



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th February 2026  
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Go, shine in  
the world and  
live as Jesus  
lived



**Dear parents and carers,**

**Academic Review Day** - Every school in Britain must close for 5 days a year for staff training purposes. At Our Lady's we set aside three of these days for teachers to meet with parents and pupils to discuss progress. This means that teachers have more time to meet with parents and pupils than would usually be the case. We are looking forward to sharing your child's mid-year report with you. In the hall, we have some boxes of books for your children to take home read - please encourage them to help themselves to books they would like to read with you at home. Please also take this opportunity to look through the lost property for items of clothing that have no names and have not been claimed. It is all good quality, so please do help yourself.

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

On Saturday 14th February, Bishop Richard Moth was installed at Westminster Cathedral as the new Archbishop of Westminster, leader of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. We welcome and pray for our new leader.

*Lord God,*

*Bless our new archbishop.*

*Humbly we pray for Archbishop Richard Moth.*

*Just as you gave us your son Jesus to guide us, please guide him and look after him as he looks after us.*

*Give him strength to face challenges with integrity and with courage.*

*Give him a listening ear, to hear the voices of his people.*

*Give him a loving heart, to share God's love and blessing with us all. Amen*



On Wednesday, Archbishop Richard met with headteachers and priests from the Catholic Schools in our local area to introduce himself. This was followed by Holy Mass celebrated together at Our Lady and St Joseph Church, Dalston Kingsland.

## Government White Paper

You may have seen in the news that the government has brought out a new White Paper this week called **Every Child Achieving and Thriving**. This outlines some proposals the Government has for the future. We want to reassure parents that we will continue to teach every child at Our Lady's and support every child to do their very best including, most importantly, those with SEND. As we learn more about what the new paper entails we will continue to communicate with you about your child's support, attainment and progress in the usual way. If your child has SEND, they have an SEND support plan which is written and shared with you every term. These meetings will take place with Mrs Robbins who will share this information with you.



## Prayer and Liturgy - Stations of the Cross

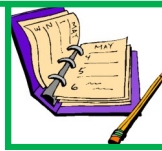
On Thursday, Year 5 and Year 6 visited Our Lady of Hal church to complete a 'mini-pilgrimage' to remember the last day of Jesus' life on earth as a man - from his sentencing to death by Pontius Pilate, his journey through Jerusalem carrying the cross, and his death on Good Friday. The children were very reflective and thought about how they can use the season of Lent to serve others and grow closer to God. Thank you to all the parents who joined us.

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 27.02.2026

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...



**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

**Thursday 19th March @ 9.00am** - Y3 leave for mass at Our Lady of Hal - **parents invited**

**Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day** - children and staff wear something red and donate £1.

**Friday 20th March @ 9.15am** - Nursery Class Prayer Service for parents

**Wednesday 25th March @ 10.00am** - Spring Term Music Concert

**Friday 27th March - Non-Uniform Day**

**Friday 27th March** - Last day of Spring term. Children finish school at 3.30pm

**Monday 13th April** - children return to school for the summer term

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 - Josette

Year 1 - Taria

Year 2 - Riona

Year 3 - Sammie

Year 4 - Manha

Year 5 - Maddy

Year 6 - Hanifa



## Our School Prayer

**SECOND  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT**



Dear God our Father,  
Peter, James and John

saw the light of your glory  
shining from Jesus on the mountain that day.  
Jesus shares that light  
and his love with all of us.

May the light in our hearts help us to 'change'  
so that we will be more like Jesus;  
filled with his joy, happiness and goodness.

**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 - **98.8%**  
**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 **Arnold** in **Year 4**.  
**Arnold** 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).

During Lent, **Reception Class**

have been sharing their

Lenten promises and talking about how they can care for others.

**Roman** drew pictures and wrote some phrases to show his understanding. He shared his Lenten promise and has been helpful and kind to his friends and family. **Roman** knows what it means to 'grow in love' as Jesus did. Well done, **Roman!**



## 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.**



# PARENT / CARER WORKSHOPS



Concerned about your child's speech, language & communication skills?  
Book onto one of our online workshops:

## Years 2 - 6

'Supporting your child's speech, language and communication skills.'

Wed, 4th March  
2026, 15:30 - 17:00

[Click here to book](#)

## Reception & Year 1

'Supporting your child's speech, language and communication skills.'

Wed, 18th March  
2026, 15:30 - 17:00

[Click here to book](#)

## Makaton

'Makaton taster session for parents/carers'

Wed, 4th March  
2026, 09:30 - 11:00

[Click here to book](#)



[Our Eventbrite Page](#)



**Parenting Lead Team**  
Strengthening Families,  
Strengthening Communities  
(SFSC)

Venue:

**1a Family Hub**  
1a Rosebery  
Avenue, EC1R  
4SR

**Free  
childcare  
and travel  
available**

**Dates:**  
26/02 – 04/06/26  
10am – 1pm  
including  
lunch

## **SFSC parenting programme for parents with children aged 4 - 17 years**

**Do you have a good relationship with your children?  
Do you enjoy spending time together?**

After completing the SFSC the answers to the questions  
will be YES.

Sign up now and you can expect to:

- Meet other parents and carers
- Share your views & experiences of parenting in a confidential space
- Understand why you parent the way you do and how to make improvements
- Set boundaries for your children which they will enjoy and respect
- Build a better relationship with your child
- Motivate your child to do their best at home and school
- Address concerns about drinking, drugs, antisocial behavior or truanting
- Make connections with your wider community and services in Camden
- Develop your confidence as a parent

**SFSC makes co-parenting / parallel parenting so much easier for the family.**  
Try it and see for yourself 😊

For more info and to book a place, please contact:  
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