Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026
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Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived!



Dear Parents/Carers,
We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our Family Fancy Dress Disco this evening – it starts at 5pm and finishes at 7pm. Just a reminder that there will be no tickets on sale at the door. Please remember to bring your tickets with you and have them ready on arrival, as they will be checked at the gate. Due to health and safety regulations, we are unable to let anyone in unless they have a valid ticket. Thank you for your understanding with this.
With Best Wishes, Mrs O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Our Lady's Family Fancy Dress Disco





Fun, family-friendly costumes only please! No scary Halloween costumes!

There will be no admittance for children without a supervising adult.

Raffle tickets will be available – 5 tickets for £1, with our usual amazing prizes. There will also be face gems and tattoos, glow sticks, a lucky dip prize box, and drinks and snacks available – please help us by bringing coins to spend rather than notes.

We look forward to seeing all the amazing costumes!



Does your child love to write?
Why not enter the 500 words story competition run by the BBC? "Write a story you would love to read". The BBC's 500 Words, is the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11. The competition is now open and the closing date for entries is Friday 6th November. For details go to: https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words
The competition celebrates children's creativity and imagination, encouraging children to **create an original story in 500 words or fewer.** There are two age categories: **5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds**.
Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked – it is all about writers' brilliant creativity! The **celebrity panel of judges** include **Malorie Blackman, Francesca Simon and Sir Lenny Henry.** There are **brilliant prizes** to be won, including a framed illustrated cover of their story.

What are the rules around 500 Words stories?
Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves.
There are very few rules for 500 Words but a few points to remember when writing a story.



All 500 Words stories **must**:

- **Be 500 words or fewer** (title is not included in the number)
- Be written by an individual and not a group
- Be a child's own original idea

Stories **must not**:

- Give any personal details of the child, including their name
- Recount an historical event (but they can use a real person or historical character as a source of inspiration)
- **Be created, written or developed by AI**
- Contain unsuitable material. They must be suitable for a primary aged audience.

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 16.10.2026

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…



Wednesday 21st October @ 9am – Parent Coffee Morning (offsite visit to the Camden Learning Centre - CLC) E-Safety and AI

Friday 23rd October – Non-uniform Day

Children donate £1 to charity to wear their own clothes

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

The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is **Iftia** in **Reception**. **Iftia** 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 - Iftia
Year 1 - Thiago
Year 2 - Taria
Year 3 - Kaiah
Year 4 - Esther
Year 5 - Charlotte
Year 6 - Naomi



Our Prayer of the week…



Father in heaven I give you today,
all that I think, and do, and say.
Fill me with grace and make me strong,
with you at my side I will not go wrong. **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 1** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week **– 98.1%**

Year 1 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 :)

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, **Year 1** have been learning about creation as part of their RE topic.

Ihsan has worked hard to retell the story of creation and to understand how we can take care of God's world.

Year 1 also discussed how we are created in God's image and that everyone is special.

Ihsan thought about someone that is special to him and created an art piece inspired by them.

Well done, Ihsan!

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.**



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School
Term dates 2026/27

Autumn term 2026

1st & 2nd September 2026	INSET DAYs. Pupils not in school
3rd September 2026	Pupils back at school
11th September 2026	Academic Review Day
Half term	26th October – 30th October 2026
End of term	18th December 2026

Pupil attendance
(71 days)

Spring Term 2027

4th January 2027	Pupils back at school
Half term	15th February – 19th February 2027
26th February 2027	Academic Review Day
End of Term	25th March 2027

Pupil attendance
(53 days)

Summer Term 2027

12th April 2027	Pupils back at school
3rd May 2027	May Day-school closed
Half Term	31st May – 4th June 2027
9th July 2027	Academic Review Day
End of Term	21st July 2027

Pupil attendance
(66 days)

(Total 190 days attendance)

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School
Term dates 2027/28

Autumn term 2027

1st September 2027	INSET DAY. Pupils not in school
2nd September 2027	Pupils back at school
10th September 2027	Academic Review Day
Half term	25th October – 29th October 2027
End of term	17th December 2027

Pupil attendance
(71 days)

Spring Term 2028

4th January 2028	INSET Day. Pupils not in school
5th January 2028	Pupils back at school
Half term	14th February – 18th February 2028
25th February 2028	Academic Review Day
End of Term	31st March 2028

Pupil attendance
(57 days)

Summer Term 2028

18th April 2028	Pupils back at school
1st May 2028	May Day-school closed
Half Term	29th May – 2nd June 2028
7th July 2028	Academic Review Day
End of Term	21st July 2028

Pupil attendance
(62 days)

(Total 190 days attendance)