Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived!



Dear Parents/Carers,
What a fantastic time we had at our Family Fancy Dress Disco! It was wonderful to see our school community come together, with children, families, staff and friends enjoying a fun-filled event in such a warm and welcoming atmosphere. A big thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such a special occasion, showing our school value of **Community** in action.

We hope all our families enjoy a well-deserved break next week, with plenty of time to relax and spend time together. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Monday 2nd November**!
With Best Wishes, Mrs O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Online Safety Guidance for Parents

Please find attached some helpful guidance on free online safety tools available to parents. Our Parent Governor, **Vicky Driver**, has kindly put together an information sheet explaining how to set up and use parental safety features on your child's phone, with guidance for both Apple and Microsoft devices.
These resources provide useful advice on helping to keep our children safe online and supporting their safe use of technology.
A big thank you to **Vicky** for sharing this valuable information and helping us to keep our school community informed and our children safe.

Year 2 – Bringing History to Life!

Year 2 took part in the exciting ***History Off the Page*** workshop, bringing the Great Fire of London to life! The children stepped back in time to discover what life was like in **1666**, exploring the events of the fire through engaging, hands-on activities. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience history in a memorable and interactive way!



Half term – Free and low-cost sports and physical activities in Camden

Find free and low-cost sports and physical activities during half-term week (26th to 30th October) for children of all ages, including Kids Swim for a Quid, free Girls Get Moving Monday, Active Wednesday, Arsenal in the Community free football sessions, Multi-Sports Camp and Mini-Gymnastics Camp. Find and more on the website: https://www.camden.gov.uk/during-the-school-holidays

Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our coffee morning at the CLC. A huge thank you to Ms Nessa for organising this important session on Online Safety and AI tools.



I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 23.10.2026

Signed _____ Name of child _____ Class_____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

Parent Tours of Our Lady's

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School is dedicated to providing a supportive and enriching environment for all children, ensuring that they thrive both academically and creatively. It is a great school right on your doorstep!

We also have free Nursery places available.

Take a look at our website! www.ourladys.camden.sch.uk

Please call our school office on **020 7485 7997** or email us on **admin@ourladys.camden.sch.uk** if you would like to come in for a tour. We would love to show you around!



Important dates for your diary…



Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
Half Term Week

WB 2nd November – Whole School Project Week (Equality Studies)

Wednesday 4th November @ 9am – Parent Coffee Morning (Yarn wrapped letter art)

Friday 13th November @ 9am – Parents Working Alongside Children in Class – Year 4

Our Prayer of the week…

Open our eyes to the beauty of your creation, whether through the art we see or the people we meet, and help us to always represent our school with kindness and respect. **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 2** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week **98.5%.**

Year 2 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 **Esther** in **Y4**.

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

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 - Leah
Year 1 - Roman
Year 2 - Lucas
Year 3 - Aleena
Year 4 - Tamara
Year 5 - Hunter
Year 6 - Chay



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, **Nursery** have been reading *Handa's Surprise*. **Rayyan** enjoyed acting out the story with animal puppets and matching each animal to the fruit it took from Handa's basket. He explored the fruit using senses, talking about their shapes, colours and smells before drawing his favourites. **Rayyan** also used sponges to print the different fruits. He even drew Handa holding her basket of tangerines and had a go at tracing her name!

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, Ms Mahon or Mrs O'Reilly. **We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.**



Family Fancy Dress Disco

Thank you to all of the families that attended the disco last Friday.

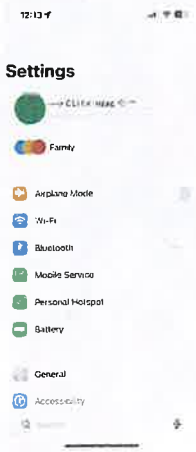


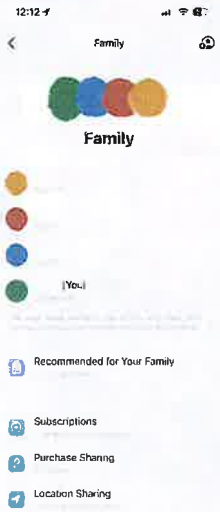
Free online safety tools available for Parents and Guardians

Apple products

Apple has a great system to control content and access for children using apple products.This feature has to be set up on a parents Apple product following the steps below.

