

Ave Maria

Our Lady of Lourdes

RC Primary School



End Of Term
News
4th April 2025

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the Lent Term, it is the perfect opportunity to reflect on what our pupils have accomplished and the opportunities that they have had at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Although this is a short term, a great deal has happened. With events ranging from Shakespearean Workshops, Book Week, Art Workshops, school visits, Forest School and a visit to the Royal Albert Hall, the term has, as always, been eventful.

The school has continued to buzz with activity as we hosted a variety of Nursery Open Mornings, welcomed parents to special assemblies and held book looks. The overwhelming positive response from parents has confirmed that the vibrancy and happiness of our community is not only unique but a strength of our school and pupils.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a thriving educational environment.

As always, I am delighted by the way in which our children celebrate the successes of their peers. This care and empathy is at the heart of the type of person we aspire to be.

On behalf of the staff I wish you a peaceful Easter holidays.

Mrs Boon
Headteacher

Book Week

'Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary'
Jim Rohn

Book Week was a time to celebrate our love of books and to remember that reading is an essential life skill. From being illustrators to judges with the Wolf on Trial, the children engaged eagerly in all of the activities across the week. The World Book Day outfits were creative and the children shared their delight as they took part in our World Book Day Parade. The week ended with Pat Ryan our traditional Story Teller. Apart from telling stories to the children, parents and staff, he reminded us that 'Everyone has a story'. Thank you to our PTA for supporting this special week in school.

The week ended with our picture book award. This year the clear winner was:



World Book Day



Charity Week



The children took part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. The aim of the walk is to raise awareness of Global Poverty and how CAFOD supports people all over the world. Our children were fantastic! We did laps of the playground altogether, with older and younger children chatting as they supported this fantastic cause. Our fundraising efforts raised £850.00 which will be sent to CAFOD.

Our budding entrepreneurs ran their craft stalls and the school became a hive of activity. The Craft Fair was a steep learning curve for everyone. From business pitches, to discussing profit and loss and then learning that once you have bought something you cannot always return it, we all learnt something! The dedication and hard work of the pupils has left us in awe of their hidden talents and determination. Thank you to everyone who supported our Charity Week whether it was sending in sponsorship money or coming to the Craft Fair, it was a fitting way to raise funds for CAFOD.



OLOL KS2 Craft Fayre

2nd April 2025



Royal Albert Hall Choral Festival



On 11th March members of the school choir from Year Five and Year Six attended the Redbridge Schools Music Event at The Royal Albert Hall. They had to learn a range of songs and even some dance moves to sing with a live orchestra and children from many primary and secondary schools across the borough.

What an unforgettable experience for the children! They were a credit to the school and we are so proud of what they achieved!

Here are some of their thoughts:

It was an amazing and once in a lifetime experience that I will never forget.

Sureena 6F

I felt honoured to sing at The Royal Albert Hall with many other children.

Doron 6D

I enjoyed performing in front of everybody and would love to do it again.

Ellen 6F

The schools all came together to sing as one and I felt important to be there.

Clara 5F

The atmosphere was amazing.

Amelie 6F

Not many people can say they have sung at the Royal Albert Hall. It was special to be there with my class mates.

Esme 5F

Science Day

Year Five participated in an engaging workshop that explored the principles of friction through the creation of elastic cars. During the hands-on activity, students built and tested their own cars, learning how friction affects movement and how to manage it for better performance. The session provided a practical understanding of the forces at play, offering valuable insights into how friction influences motion. It was a fun and educational experience that made science come to life!



