



Ave Maria

Our Lady of Lourdes

RC Primary School



Autumn Half Term

News

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of the first half term of this academic year having experienced eight weeks of excitement and activity. We began in earnest by welcoming our new families in both our Reception and Nursery classes.

If you have not already done so, don't forget to look at our new website and school drone video; you will see lots of smiling faces and will hopefully see the energy and happiness that the children have in school.

<https://www.ourladyoflourdesrcprimary.org/>

The children have enjoyed preparing and presenting their year group Growth Mindset assemblies to the school, reminding each other of the importance of this in order to be a successful learner and enabling them to understand the skills they need to be successful in everything they do.

We have welcomed parents into school for a Reception Coffee Morning, Read, Write, Inc. lesson, Curriculum Meetings and Special Assemblies where we have seen the children shine with confidence as they shared their knowledge and skills. These opportunities strengthen the strong partnership we have with you.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend their Parent Consultation meetings this week; working in partnership benefits your children and the strength of our relationship with you is pivotal to your child's development.

I hope you enjoy the following updates of life at OLOL this half term and wish you a peaceful half term.

Mrs Boon

Mrs Boon
Head Teacher



Ambassadors

Thank you to everyone who applied to become an Ambassador. The children engaged with the interview process demonstrating their engagement with our school and the curriculum. They demonstrated high levels of community, respect and independence which are some of our core values.

This half term, we met our charity partners in Africa 'The Pebbles Project'. We have linked with their school to support the children in raising funds for a classroom block (they are £7000 short). We will be working hard over the year to try to help them as much as we can as part of our charity focus as well as supporting charities such as Water Aid, CAFOD and any other charities that the children feel we may be able to help.

Our Ambassadors are:

Dennis
Clara C
Ruby
Eliana
Sureena
Amelie
Darwin
Catherine
Caiomhe

Albert
Chase
Yesina
Rohan
Jerry
Eshaani
Jasmin
Valentina
Anayah

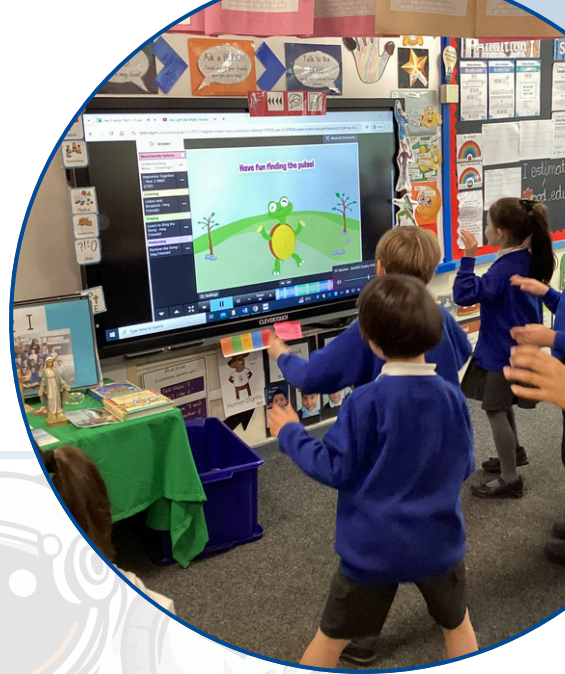
Rose
Theo
Connor
Clara G
Halliday
Jacob
Forest
Juniper
Amelia



Year Six Residential Trip to Grosvenor Hall



Space Week



Careers aspirations start early at OLOL....

We welcomed Mr Jason Afrifah-Adae from Amazon who met with the Key Stage Two pupils and discussed his school days growing up nearby in Stratford and his career path to become ISV Partner Sales Leader for Amazon.

Jason shared a little about his role and the opportunities available to the children in the future. Our school values were a key focus in the assembly with Jason sharing how he had to be independent, focussed and aim for excellence to be successful.

He shared some exciting uses of AI and an AI generator but also discussed how this can be a danger and fake images can easily be created. The children then had the opportunity to create some AI generated images including Black Panther shopping in our local Tesco.

Trips

National Portrait Gallery



London Docklands Museum



Harvest

Thank you for making a difference with your Harvest donations. The food you have donated has already been packed and sent to the Tin-in-a-Bin charity supporting local families. You are making a difference to our local community. We have also held back some donations to support school families who are struggling. As always, we are grateful for your support and continue to run a food bank in school to support our families.



Rugby comes to OLOL...



