



Ave Maria

Our Lady of Lourdes

RC Primary School



Summer Term News

Headteacher's message

It is hard to believe that we are ending the penultimate half term of the current academic year. The children, as always, are working hard, nurturing their friendships and showing that they are fully engaged with their learning. Last week Miss Crampton and I met with a panel of pupils across the school to hear their views; they tell the story much better than I can so I thought I would share their quotes. They said they are:

'Always challenged'

' Always learning new things'

'All given a voice and allowed to give opinions'

' Teachers spend time making the lesson exciting'

'Nobody is left out'

'The teachers and friends are there to support'

'The values and our diversity means differences are valued'

'We are a community and are never separated because of gender, skin colour or religion'

These final two quotes took us by surprise in so far as our young adults are articulating such a strong understanding of important issues; it is clear that whilst they are our finest ambassadors they have the potential to make the world a better place in years to come. I hope, like us, you are proud of your children and the contribution that they make to our school community.

School Investment

I am delighted to inform you that we have secured a bid for **£601,428.11** from our Trust. This will mean that the toilets in the Benedict Building will be replaced, new fire doors will be installed and phase two of our roof refurbishment will take place during the summer holidays. Over the past four years, including this bid, the **Trust have invested over 1 million pounds in our school.**

PTA Project

Over half term we will be installing two new library areas for our children thanks to the PTA and the support of our parents. This will enable the children to enjoy modern facilities and support them in further developing a love for reading. The new areas will be in St. Bernadette's (benefitting Years 3 and 4 pupils) and in Year 5. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in fundraising and supporting our school to make these projects possible.

Supporting your child's learning

You should have received a detailed new topic letter this term with information on what your child is learning in school and how you can support them. We see your child's education as a collaborative process and are grateful for the shared aspirations and standards that you have with us.

Year Six SATS

I want to express my immense pride in our Year Six pupils for their exceptional effort and the mature approach they showed during the recent SATs papers. Their dedication and hard work have truly paid off, and I could not be more impressed with their resilience and growth mind-set throughout this period. When talking to pupils they also enjoyed their SATS Breakfast so a huge thank you to all the staff who gave their time to facilitate this. Particular thanks goes to the Year Six Team for their hard work in preparing the children.

Thank you

As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff, whose unwavering support and guidance have been instrumental in fostering an environment where our children can thrive. To our wonderful parents, thank you for your continued partnership and trust in our school. Your involvement and encouragement have played a crucial role in your children's academic and personal growth and contribute to the success of our school.

Crowning of our Lady

The month of May is always special for many reasons and as we came together to crown Our Lady this year we discussed how we honour Our Lady, explored key events in Mary's life and why we crown Our Lady. Thank you to everyone who made time to join us in the hall after school (whether you are Catholic or not, we are still one community); this made the tribute more special for everyone.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of our children is a priority for school. Whilst there are set policies and procedures in place, everyone has a part to play.

You can help by:

- Ensuring that you always report your child's absence before 9am either using email, phone call or ParentMail
- Close the gate behind you as you enter the school premises- this enables staff to monitor who is on site at all times.

Your support with this is appreciated.

Attendance also forms part of our Safeguarding procedures. Attendance is monitored closely and parents are encouraged to discuss their child's attendance with either their child's classteacher, Miss Crampton or myself if they are unsure whether to send them into school. Good attendance is important to help your child to achieve their aspirations, secure their friendships and also develop positive health and mental wellbeing.

Smartphone Parent Pledge

Thank-you to everyone who was able to attend the zoom meetings that we held discussing the concerns, dilemmas and issues that children encounter through the use of smartphones. We suggested that parents might like to come together and agree to a Smartphone Parent Pledge. Please look out for a separate letter with further information for anyone who was unable to attend.

Finally, please enjoy the pictures below sharing life at OLOL over the past half term.

Have a happy and safe half term.

Mrs Boon
Head Teacher

Congratulations

Times Table Challenge

Congratulations to all those who joined in this week.

Platinum

Ella H 4R Eden M 4R Eliot F 4R Esme S 4R Alice H 4J

We love to hear of your child's achievements outside of school.

Congratulations to **Eshaani O** in class 3G for passing her Grade 1 piano exam with Merit.