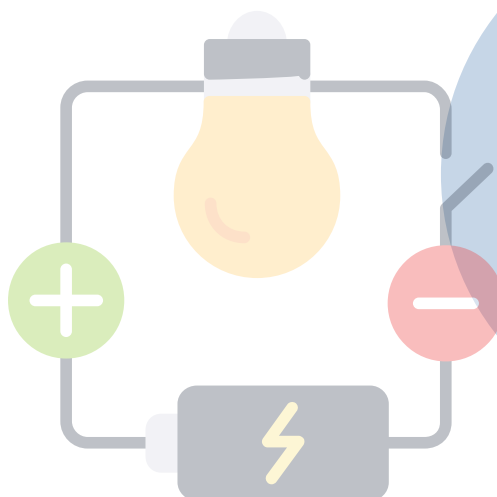
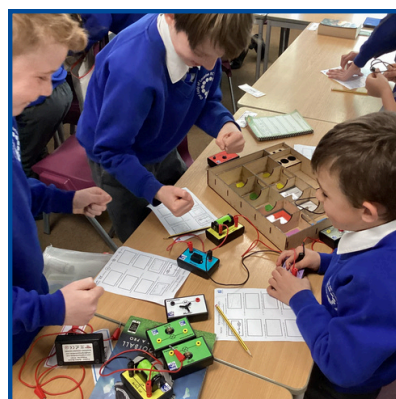
Year Two started the day by building newspaper towers, aiming to make them at least 45cm tall and strong enough to hold the most cubes. They experimented with bubble art, capturing colourful outlines of bubbles on paper and discovered the science behind how they form and pop. The final experiment investigated how light travels in straight lines and how shadows change depending on the position of the light source. They used their knowledge to create an exciting shadow puppet show. It was a fantastic day full of creativity, problem-solving, and scientific discoveries.



Year Four had an exciting time learning about electricity and circuits! They explored the differences between mains and battery power, discovered how voltage affects a circuit, and even built their own working circuits using cells, bulbs, motors, buzzers, and switches. Through hands-on activities, they learned how electricity flows, what makes a circuit complete, and why some materials conduct electricity while others don't.

In addition to their science learning, they applied their creativity to a project inspired by their Geography learning. After researching the Amazon Rainforest, they designed and built detailed dioramas showcasing its unique landscape and the incredible biodiversity that lives there.

Science Day was a fantastic opportunity for Year Four to get creative, experiment, and deepen their understanding of both science and the world around them.



Year Two Print Workshop



We worked alongside a local print artist to create bespoke tote bags. We first spent some time learning about repeating patterns and studying different insects which would become part of our design. We first had to mark our bags using two different wax crayons. This helped us to visualise where we would eventually print our pattern. Finally, using fabric paint, we were able to print our design onto our bags. This was a very fun activity and we got to take our bags home!

Travel Ambassadors

In February our Travel Ambassadors attended the TfL Explorers Ambassadors Challenge Seminar at the Transport for London offices in Stratford. Our pupils met people who worked at Transport for London, listened to other schools and worked together to suggest a way to promote positive 'active travel'. They are currently working on leading their own 'active travel' project here at school and will be launching a school-wide 'Walking Challenge' that they will present to the whole school in May.



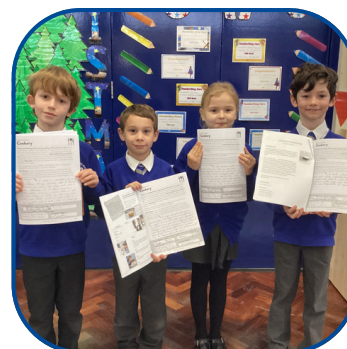
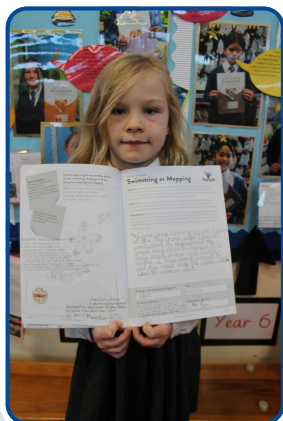
Book Drive

We would like to thank all everyone for supporting our Book Drive. We managed to donate 1,800 books which will go a long way to support underprivileged children in other countries.



