

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Parent Questionnaire February 2026

Thank you for all of your thoughtful comments. Your views, and those of your children, are incredibly important to us. They help us reflect on what we are doing well and guide us as we plan for the future of our school. We were delighted by the large number of positive comments shared this year. Knowing that families value our work motivates staff and encourages us to keep doing our very best for your children.

Parents told us that the school continues to provide a high standard of education, with strong teaching and clear communication between home and school. Many of you highlighted how well staff support children's learning needs, including helping them regulate their emotions, listening carefully to them, and being patient and understanding. Parents also praised the school's nurturing environment, our inclusive ethos, and the strong partnership we build with families. Several parents commented on the excellent behaviour, the strong values we teach, and the way we help children develop positive behaviour and moral understanding. You also told us that you appreciate the wide range of activities we offer, including music lessons, church visits, and opportunities for children who are excelling to be challenged further. Many of you noted that communication has improved this year, with parents feeling well informed about events, learning and any issues that arise.

Parents also shared that they feel welcomed and listened to, and that staff make time to speak with them when needed. You told us that the school supports children with additional needs well, that teachers are dedicated and caring, and that the school environment is safe, respectful and well organised.

Parents have shared how much they value the strong moral teaching at the heart of our school, especially the way we introduce children to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. They also appreciate our commitment to charitable outreach, including our ongoing support for the foodbank, which helps children understand compassion in action. Families have told us how meaningful it is to join the class prayer services, and how these moments of reflection strengthen our sense of community. We were pleased to hear that families value our religious education, daily prayers, and the way we help children grow in kindness, respect, and confidence.

In terms of areas to improve, a number of helpful suggestions were made. Some parents asked for more notice for events. We do try to give ample notice, and dates are always included in our weekly newsletter, which is sent home every Friday and can also be found on the school website. A few parents suggested offering a wider range of after-school clubs. Clubs are run by school staff, and we work hard to ensure there is a varied programme each term. We already offer a range of clubs—including daily sports clubs, reading club, arts and crafts, and Spanish—but we will continue to review these regularly. Some families asked for more support with homework, including the possibility of a homework club. You will be pleased to hear that we are arranging this for the autumn term.

A couple of parents suggested providing more opportunities for family events and assemblies. Each term we hold at least one family event, such as the Family Fancy Dress Disco, music concerts and the summer BBQs. Parents are also invited in for Parent Working Alongside Children sessions, Class Prayer Services and Presentations to Parents throughout the year. A

small number of parents raised ideas such as increasing the number of school trips. We have a carefully planned programme of visits and visitors for each year group, designed to enhance and deepen the learning taking place in the classroom.

Parents also shared ideas for future parent information sessions. Suggestions included healthy eating workshops, sessions on children's wellbeing, support for helping children with schoolwork, information about school schemes such as Little Wandle and White Rose Maths, and talks from external specialists. Some parents explained that work commitments make attending Coffee Mornings difficult. We will continue to think about how we can offer sessions at different times or in different formats so that more families can take part.

Many of you commented that you are very happy with the school and could not think of anything that needs improving. It is wonderful to hear this, but we know we are not perfect, and we always welcome your ideas. If there is ever anything you feel we could do better, please do come and speak to us.

Once again, thank you for your time, your honesty and your kind comments. We truly appreciate your support and will continue to work hard to be the very best school we can be for your children.

Kind regards, Mrs O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

1. My child enjoys coming to school

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
72%	27%	1%		
99% positive				

2. My child feels safe at school

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
73%	27%			
100% positive				

3. My child is making good progress

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
68%	30%	1%		
98% positive				

4. Our Lady's enables my child to behave respectfully or well

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
66%	30%	1%		
96% positive				

5. I am kept informed about how my child is getting on

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
70%	30%			
100% positive				

6. I feel comfortable about approaching the school with a question or a problem

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
70%	29%	1%		
99% positive				

7. Staff expect my child to work hard and do his/her best

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
74%	26%			
100% positive				

8. Staff treat my child fairly

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
66%	33%	1%		
99% positive				

9. The school is led and managed well

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
69%	30%	1%		
99% positive				

10. The school provides appropriate homework

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
56%	37%	4%		
93% positive				

Religious Education

1. The school keeps me informed of what is taught in religious education lessons (in curriculum overviews sent home termly)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
44%	43%	2%		4%
87% positive				

2. I know how well my child is doing in religious education (in reports sent home and meetings with teachers on Academic Review Day)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
43%	40%	5%		2%
83% positive				

The Catholic life of the school

3. I understand the school's Catholic Mission and I am supportive of it

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
53%	36%	1%		2%

89% positive

4. The school provides clear moral teaching (values)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
66%	34%			

100% positive

5. The school provides opportunities for spiritual growth and development (for example through daily prayer or Christian Meditation)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
45%	48%			6%

93% positive

6. The school ensures that there are opportunities for daily prayer

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
45%	39%			15%

84% positive

7. There are opportunities for my child to serve others and support those in need (raising money for charities)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
70%	30%			

100% positive

8. The school actively promotes strong partnership with parents

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
54%	42%	1%		1%

96% positive

9. There are strong links between the school and our local parish (for example visits to Our Lady of Hal Church)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
45%	39%			15%

84% positive