




# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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



**Dear parents and carers,**

**What do parents say about our school?...** We are delighted to share with you the results of our parent questionnaire from Academic Review Day. Thank you that nearly all parents responded and gave comments. It is exceptional to have such positive results. **We're so pleased to have such a supportive parent community :)** We don't pretend to be perfect so if there are things that you think we could do to improve, do pop in to meet us and let us know. Please take a look at the results attached to this week's newsletter.

As we come to the end of the Spring term, we want to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very Happy Easter. We hope you enjoy a restful break and look forward to welcoming your children back on **Monday 13th April** for the summer term.

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

**Spring Term Music Concert...** Thank you to parents who came to our Spring Term Music Concert. The children demonstrated our values of **'Inspiration'** and **'Excellence'**, impressing us with their musical talents. It was fantastic that all children - including some who were performing solos - had an opportunity to perform and we all thoroughly enjoyed watching them **'Shine'**.



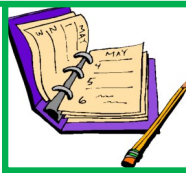
Thank you  
Mr Bolaji,  
Ricky (guitar  
teacher)  
Charles  
(guitar) and  
Leo (drums)

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 27.03.2026

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

**Monday 13th April** - Year 6 booster lessons start again

**Thursday 16th April @ 9.00am** - Y3 leave for mass at Our Lady of Hal - **parents invited**

**WB 20th April** - After School Enrichment clubs begin

**Monday 20th April** - Year 1 visit to the CLC

**Wednesday 22nd April** - Parent Coffee Mornings start again

**Wednesday 22nd April** - Year 4 guitar lessons start again

**Thursday 23rd April @ 9.00am** - Y4 leave for mass at Our Lady of Hal - **parents invited**

**Friday 24th April** - **Non Uniform Day**

**Friday 24th April @ 9.00am** - Parents Working Alongside Children in Year 1

**Thursday 30th April @ 9.00am** - Y5 leave for mass at Our Lady of Hal - **parents invited**

**Friday 1st May @ 9.00am** - Parents Working Alongside Children in Year 2

**Monday 4th May** - **Bank Holiday** - **School closed**

**Thursday 7th May @ 9.00am** - Y6 leave for mass at Our Lady of Hal - **parents invited**

**Friday 8th May @ 9.00am** - Parents Working Alongside Children in Year 2

**WB 11th May** - **Key Stage 2 SATs week**

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 - Missy-Lee

Year 1 - Lucas

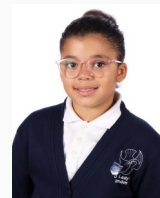
Year 2 - Riona

Year 3 - Gracie

Year 4 - Ivy-Rose

Year 5 - Ava

Year 6 - Luvy



## Our School Prayer



**Lord God,**

As we begin our Easter break, fill our hearts with Your peace and joy.

Help us to carry the hope of Your Resurrection into our homes, our friendships, and all we do.

Keep our school community safe, and guide us to return refreshed and ready to grow in faith and love.

**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 - **97.8%**

**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

**Eriena in Nursery**



**Eriena** 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).

This week in RE, **Year 4** have been retelling the parable of the Prodigal Son.

**Rayyan** showed a clear understanding of the message behind the story. He recognised that the parable teaches us about God's endless **mercy, love** and **forgiveness**.

Rayyan made connections between the actions of the father in the story and the way God welcomes people back when they are sorry for their mistakes. Well done, Rayyan!!

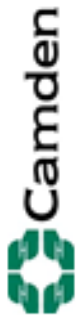


## Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

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, Mrs Robbins or Mrs O'Reilly.

**We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.**





## Easter holiday cycle training for children

Free cycle training sessions for children during the half term break. The training is free of charge and is delivered over two days; however, booking is required to secure a place.

Aimed at children and young people aged 6 and above. We offer Children Learn to Cycle for children who cannot balance and want to learn how to balance and Children Building Cycle Confidence – for children who can ride and would like to prepare for on road cycling. These sessions will include how to start and stop safely, using gears, signalling and stopping in emergencies.

7 + 8 April 26	Children Building Cycle Confidence	10:00 - 11:00	
	Children Learn to Cycle	11:30 - 12:30	
9 + 10 April 26	Children Building Cycle Confidence	10:00 - 11:00	
	Children Learn to Cycle	11:30 - 12:30	

VENUE: Haverstock School, 24 Haverstock Hill, Chalk Farm, NW3 2BQ

For more information, or to book onto a course please email - [cycletraining@camden.gov.uk](mailto:cycletraining@camden.gov.uk)  
Please state which set of dates and which course you would like to book, and you will be sent details on how to register.

Please ensure you bring your own roadworthy bike. There are some bikes available to borrow. But we cannot guarantee there will be a suitable bike for every rider.



## Camden Family Learning FREE Story Sacks for Children Aged 3 Years Plus



### Easter Holidays Story Telling Sessions On

#### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Swiss Cottage Library, NW3 3HA

10:30am-12noon (Mrs Mole I'm Home)

West Hampstead Library, NW6 1AU

1:30pm-3:00pm (Mrs Mole I'm Home)



#### Thursday 2nd April

Camden Town Library, NW1 1BD

10:30am-12noon (A Best Friend for Bear)

Queens Crescent Library, NW5 4HH

1:30pm-3:00pm (Mrs Mole I'm Home)



A fun arts and crafts resource making session to bring the story to life.

Make a story prop to join in with the story adventure.



Every family will be gifted with a copy of the book

Call Alison on 07876 651950 to book your place  
You must book to join in (due to health & safety rules)

## **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%		
<b>99% positive</b>				

2. My child feels safe at school

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
73%	27%			
<b>100% positive</b>				

3. My child is making good progress

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
68%	30%	1%		
<b>98% positive</b>				

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

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
66%	30%	1%		
<b>96% positive</b>				

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

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
70%	30%			
<b>100% positive</b>				

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%		
<b>99% positive</b>				

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

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
74%	26%			
<b>100% positive</b>				

8. Staff treat my child fairly

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
66%	33%	1%		
<b>99% positive</b>				

9. The school is led and managed well

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
69%	30%	1%		
<b>99% positive</b>				

10. The school provides appropriate homework

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
56%	37%	4%		
<b>93% positive</b>				

## 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%
<b>87% positive</b>				

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%
<b>83% positive</b>				

## 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**