Certificates awarded to:		Birthday Club
Name	Class	Happy Birthday To You!
Noah & Isla	N	Jude, Kian
Alisa & Xichen	RP	Joseph, Alba
Isabella & Jacob	RS	Jacob, Roman
Lorcan & Forest	IA	Leo, Coralie
Iman & Athina	1R	Isaac, Fabian
Ismael & Rafe	2H	Mary Elise
Kathryn & Hugo	2HB	Michelle
Haris & Kanshi	3D	Alfie, Alexander
Quinn & Hannah	3G	Juniper
Maya & Ruben	4C	Nathaniel
Max & Eden	4R	Felicity
Abigail & Alex	5F	
Marnie & Eva	5FITZ	
Amara & Meabh	6D	
Nehemiah & Oscar	6J	

Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance target at OLOL is 100%.


Overall attendance at OLOL this academic year to date is 95.4%

Well done to 6J, 6D, 5F, 4R, 4C, 3G, 2HB, 1R, RS, RP. No late marks recorded this week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
6J	93.2	6D	94.2
5F	95.0	5FITZ	95.9
4C	95.6	4R	94.7
3D	96.4	3G	96.7
2H	96.9	2HB	96.7
1R	95.0	1A	95.7
RP	95.5	RS	94.5
N	93.5		

And finally....

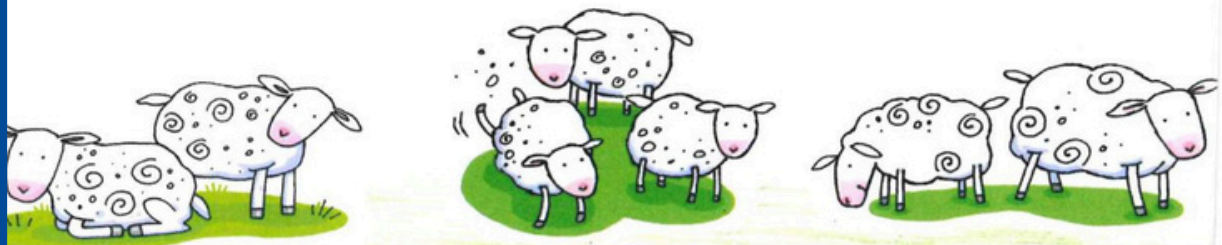
A message from Alexander in Year One



'The Lord is my Shepherd'
psalm 23

Dear Jesus, thank you for
being my shepherd.
Please help me to listen to you and
follow your ways so that you can
keep me safe.

Amen...



Alexander

School Calendar

Half Term : Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

Monday 3 rd June	Y5 - Wire Sculpture workshop
Thursday 6 th June	Y2 - <u>Murphy's</u> World Recycling Workshop
Friday 7 th June	Rec-Y6 - Skip Beatz Assembly & skipping workshops
Tuesday 11 th June	Y3 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 12 th June	3.30pm to 5pm - Book Look
Friday 14 th June	8.55am Special Assembly RS Y1 - Young V & A - 'Hero Arm' Bionics workshop
Tuesday 18 th June	8.10am to 8.35am - Book Look Nursery Sports Morning - 9.30-10.30am Rec - <u>Barleylands</u> Farm - Nature Detectives Y3 - Batik Printing Workshop
Wednesday 19 th June	Reception Sports Afternoon - 2.00-3.00pm Y2 - Architecture Workshop - Tudor House Y3 - British Museum Trip 4R - Architecture Workshop - Mayan Temple
Thursday 20 th June	Y3 - Architecture Workshop - Egyptian Pyramid 4C - Architecture Workshop - Mayan Temple Y5 - British Museum Trip- Parthenon Tablet Tour
Friday 21 st June	8.55am Special Assembly RP
Saturday 22 nd June	PTA Summer Fayre 12.00-4.00pm
Monday 24 th June	Y1 Sports Afternoon - 2.00pm
Tuesday 25 th June	8.10am to 8.35am - Book Look Y2 Sports Afternoon - 2.00pm
Thursday 27 th June	KS2 Sports Afternoon - 1.30pm
Friday 28 th June	UNICEF Day- Non Uniform Day -Sports wear
Saturday 29 th June	PTA Summer Ball
Monday 1 st July	Y1 - Craft & Weaving Workshop
Tuesday 2 nd July	Y1 Parent Consultations Y3 & Y4 - Create Day
Thursday 4 th July	9.00am Head Teachers Coffee Morning
Friday 5 th July	Y6 - Nuclear Experience Day
Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th July	Y4 - Intensive Swimming Course at Forest School
Tuesday 9 th July	Y6 Production - 6D
Wednesday 10 th July	Y6 Production - 6J
Thursday 11 th July	Y6 Disco
Friday 12 th July	Nursery - Teddy Bears Picnic Y5 & 4R - First Aid Workshop
Monday 15 th July	Y6 & 4C - First Aid Workshop

Friday 19th July 2024 - Last Day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm

Life at OLOL...