Junior Duke

Pupils in Key Stage Two have been busy completing challenges as part of their Junior Duke Award. They have been creating maps, cooking, undertaking domestic and sporting challenges and showing their resilience, self motivations and confidence.



OLOL Spring Term Chess Winners

Year 1 & 2

1st Place **Erik M**
2nd Place **Amelia W 2I**
3rd Place **Hugo P 2H**

Years 3 & 4

1st Place **Cormac R 3C**
2nd Place **Jacob S 3H**
3rd Place **Sebastian P 3H**

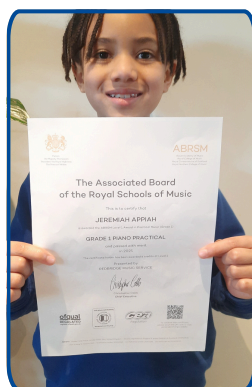
Years 5 & 6

1st Place **Vaughan W 5F**
2nd Place **Michelle G 5B**
3rd Place **Sidra K 5B**

Star Pupils



Majus 3H
Graded Red
Belt Karate



Jeremiah A 5F
Grade 1 Piano
Merit

Cub Scout Achievement Awards 47th Epping Forest South

Fintan F 6F - for always helping out, trying hard and fitting in so well as a Sixer.

Felicity G 6D - for always being a friend to anyone new, always joining in and doing her best and growing into her Sixer role so well.

James B 6D - for being kind and helpful to everyone, always joining in and leading quietly, authoritatively and by example as a Sixer.

Leo M 6F - for leading his Six well, demonstrating leadership skills as a Sixer and always helping out.

Attendance & Punctuality

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.

Please don’t forget that the 2025/2026 term time dates are available on the school website.

Overall attendance at OLOL this academic year 2024/25 is 96.0%

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
6F	96.1	6D	93.7
5B	96.7	5F	96.5
4C	95.8	4J	96.8
3G	96.3	3H	97.9
2I	96.0	2H	95.2
1Q	96.4	1R	96.3
RP	96.5	RS	95.0
N	94.8	Overall	96.0

Birthdays
Conor
Olivia C
Rosie D
Josephine
Sebastian G
Oakley
Nea
Jessica
Qamar
Hayaa
Ryan-David
Robert
Hector V
Esha
Tian
Zoe
Angelo
Alexander S
Mia
John Dale
Ridhit
Gabriel
Jenson
Joshua
Sofia
Louis
Filip
Anaid
Valerio



Life at OLOL...



Message from the PTA

PTA Funding Update & Diary Dates

A huge thank you to all our families for your ongoing support of the OLOL PTA! Thanks to your generosity, our funds have grown from £9,943 in September to £23,043 in March - helping us fund vital school projects and activities.

For a full breakdown of our fundraising and spending, please see the infographic Treasurer Raf has put together.

St. Pat's Disco – Fundraising Success!

Our recent St. Pat's Disco was a really special evening (there's nothing else like it!) and raised an incredible £2,972 after expenses. Here's how it all added up:

- Bar: £1,580
- Tuck Shop: £440
- Face Painting: £91
- Glow Sticks: £102
- Tickets: £1,493
- Expenses: -£735
- NET PROFIT: £2,972

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, volunteered and danced the night away - it was amazing to see it all come together, and add to our funding!

PTA Dates for Your Diary:

- Thursday 24 April – Little Recyclers Clothing Collection
- Saturday 21 June – Summer Ball
- Saturday 5 July – Summer Fayre

Calling all DJs!

Our amazing resident DJ is moving on, and we need someone to keep the beats going at OLOL events! If you've got the skills (even better, the equipment!) we'd love to hear from you.

Drop us a line at lolrcpta@gmail.com if you can help us out!

We can't wait for another fantastic term of fundraising and community events. Thank you for your support!

OLOL PTA



OLOL PTA funds update—academic year to date (all amounts in £)

