thursday 26th February @ 9.00am** - Y4 leave for mass at Our Lady of Hal - **parents invited**

**Thursday 26th February @ 1.30pm** - Y5 and Y6 leave for Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Hal - **parents invited**

**Friday 27th February - Academic Review Day - school closed** - parents and children attend to meet the class teacher and receive their child's mid-year school report.

**Thursday 5th March - Word Aware Day**

**Friday 6th March @ 9.15am** - Y3 Prayer Service for parents

**Friday 6th March @ 1.30pm** - EYFS and KS1 Movie afternoon in school (more information to follow)

**Friday 6th March @ 3.30pm** - KS2 Movie afternoon in school (more information to follow)

**Monday 9th March** - Y3 swimming starts today - every day for 2 weeks

**Thursday 12th March @ 9.00am** - Y5 leave for mass at Our Lady of Hal - **parents invited**

**Friday 13th March @ 9.15am** - Reception Class Prayer Service for parents

**WB 16th March** - last week of after-school enrichment clubs

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 - Tsinat

Year 1 - Vuk

Year 2 - Marvin

Year 3 - Khadija

Year 4 - Scarlett

Year 5 - Alina

Year 6 - Habiba



### 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.**



## Our School Prayer



**God our Father,**

help us to keep your Commandments 'written' on our hearts to guide us on our journey through life, and lead us closer to you each day. **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 - **98%**

**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 **Riley** in **Year 3**.



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



## Work of the Week!

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



In RE, Year 1 have focused on 'How Jesus' changed people for the better'.

They explored this theme by looking at the stories of the fishermen (Luke 4:16-22) and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-9).

**Hope** confidently retold the story of Jesus and the fishermen, using key vocabulary from scripture.

**Hope** was also able to clearly explain the difference Jesus made in Zacchaeus' life after meeting him.



**Well done, Hope!**

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# Tales from the doctors' library: family storytelling & crafts

Tuesday 17 February 10am – 12.30pm

Join professional London storyteller  
Vanessa Woolf for a colourful interactive  
storytime with music, props and even  
smells!

Plus, our 'Patterns, pages and prints'  
crafts activity room will be open to have a  
go at printing your own patterns, creating  
moving diagrams, making bookmarks,  
colouring fabulous pictures and more!

Tickets: £8 per child

Two-for-one offer  
available now!

*Recommended for children aged 5 - 11 but all  
are welcome. All children must be  
accompanied by an adult but accompanying  
adults can attend free.*

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# Children's events

Highlighting some of the events for children taking place in our libraries this month



## Pancras Square Library

**Chatterbooks event – Celebrating the National Year of Reading.** Wednesday 18 February in the Children's Library, 3.30pm – 5pm

As part of the National Year of Reading, join us for a special Chatterbooks session with Julie Day, author of 'Billy and the Sparkling Socks.' Children can enjoy book reading, take part in fun creative writing activities, and join an interactive story workshop, with plenty of opportunity to ask the author questions.



## Swiss Cottage Library

**Chinese New Year Festival 2026** – Roarr into the Year of the Horse. Saturday 21 February, 12pm – 4pm

Join Roarr Theatre for a lively afternoon of theatre, art, fun and games as we celebrate Chinese New Year and welcome the Year of the Horse in style.

### What's on

Theatre show – The New Legend of Nian, 1pm and 3pm. Enjoy a family theatre performance retelling the legendary story of Nian. Suitable for all ages

Chinese rubbing art – Create your own Nian monster, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm  
Try this traditional art activity and design your own Nian monster to take home. Suitable for ages 5+

Fun and games – drop-in between 12pm - 4pm

Enjoy a range of festive activities including:

- New Year photo spot
- Fortune sticks
- Lucky ring toss
- Pitch-pot challenge
- Nian's Wish Wall
- Little Dragon Parade

Suitable for all ages. Come along and celebrate the New Year with creativity, storytelling and family fun.

## Swiss Cottage Library

**Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Launch Event.** Thursday 19 February 11am – 12pm

Join us to celebrate the joy of sharing stories and helping children develop a lifelong love of books at the launch of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Camden.

Enjoy a special family storytelling session and learn more about this exciting programme, available to all children in Camden under the age of five.



## Kentish Town Library

Join us for storytelling and craft activities for all the family this half term.

**Valentine's Day card-making.** Saturday 14 February, 11.30am

Create your very own Valentine's card for the special someone in your life.

**Chinese New Year craft.** Monday 16 February, 11.30am. Celebrate the start of the Year of the Horse with a fun themed craft activity.

**Storytelling and craft.** Tuesday 17 February, 11.30am

Join us for a special session marking the beginning of Ramadan.

**Story sacks.** Wednesday 18 February, 10.30am. A fun and imaginative storytelling session, suitable for all ages.

**Art workshop with Rachel.** Friday 20 February, 11.30am. Get creative and explore your imagination in this hands-on art session.