



Ave Maria

# Our Lady of Lourdes

RC Primary School

## Weekly News...

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of our third week of term, we are really getting into a routine in school; the teachers and staff have overwhelmingly been impressed with the children's early efforts. It is simply inspiring to see the 'lightbulb moments'. When I read my daily newspaper, I am met with doom and gloom, so coming into school and seeing our children, smiling, happy, sharing ideas is like a breath of fresh air.

As we prepare to enter the second half of this Winter Term, I want to thank the children who arrive on time every day. The gate closes at 8.45am. Ensuring that you support your child to be organised and prepared for the day is a lifelong habit that will help them to maximise their potential not only in school but also in their working lives.

Finally, thank-you to Father Martin for celebrating our school mass this week; it was lovely to welcome him into our community along with our new pupils and family members.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Boon  
Headteacher

### Safeguarding

School needs to be safe for all of our children. This means that we are asking that only parents/ carers of children in Nursery and Reception enter the school in the mornings and that you leave the playground as soon as possible. Your support with this is appreciated, as teachers are busy supporting and teaching the children from the moment they enter the classroom.

### Growth Mind-set

Over the past few years staff have been exploring their own Growth Mind-set and how this impacts on them as individuals. We have also worked to develop and embed a Growth Mind-set in our children. Our Growth Mind-set words are:

Resilience  
Challenge  
Effort  
Thinking  
Perseverance  
Trial and Improvement  
Reflection

Staff use this vocabulary in school to support the children to become independent learners who challenge themselves to improve. Remember there is no such thing as 'I can't do it'... at OLOL we say 'I can't do it YET'.

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### 'Incredible care'

I was told by a new family this week that their child really enjoyed their first day and felt that the child he was with had been 'incredibly caring'. This reminded me of how wonderful our children are and that sometime, as adults, we should take our lead from the children.

### Tin in a Bin

The Tin in a bin needs donations. We have been advised that they are currently short of food. One item per child would be appreciated. Thank you for your support.

### Message from the PTA Committee

The PTA AGM social will be taking place in the school hall on the evening of Tuesday 3 October from 7pm, when we will be appointing our new Committee and Shadow Committee members. Please put the date in your diary and join us for an update and a glass of wine (or two).

Sadly, this year we are losing three of our hard working, much valued committee members and we are still in need of a co-treasurer. If you are able to, please consider putting yourself forward for the role or joining the Committee as a shadow, with a view to standing next year. Please send an email to register your interest to [ololrcpta@gmail.com](mailto:ololrcpta@gmail.com).

### Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance at OLOL this week is 97.9%

Congratulations to 2HB for 100% attendance this week.

19 children were late for school this week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
6J	96.9	6D	94.2
5F	97.8	5FITZ	95.0
4J	97.2	4R	98.7
3D	99.6	3G	97.8
2H	99.7	2HB	100.0
1R	98.3	1A	97.8
RP	98.0	RS	99.7
N	96.6		

Please ensure all absences are reported via ParentMail with a reason. Occasionally messages left on the voicemail are not clear.

Certificates awarded to:

Birthday Club

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Name	Class	Happy Birthday To You!
Ayla & Maxime	N	Lukas Gia Abigail Chace
Asad & Millie	RP	
Gracie & Isabella	RS	
Coralie & Teddy	IA	
Nathaniel P & Cillian	1R	
Khachik & Delilah	2H	
Roman & Vera	2HB	
Henry & Daniela	3D	
Gaia & Mason	3G	
Alice & Evangeline	4J	
Catherine & Vivienne	4R	
Felicity & Sassy	5F	
Eliana, Dolly & Charlotte	5FITZ	
Brooklyn & Beatrice	6D	
Caoimhe & Joshua	6J	

Life at OLOL this week...

This week...

### Nursery

Enjoying making new friends.



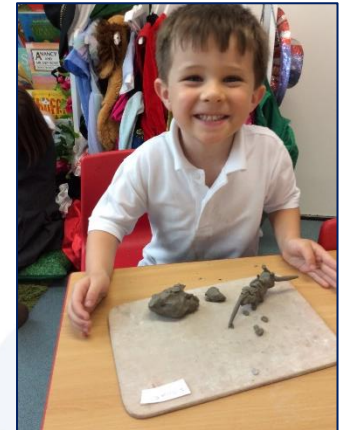
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### Reception

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This week in Reception, we completed the Take One Picture art project based on Henri Rousseau's painting 'Surprised! We painted our tigers that we had moulded and created from clay.



### Year 1

The children in Year 1 have been learning about the four countries of the UK. They found them on a map using an Atlas and had to match the correct flags. The children have learnt the capital cities of all of these countries too.



### Year 2

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In our RE topic we spoke about what we love about God's creation and drew beautiful pictures to show this.



### Year 3

This week Year 3 were 'oral story telling' a persuasive piece of writing to encourage people to visit the The Giant Peach.

### Year 4

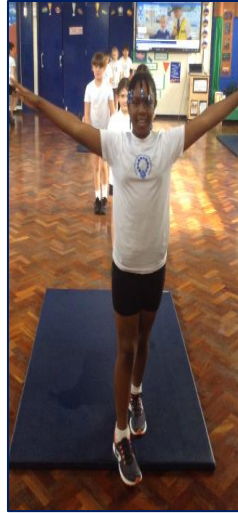
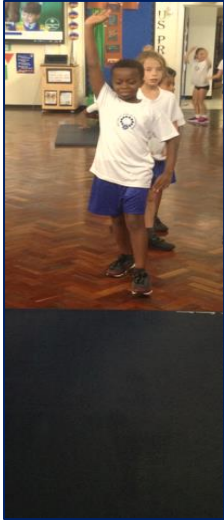
Year 4 have been revisiting place value. They have been working hard to solve word problems with pictures and diagrams.



