

Ave Maria

Our Lady of Lourdes

RC Primary School



Half Term News

14th February

2025

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents,

As we approach the half term and indeed half way point of what has been a vibrant and busy school year so far, I am filled with gratitude for the hard work and dedication of our children, staff and families. There is an old saying that it takes a village to raise a child and indeed the OLOL community is that village.

This half term may have been just six weeks long but in this time we have seen our children excel in so many areas. From Pupil Voice, to sports competitions, special assemblies and trips, the children have shown their dedication and growth mind-set. We have held Open Mornings, Coffee Mornings and, for the first time, an on-line Zoom Coffee Evening for working parents. Our very successful School Smartphone Pledge is making great progress; over a third of parents have already signed up to this and we are liaising with other schools to try to encourage them to join us in making Wanstead a "Smartphone Free Childhood" area.

Our enrichment and extended curriculum continues to ensure that our children thrive. Children across the school have enjoyed a variety of trips including local visits to Our Lady of Lourdes Church and Hollow Pond; there have been geography fieldwork trips for Year Three and Reception. Year Four learnt about road safety with colleagues from LBR and Year Five visited The Houses of Parliament to see our democratic system of government in action. Reception continue with their Forest School activities, come rain or shine.

We were delighted to see our Year Four children perform during a small celebration concert. From Nursery Parent Workshops to Parent Consultations we thank every parent for working in partnership with us; as a result of this strong partnership this half term has been extremely successful.

Number Day raised £470 for the NSPCC thereby reminding us that our mission as a Catholic School goes beyond academic excellence. The compassion and generosity you show is appreciated and makes a difference to those less fortunate than ourselves.

On a personal note, I want to thank you for your support and commitment to our school community. As we move into the final half of this academic year, let us continue to foster an environment for growth, kindness, excellence and mutual respect. We look forward to achieving even greater things in the months ahead.

Mrs Boon
Head Teacher

Junk Orchestra: If music be the food of love...play on!



Nurse Jane visits Reception



Year Two Hollow Ponds Trip

During the trip, Year Two explored the local woodlands in search for minibeasts and their microhabitats. They searched under leaves and logs, around bushes and the pond. Despite it being winter and many minibeasts hibernating, they were pleased to find some spiders, centipedes and woodlice to support their science learning outside.

Whilst exploring, they also completed an incredible scavenger hunt in teams. The children enjoyed searching high and low for fallen nuts, red leaves, 3 ducks, but never quite found a frozen puddle!



Year Five Houses of Parliament Trip



Year Five visited the Houses of Parliament and participated in a walking tour of the historical site. The children sat in on parliamentary debates, in the House of Commons and the House of Lords. They were then tested on their knowledge in a workshop and had the opportunity to meet staff members of Mr Calvin Bailey's team and question them about the future of our community.



Times Tables Challenge

Congratulations to all our Year Four children who are taking part in the Times Tables Challenge this term. Keep practising over half term; the challenge continues!



Science Competition

For space week, our students explored the incredible journey of space exploration by reflecting on the Apollo 11 mission and Neil Armstrong's iconic first step on the moon. In a special writing competition, they shared their thoughts on what it must have been like for Armstrong as he became the first human to set foot on another world. The students' narratives showcased their creativity, curiosity, and admiration for this ground-breaking moment in history. We are proud of their hard work and thrilled to present some of the finest submissions on our science display.

