



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024  
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Go shine  
in the world



**Dear Parents/Carers,**

It has been a pleasure welcoming new Reception and Nursery children to our school this week. They are settling in beautifully and have had lots of fun engaging in their new learning environment here at Our Lady's.

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



"Look I found a snail!" says Zairah, excitedly. "It feels sticky. Zairah shows an interest in the natural world and care for living things."

## Nursery and Reception's first week



Ezra-James is arranging the Numicon carefully. "This one doesn't fit here. It's not the right shape," he says, finding a different position for his Numicon.

Reception Class have enjoyed retelling their favourite stories using puppets. "I'm gonna make my house with stick so the bad wolf cant get in." Shaye laughs.



### Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

#### Under 13

- Roblox
- PopJam
- FaceTime

#### 13+

- Twitter
- Facebook and Messenger
- Viber
- WeChat
- Monkey
- Yubo
- Dubsmash
- Instagram
- TikTok
- Skype
- Google Hangouts
- Reddit
- Snapchat
- Pinterest

#### 16+

- WhatsApp
- Telegram Messenger
- Tumblr

#### 17+

- Line
- Sarahah
- Tellonym

Sourced from NSPCC website October 2019

As parents, we are certain that you know you are responsible for your children's online activity.

**Please look at your child's social media feeds every day: WhatsApp, Musically, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, etc. so that you can monitor their content, and how your child is interacting with others on social media.**

Children do not have a right to privacy on social media, so please check their phones, laptops or tablets every day in order to keep them safe and ensure that their communications to others are appropriate. As you may know, children should not have Snap Chat, Instagram or Facebook until they are 13. If you would like to discuss any of this further, please do make an appointment to meet us.

Thank you very much for your help with keeping our children safe.

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 13.09.2024

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...

**WB Monday 16th September** - After School Enrichment Clubs start this week

**Thursday 26th and Friday 27th September** - Healthy Heart Day (More Information to Follow)

**Friday 25th October** - Non Uniform Day

**Half Term** - 28th October - 1st November



## Our Prayer

We ask you, O Lord, to help us through difficult times when our troubles seem almost too much to bear.

Give us the strength to carry on and to always do our best.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



## Attendance...

For children to learn well and make good progress, it is vital that they attend school every day.

Congratulations to **Year 4** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week - **95.26%**

**Year 4** really showed the Christian value of **Community** by helping their class to have the best attendance this week.

As a reward, they will receive some extra playtime next week.

**Please make sure your child is in school every single day.**



The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is **Kayden** in **Year 1**.

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



## Times Tables at Our Lady's

A reminder to us all that children learning their times tables is a fundamental part of mathematics in primary school. It is very important for your child to know their times tables as it makes it far quicker and easier for them to work out maths problems with these multiplication and division facts in their heads.

Multiplication is a main tool for many forms of maths, such as algebra, calculus, equations and more. The ability to rehearse and understand multiplications up to and including 12 x 12 enables your child to confidently and skilfully tackle the more complex mathematical subjects in secondary school. This is why we place such an emphasis on the children learning their times tables.

Research tells us that children who don't know their tables towards the end of primary school will go on to struggle with maths in secondary school. Please support your child at home with their times tables. We use 'Times Tables Rock Stars' for Year 2 upwards, which is an online program you can use at home. Your child has their own log in for this.



## Work of the Week!

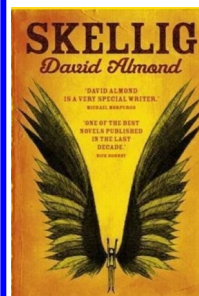
Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).

Year 6 have been reading 'Skellig' by David Almond.

During the Destination Reader lessons, **Jewellery** made fantastic predictions and inferences about the text so far.

She also successfully evaluated the use of the author's language, identifying figurative language such as onomatopoeia and

alliteration, and why it is so effective within the text.



**Well done Jewellery, we are so proud of you and your maturity when evaluating an author's work!**



## 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.**

