



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,

Thank you to our school governors for visiting classes on Tuesday.

Today is the last day of this half term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 1st June**. Doors open at 8:40am and children start reading lessons at 9am promptly.

With Best Wishes, Mrs O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – After Half Term

After half term, Year 4 children will take the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) — a quick online assessment to see how confidently they can recall all tables up to 12×12 . Questions appear with only six seconds to answer, so speed and fluency are important.

Please support your child by practising regularly over the break, especially the **tables they do not yet know securely**. Short, frequent practice makes the biggest difference.

Children can use **Times Tables Rock Stars** (Soundcheck mode) and the practice test on timestables.co.uk.



A few minutes each day will really boost their confidence and help them show what they know.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check – After Half Term

After half term, Year 1 children will take the Phonics Screening Check, a short one-to-one assessment that shows how confidently they can use their phonics to read real and pseudo (nonsense) words.

We have sent home **practice tests** for you to use over the break. Please spend a few minutes each day helping your child sound out and blend the words. Short, regular practice makes the biggest difference to confidence and fluency.

Children can also use phonics practice games such as the free activities on **PhonicsPlay** (Buried Treasure, Dragon's Den), which mirror the style of the check.

A little daily practice will help your child feel prepared and ready to do their best.



Nursery visit to London Zoo!



Thank you Ms Simpson

We would like to thank **Ms Simpson** for her dedication and support during her time here at Our Lady's. We wish you the very best in your next chapter, teaching in **Saudi Arabia!**



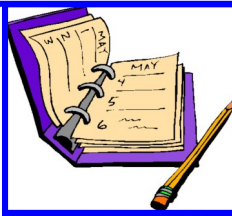
We would also like to wish Mr Brown all the very best for the rest of the summer term and we look forward to welcoming him back in September.

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 22.05.2026

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 1st June—Children return to school

WB 1st June - Whole School Keeping Safe Studies

WB 1st June Y4 multiplication tests (over 2 weeks)

Thursday 5th June @ 9.00am - Y5 leave for mass at Our Lady of Hal - **parents invited**

WB 8th June—Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Thursday 11th June—Science Boffin Workshops in school

WB 15th June - Y3 attend swimming every morning for one week

Friday 19th June @ 9.15am—Parents Working Alongside Children in Reception

Monday 22nd June—Wednesday 24th June—Y6 PGL Trip

Our Prayer of the Week

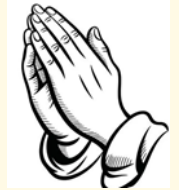
Dear God,

Thank You for all we have learned this half term.

Help us to rest, have fun, and stay safe during the holidays.

Bless our families, our school, and all our friends.

Help us to return refreshed, ready to learn, and ready to be kind to others.



Amen.

Best Attendance this week...

I am pleased to announce that **Year 3** have the best attendance this week with 95%. As a reward, **Year 3** will receive some extra play time next week. Please make sure your child is in school every single day unless they are too unwell to come to school. **Every day counts and children who miss school do fall behind in their learning.**



Work of the Week!

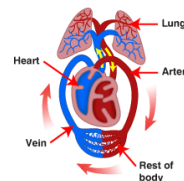
Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).

Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system, in their science lessons, as part of their topic 'Animals including Humans'.



Leo independently researched facts about the circulatory system. He then wrote a very informative, detailed fact-file and a creative, eye-catching poster!

Well done **Leo!**



The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is **Iftia** in **Nursery**.

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



Person of the Week last week was...!

Reception - Nazia

Year 1 - Kasey

Year 2 - Accacia

Year 3 - Patrick

Year 4 - Ronnie-Lee

Year 5 - Jubair

Year 6 - Naksh



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.