(1) Open settings on the adults device
(2) Tap your name
(3) Tap "Family"
(4) Tap add member icon (+ sign)

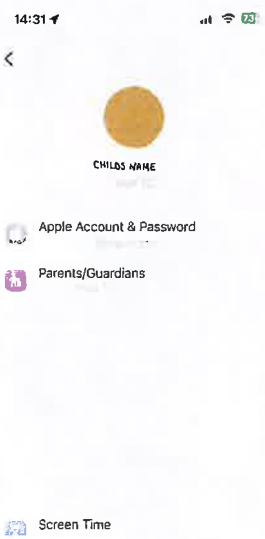


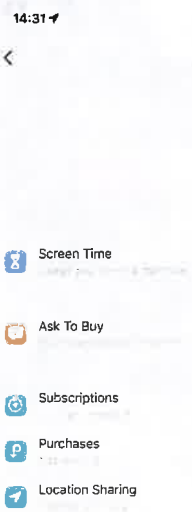


(5) Select "create a child account" then follow the on screen steps (if you have not yet verified yourself as an adult with Apple you will need to do this using either a credit card, driving license, Citizen (pass) card or a National ID card). If your Child already has an Apple account you can also add them here.
(6) Your screen will look like the picture above, from here you can configure the settings which you need

Once this is done you can add and remove members as needed and control the settings for child members. You also have the option to share purchases across your group using an Apple One subscription. (See below)

Note - No one, not even the group organiser can see what is stored on individual devices (eg pictures) however if you are subscribed to Apple One you can see the percentage of cloud storage being used (but not the contents)
Creating this group will also add all your members to your Find My app which all members can see.



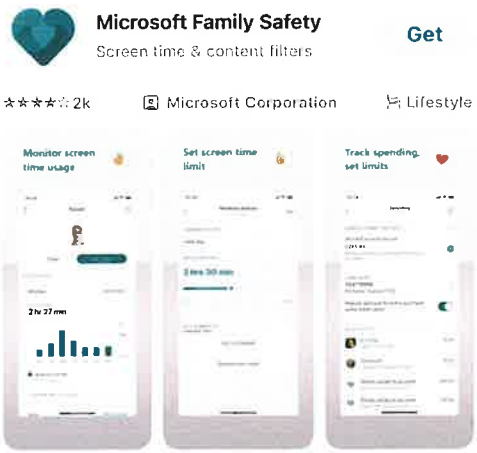


Microsoft products

Microsoft Family Safety

Microsoft Family Safety can be used to add restrictions and control all Microsoft products, including Xbox (please note due to recent app changes Xbox changes can only be completed in browser via microsoft.com and not in app)

To set up go to you App Store and search Microsoft Family Safety, it will look like this



Once downloaded you will need to log in with an adult Microsoft account. You are not required to have a paid subscription with Microsoft, but will require either a free account at microsoft.com or an Xbox account.

(1) Once downloaded it will show the option "add members"

(2) You can then click on an individuals name and adjust settings such as blocked websites and screen time.
For adult members it will ask the adult member to give their own permission from their account (they do not have to do this if you do not wish to control their screen time or browsing!)

This example of a set up, shows a 12 year old child who uses PC for school work and Xbox for gaming. You have the option to block individual websites, in this case google.com is blocked but google classroom is allowed. it will also give you a list of flagged searches -sites either you or Microsoft do not deem age appropriate on a daily and weekly basis when you log in to the app. If a child needs access they can request this and you will receive a notification to your device.

