Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026
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Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived!



Dear Parents/Carers,
Please find attached the school Term Dates for this academic year (2026-2027) and next academic year (2027-2028). These are also available on our school website - https://www.ourladys.camden.sch.uk/term-dates
Please also note that family holidays should only be taken during the 13 weeks of school holiday closure. Thank you for your help with this.
With Best Wishes, Mrs O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Equality Studies at Our Lady's



Year 6 have been learning about Nelson Mandela talking about the main events of his life, how he was inspirational in working for equality and unity and reflected on their key qualities. They also learnt to explain tolerance, determination, peace and forgiveness in relation to Nelson Mandela and Jesus Christ.



Year 5 have been learning about Emmeline Pankhurst. They developed an understanding of how voting works and that sometimes you might not get your way. They also learnt about protests and that you may have to fight to get what is right. Year 5 found out that Emmeline Pankhurst demanded equality for women, by persuading the government to allow women to vote. They also produced some outstanding biographies about Emmeline's life.



Year 4 have been learning about the social activist Martin Luther King, who tirelessly fought and campaigned for equal rights. They used his example as one where they too can, 'Shine in the World', linking his determination, bravery and courage to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes. The children wrote their own, 'I have a dream' speech, based on the inspirational example presented in 1963 by Martin Luther King.



Year 3 have been learning about gender equality. They focused on the life and contributions of Malala Yousafzay. They discussed gender inequality in her life and how she was treated unfairly because she was a girl. Children discussed how they are all different, but all equally valuable in the world, no matter if they are a boy or girl. They discovered the similarities and differences between our school and a school in Islamabad. They also made links between Malala's values for forgiveness and those of Jesus.



Year 2 have been learning about the life of Rosa Parks. Rosa fought for the rights of black people in America, refusing to give up her seat on the bus to a white man and arguing for equality. Her actions, as well as the actions of many others, led to changed laws and more equal treatment of black people in America.

Year 1 were given mirrors to study their facial features. They discussed with their partner their different eye colours, hair colours and skin colours in class. They spoke about how unique they are and that everyone looks different. Using this information, they created self-portraits of themselves. Afterwards they celebrated their differences by talking about the unique features each child has.

Reception and Nursery children learned about gender equality. The children sorted a box of toys, using two labels, 'toys for boys' and 'toys for girls.' As they were sorting, they found they played with the same toys. They decided that toys can be for everyone because they have the choice to play with whatever they want. The class also explored photos of different jobs and were asked to sort them into 'jobs for girls' and 'jobs for boys.' The girls did not think it was fair because they wanted to be fire fighters and police officers too. The children chose to re-sort the photos because boys and girls are equal.

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 06.11.2026

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…



Wednesday 11th November @ 9am – Parent Coffee Morning (Yarn wrapped letter art)
Friday 13th November @ 9am – Parents Working Alongside Children in Class – Year 4
Wednesday 18th November @ 9am – Parent Coffee Morning (Yarn wrapped letter art)

Friday 20th November @ 9am – Parents Working Alongside Children in Class – Year 3
Wednesday 25th November @ 9am – Parent Coffee Morning (Yarn wrapped letter art)

Friday 27th November @ 9am – Parents Working Alongside Children in Class – Year 1
Friday 27th November – Non-uniform Day – children donate £1 to charity to wear non-uniform clothes

Trips and Visits Payment



A reminder to please send in the £20 contribution for your child's trips and visits for the academic year. This one-off payment covers all planned educational outings and experiences throughout the year. The school heavily subsidises the overall cost to keep it affordable for families. A big thank you to the families who have already made this payment. Thank you for your continued support!

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 - Dion
Year 1 - Reggie
Year 2 - Libby
Year 3 - Dillon
Year 4 - Arthur
Year 5 - Louie
Year 6 - Maya



Our Prayer of the week…

Lord Jesus,
we know that one day you will return
and we will be with you in heaven.
Help us to make each day our best,
so that we will always be ready
to greet you.
Amen



The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is **Arnold** in **Y5**.
Arnold has won a £5 gift voucher to spend in Waterstones.

Best Attendance this week…



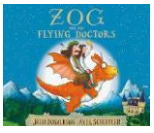
For children to learn well and make good progress, it is vital that they attend school every day.
Congratulations to **Year 2** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week - **96%.**
Year 2 really showed the Christian value of **Community** by helping their class to have the best attendance this week.
Please make sure your child is in school every single day.
Thank you for your help with this :)

Work of the Week!



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

During Equality Studies, **Iftia** listened to the story Zog and explored the importance of equality, learning that boys and girls are equal and can enjoy playing with the same toys.
Iftia demonstrated her understanding by drawing pictures to illustrate how the characters in the story showed fairness and kindness towards one another. She confidently shared her ideas and thoughts, explaining that when she grows up, she might like to become a police officer, so that she can help keep people safe within her community.



Well done, Iftia!

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

Family holidays should only be taken during the 13 weeks of school holiday closure

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

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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)