



Ave Maria

# Our Lady of Lourdes

RC Primary School

## Weekly News...

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents,

This week we have begun our internal moderation of teaching and learning for the new academic year. It was wonderful to see children talk about their learning and hear how safe they feel at Our Lady of Lourdes. Our school really is a special place where staff care and children are nurtured. They learn to be responsible citizens, care for their environment and develop values that align to the values needed to be a happy adult that is a giver of society instead of a taker. This does not happen just in school. This is a result of the strong link we have with you as parents, our Parish and local community.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Boon  
Headteacher

### Reception Admissions for September 2024

As many of you are aware, Father Martin has recently taken up his position as Parish Priest. We want to further support our families and have agreed that, in addition to the times advertised in the Parish Newsletter to sign the Certificate of Practice, parents may drop their unsigned forms into the school reception before **11am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. School will then arrange for them to be signed and placed with your completed applications accordingly. If you know someone who, is applying for a Reception school place please let them know as they may find this arrangement helpful.

### Thank you

Thank you to 6J for sharing your wonderful assembly with us. It is lovely to see how you have matured and settled into life in Year Six.

### Harvest

Next week we will begin to accept donations for Harvest. Traditionally we have always given your Harvest donations to several food banks but this year all of your donations will help local families through the Tin-in-a-Bin. We have been advised they are short of food so please give generously. If every child brings in two items that would equate to over 800 items. I know staff will also be donating as well; together we can make a real difference to people's lives.

### Governors Fund

You will have received a letter this week asking all families to consider making a donation of £100 per family towards our school Governors Fund. There is an option to pay termly in three instalments. The amount requested equates to 51p per day, less than a takeaway coffee. Please do not underestimate the difference this money makes to the children. We need your help, however big or small, to ensure we continue to equip our children for the next stage of their education and lives. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far.

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### Start of the school day

At the start of the school day, some children are entering the school premises on their scooter. May I ask that your child walks into school and pushes their scooter / bike in order to help keep everyone safe.

### Parent Workshops

Please be reminded to check your emails as we have a series of workshops to support and inform parents how we are teaching our children. Feedback from previous sessions has been positive and many people have said they appreciate the information provided. We will send the Zoom link on the day as this acts as a final reminder.

Our workshops start next week beginning with an EYFS, Years One and Two Reading session on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 9.30am; we hope you will be able to join us.

### Contacting the school via email

You may have noticed that we are transitioning from our old email address of [admin.ourlady@redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:admin.ourlady@redbridge.sch.uk) to our new address as follows

[admin@ourladyoflourdes.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ourladyoflourdes.redbridge.sch.uk)

We have been experiencing some technical issues with this transfer so please ensure you use the new address going forward.

The old account will be deactivated in due course, however if you do inadvertently use the old address you will receive a notification alerting you to resend your email.

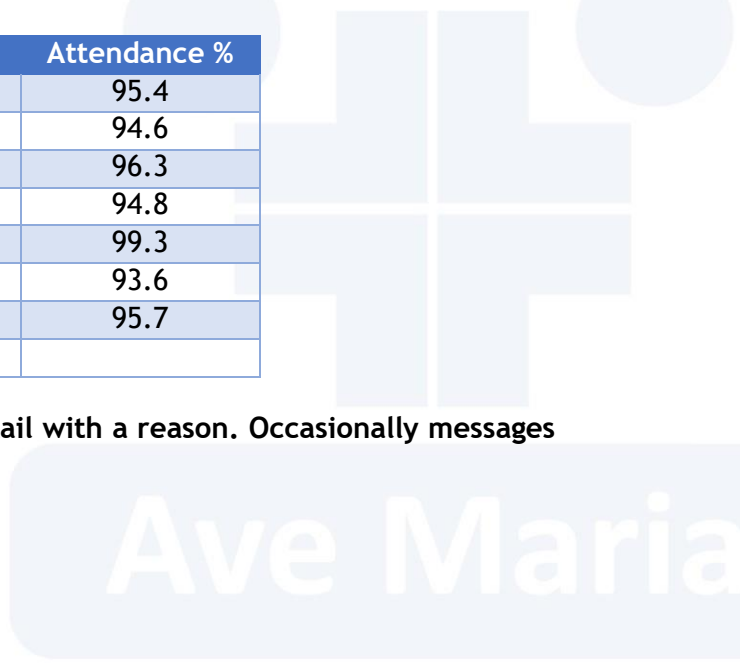
### Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance this week has dipped slightly, overall attendance at OLOL this week is 96.4% 12 children were late for school this week.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
6J	97.3	6D	95.4
5F	96.9	5FITZ	94.6
4J	96.6	4R	96.3
3D	99.3	3G	94.8
2H	99.7	2HB	99.3
1R	93.0	1A	93.6
RP	98.0	RS	95.7
N	95.9		

Please report your child's absence via ParentMail with a reason. Occasionally messages left on the voicemail are not clear.

Birthday Club
Happy Birthday To You!
Vera, Eva, Hugo, Eden, Alessio, Zara, Albert, Eva



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Life at OLOL this week...

This week...

### Nursery

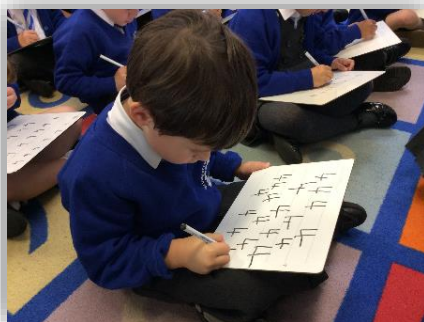
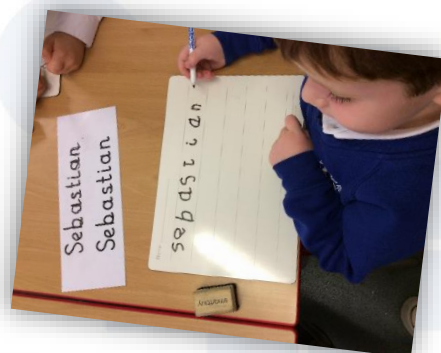


This week in Nursery, we enjoyed sharing stories with Olly the Octopus. He is a new member of our Nursery and we love him! We have also been learning how to lay the table, use a knife and fork correctly.



### Reception

This week we are practicing our letter and number formation, writing our names and numbers to 10.



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## Year 1

In P.E. this week, Year 1 have been looking at the different ways we can jump. We used our arms and legs to complete small and big jumps and then we included equipment as well. Look at the different ways we jumped using the benches - we were Bouncing Bunnies.



## Year 2



In Computing this week, Year 2 were learning how to independently search on the internet and how to stay safe when doing so.

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### Year 3

This week in Science Year 3 have been comparing animal skeletons. As part of this, we looked at human skeletons and labelled our live model with the bones we knew!



### Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been roleplaying scenes from the Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe to help them summarise events for a series of diary entries.



### Year 5

Year 5 are scientists! This week the children in Year 5 conducted their first science experiment of the year. We looked at what material will slow down the melting of ice at room temperature.

Before we started, we made predictions and then carried out the experiment. The results were interesting and we thought about real life uses for materials based on our findings. The skills we used included making fair tests and recording data.



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## Year 6



This week in English, Year 6 were writing a setting description about the trenches, linked to our History topic of World War One. Whilst thinking about what life was like for the soldiers living in the trenches, they had the opportunity to try on a helmet and feel a gas mask. They commented on how heavy the helmet was and were shocked at the texture of the mask.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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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
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December - Last Day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm	

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