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### Year 5

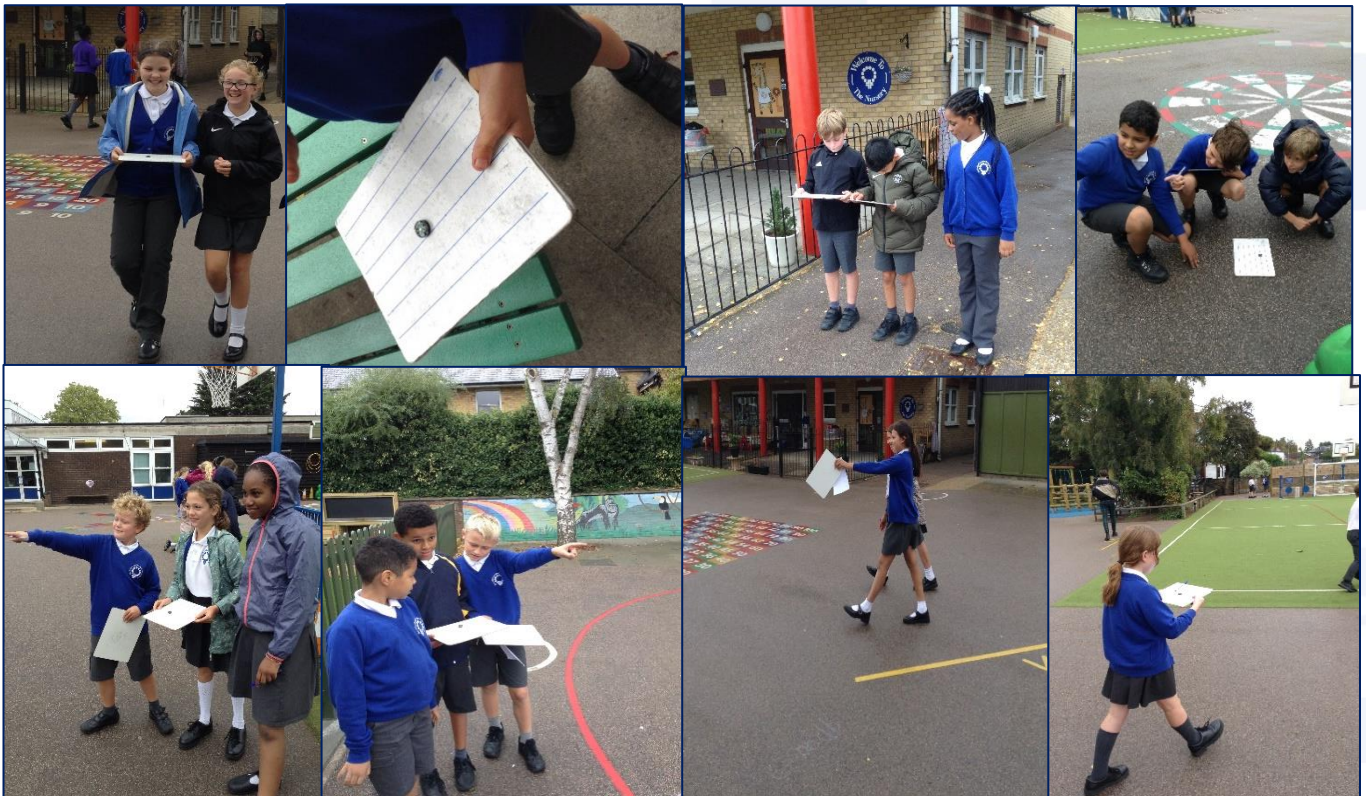


In year 5 this week, the children have been continuing their gymnastics topic in P.E. The focus for this lesson was on rolls. The challenge was to see if the children could perform forward rolls, forward rolls in pike position and backwards rolls to standing whilst still maintaining control and performing the movement with style. The children challenged themselves and peer assessed so they could analyse and improve their rolls.



### Year 6

This week, Year 6 looked at practical compass skills. Using what they learnt from last week, they developed their skills by creating instructions to locate different parts of the playground using a compass. In groups, they came up with their own locations and then, using a compass's coordinates, navigated their way to the different locations. They then used their improved skills to play a game of Compass Master.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am Special Assembly 6J
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Space Virtual Reality Workshop - Nursey - Y2 Harvest donations
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Space Virtual Reality Workshop - Y3-Y6 9.30am - Y1 & Y2 Reading Workshop for Parents PTA AGM Social 7.00pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Residential Trip
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am - Y3 - Y6 Reading Workshop for Parents
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	1.30pm to 3.00pm - Prospective Parents for Reception Intake 2024 Open Afternoon
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	1.30pm to 3.00pm - Prospective Parents for Reception Intake 2024 Open Afternoon 9.30am - Y3 - Y6 English Writing Workshop for Parents
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Essex County Cricket Workshop - Y5 & 6
<b>Half Term Holiday Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Imperial War Museum - Y6 Trip
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Drama Workshop - Reception - Y3
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am Remembrance Assembly 5F
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Birds of Prey Workshop - Reception - Y6
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am Special Assembly 4J Odd Socks Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 History Workshop
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Natural History Museum - Y5 Trip
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am Special Assembly 5Fitz
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	1940's Homefront Workshop - Y2
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Science Museum - Y4 Trip
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Young Shakespeare Workshop- Romeo & Juliet - Y5 & Y6
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm Y1 Christmas Play
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm Reception Christmas Play
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Play- Time to be confirmed
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Ark Farm Visit - Nursery - Y2 2.30pm Y2 - Live Nativity Performance
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Skittleman
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm</b>	

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