Pupil achievement



Kieran - 5B
The Great Britain
Championships
3rd U9 Boys
Winner of the Coventry
Feis & Kelley O'Boyle
Feis Competitions

Amelia -2I
North American Grappling
Championship - 2nd
European Championship - 3rd
RAW Grappling Championship - 3rd
All star Championships - 1st

Dance

- Ava 3H Distinction in Ballet and Modern Dance exams.
- Abigail 6D Performing at an to be event attended by 120 people on 10th November.
- Jude 2I Royal Academy of Dance Pre-Primary Class Award.

Other

- Leo 6F Sixer 47th Epping cubs.

Black History

We do more than celebrate Black History Month at OLOL. We ensure our curriculum is bespoke to our school and pupils and commit to teaching, celebrating and acknowledging Black History in every aspect of school life

**Nursery
Paul Dash
Artist**

**Year One &
Year Two
Black Music**

**Year Three &
Year Four
Black Sports
People**

**Year Five &
Year Six
Black Poetry**

We finished our celebrations with a sharing assembly to share the talents of our children. Please enjoy our Black History Celebration Booklet. Please see the link to the school website below.

<https://www.ourladyoflourdesrcprimary.org/attachments/download.asp?file=186&type=pdf>

Staff News

This half term we said goodbye to our Admin Assistant Miss Ashman who has taken a position within walking distance of her home. We thank her for her hard work and wish her every happiness in the future. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Harwood to this position. Many of you will know Mrs Harwood as one of our HLTA's. She has worked across the school and knows all of the children well. She even joined Year Six on their residential this year!

Finally, thank you to everyone who has made their Governor Fund payment. We are grateful for your support and ask that if you have yet to make this payment you do so as soon as possible. We need the financial support of all of our families in order to continue to provide such outstanding opportunities for our children.

Menu

The new Autumn menu starts Monday 4th November . Please see the school website for details.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please don't forget that the 2025/2026 term time dates are available on the school website. Good attendance is vital for equipping your child with skills for life. It will help them to achieve aspirations and the aspirations that you have for them.

Our attendance target at OLOL is 100%.
Well done to 3H for achieving 98.7%



Please report your child's absence by 8.30am via ParentMail with a reason. Occasionally messages left on the voicemail are not clear. Please note evidence for any medical appointments will be required.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
6F	95.6	6D	94.6
5B	97.0	5FITZ	96.5
4C	96.8	4J	98.4
3G	97.2	3H	98.7
2I	96.8	2H	98.0
1Q	97.8	1R	96.0
RP	98.4	RS	95.4
N	96.9	Overall	97.0

Overall attendance
at OLOL for this
academic year is
97.0%

Birthdays

Sara
Nathan
Marytta
Arthur
Gurveer
Noah
Isabelle
Roxanne
Victor
William
Isla
Rémy
Alexandra
Saoirse
Lara
Sophia
Chase
Edward
Everett
Beatrix
Vivienne
Ava
Bella
Siyanda
Giovan Rai

LOLO PTA

Raise PTA funds with every shop, for free

We're excited to introduce *Easyfundraising* – a simple, free way to raise funds for LOL! Whether you're shopping for parties, Christmas or Black Friday, every online purchase from 7,000+ stores like Tesco, ASOS, Wilko, and more can help. A percentage of your spend (or certain amount) is donated to LOL, at no extra cost to you.

Here's how to get started:

1. Sign up on [Easyfundraising](#) and download the *app and plug-in*
2. Shop through your chosen retailer
3. Easyfundraising will donate to LOL!

Thanks for your support so far!

37 have already signed up - we're aiming for 60! Please register when you can, for free.



The graphic is a promotional banner for Easyfundraising. At the top left is the Easyfundraising logo, which consists of a yellow sun icon and the text 'easyfundraising'. To the right of the logo are four icons: a yellow banana, a green sneaker, an orange credit card, and a red and white soccer ball. Below the logo, the text 'Support our school' is written in a large, bold, dark blue font. Underneath this, in a smaller dark blue font, is the text 'Shop online with your favourite retailers and raise money for free'. Below this text is a grid of eight white rounded rectangular buttons, each containing a retailer logo: 'amazon.co.uk', 'ebay', 'JOHN LEWIS', 'M&S', 'Booking.com', 'trainline', 'TESCO', and '8000+ more'. To the right of the grid, the text 'Scan QR code to find out more' is written in a dark blue font, with a blue curved arrow pointing towards a large QR code. The QR code is displayed on a white smartphone screen. The entire graphic is set against a light yellow background with a dark blue border.



Life at OLOL...

