Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived!



Dear Parents/Carers,
The weather is turning colder. Please give your child a thick coat or jacket for playtimes. It is very helpful if you write your child's name on the label, so that if it gets mislaid, we can quickly return it to the right person. Children can also wear hats, scarfs and gloves during playtimes.
Thank-you for your help with this.
With Best Wishes, Mrs O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

School Attendance is Important...

Children need to have excellent attendance in order to learn well and make good progress. Children must arrive on time (before 8.55am) every day so that no learning is missed – remember that the school gates open at 8.40am.

Please make sure your child is in school every single day this term unless they are too sick to come to school. Every day is important.

Reasons **not** to keep your child off school:

- If you or their sibling is ill
- It is their birthday
- They are tired from a busy weekend
- They went to bed late
- For non-urgent medical appointments that can be arranged outside of school hours (e.g., dentist or opticians' appointments).



There has been an encouraging start to this academic year.

The vast majority of children come to school every day that they can. This is as it should be. This enables your child to enjoy their learning, not miss out and have gaps in their knowledge and to feel proud of their work and progress. Children who are here every day have confidence in their learning, are not worried about making a mistake and know that this is part of their learning journey. Children who are not in school miss learning.

Just as importantly, they also miss out on the opportunities, fun and connection that school provides for them; including supporting their social skills, helping their resilience and enabling them to make and maintain friendships. **Please see the information from the NHS overleaf outlining when to keep your child at home and when to send them into school.**

If your child is unwell, please phone the school office and let them know the reason for your child's absence before 9am.

Thank you as always for working in partnership with us to give your child the education and childhood experiences that they deserve :)

I have received and read the Our Lady's Primary School newsletter of 13.11.2026

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 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

Tuesday 8th December @ 10.00 Nativity to parents of Reception and Year 1 children

Wednesday 9th December @ 10.00 Nativity to parents of Year 2 children

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 - Rron
Year 1 - Amirah
Year 2 - Kai
Year 3 - Zeyad
Year 4 - Athiei
Year 5 - Hailey
Year 6 - Amire



Our Prayer of the week…

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for the talents
which you have given to each of us.
Whatever our gifts may be,
teach us to use them wisely,
and for the good of others.
Amen



The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is **Maysa** in **Y2**.
Maysa 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 4** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week – **97.6%.**
Year 4 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, Year 6 have been learning about equality and the inspiring life of Nelson Mandela. They explored how he fought against discrimination and dedicated his life to promoting fairness, freedom and equal rights for all.

Jeanelle has written an amazing biography of Nelson Mandela, showcasing her fantastic research skills and excellent understanding of his life and achievements.



Well done, Jeanelle!

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.**



Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in

A cough, cold or sore throat

Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

Threadworms

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Should go in (let the school know)

Cold sores

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice & nits

You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Hand, foot & mouth disease

If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Slapped cheek syndrome

Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Seek treatment before returning to school

Impetigo

They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Chickenpox

Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Keep them off (at first)

Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Measles

They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Vomiting & diarrhoea

Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.