Science competition winners:-

Year 1 Charlotte 1R & Théo 1Q

Year 2 Erik 2I & Adriana 2H

Year 3 Rose 3H & Thomas

Year 4 Alexandra 4C & Byron 4J

Year 5 Maya 5F & Gabriel 5B

Year 6 Matilda 6D & Antonio 6F



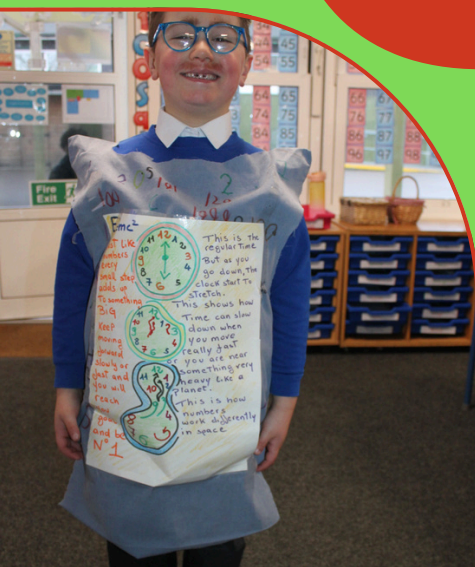
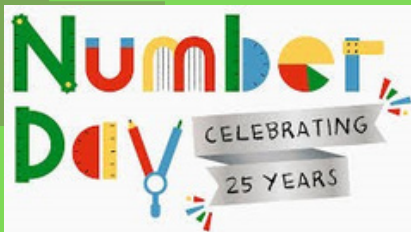
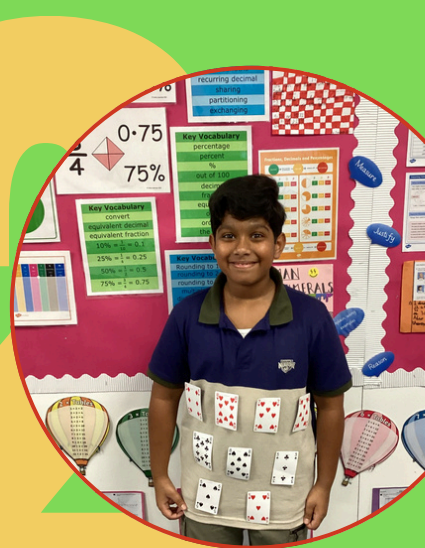
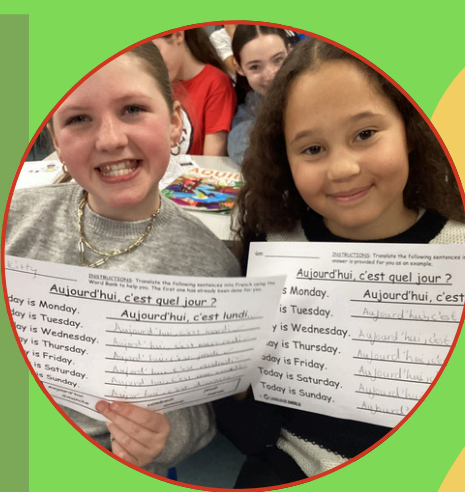
Football Competition

During this half term our Year Five & Six girls football team competed against other Redbridge schools in a league format. After attending practice sessions, the team's dedication, enthusiasm and effort was rewarded with a well deserved second place finish.



The team were a credit to our community representing the values that make our school amazing.





Number Day

A huge thank you to the families who have already made their number day donations. We have raised £470 so far. I know some of you have not yet donated so please find the QR code below. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



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. 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.

Overall attendance at OLOL this academic year 2024/25 is 95.8%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
6F	96.1	6D	94.4
5B	96.6	5F	96.2
4C	96.4	4J	96.5
3G	96.1	3H	97.6
2I	95.6	2H	95.3
1Q	95.7	1R	95.8
RP	96.0	RS	94.7
N	94.4	Overall	95.8

Stars of the Week

This week certificates are awarded to:

Class	Name	Class	Name
RP	Jeremi & Rose	RS	Mauricette & Robert
1Q	Felicia & Abigail	1R	Francesco & Kathleen
2H	Hugo & Roxanne	2I	Halliday & Charlotte
3G	Khachik & Delilah	3H	Rose & Xavier
4C	Eshaani & James	4J	Ryan & Sarita
5B	Bob & Luca	5F	Shami & Lara
6D	Victor & Eva	6F	Darwin & Leo
Nursery	Austin & Clara		

Birthdays

Vivienne
Andrei
Evangelina
Luca
Felicia
Amber
Arrietty
Frida Giulia
Ruben
Henri
Ada
Grace
Millie
Luke
Nephele
Treye
Byron
Maisie
Liyanah
Elyana



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