



OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

Newsletter

17.10.25

PSQM Awarded to Our Lady's

This week...

At Our Lady's we're delighted the hard work of our Science lead Miss Pickering and the great work done by our staff and pupils has been recognised... we've just been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark for excellence in Science!





Our Lady's Pupil Voice 25-26

Faith Leaders



**Prayer Leaders -
group A**



Healthy Snack Squad



**Anti-bullying
Ambassadors (ABA)**



**Change Makers -
Sustainability Squad**



Junior Safety Officers



We Love Reading!



SECRET READERS... shhh!

Our 'Secret Reader' drive continues to flourish! Big shout out to Rosie's mum who read from *The Gruffalo* and talked about why she loves that book!

If you are a parent or relative and would like to pay a 'secret' visit, please get in touch with the class teacher to arrange a time that suits... it's a great way to encourage the children to foster a love of books!



READING RECOMMENDATIONS

"When I was young, my favourite children's books were the Beatrix Potter series!"
Miss Smith



Healthy Eating at Our Lady's



Tasty Tuck Snack List

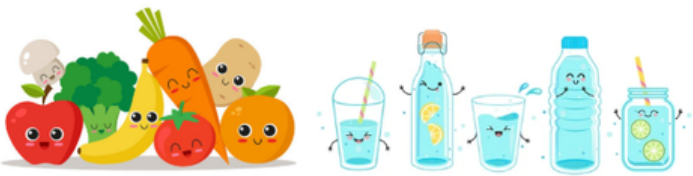
Banana
Grapes (cut lengthways)
Oranges / tangerines
Pears
Apples
Berries
Carrot Sticks

Cucumber
Bread sticks
Cheese straws
Babybels
Yoghurt tubes
Plain rice cakes

None of the following are permitted snacks in school: Chocolate, sweets, cakes, biscuits, crisps...

And to drink...

Water ... or, Low sugar cordial / juice



We were proud of our Tasty Tuck Award last year and want to continue encouraging children to eat healthily.

Thank you to parents for supporting us and being mindful of our posters...

As well as healthy snacks at break times, we would kindly ask that any packed lunches also have a good balance of foods with no chocolate.

Chocolate can be used as a treat at home or... a reward at home once they have completed their reading!



Faith corner

Our Mission Statement

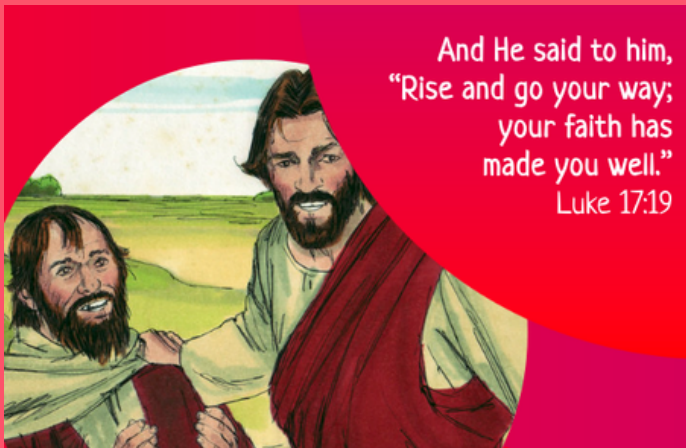


As Our Lady instructed, we are called to follow His Word (John 2:5) - learning with love, joy and hope.

We're proud of our prayer spaces which let children connect with God in a quiet, personal space...



This week's Gospel message



This week the children learnt that faith requires us to be expectant both that God will hear us and that He will respond.

Through the healing of the ten lepers, we explored having gratitude for God's gifts to us.

Attendance...



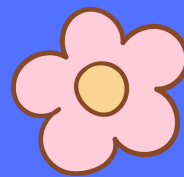
The school target each week is 96%.

This week was 95% - close!

Attendance is crucial for your child's learning development so let's work together to keep their attendance levels as high as they can be...

Rec: 95%
Y1: 99%
Y2: 97%
Y3: 94%
Y4: 94%
Y5: 95%
Y6: 93%

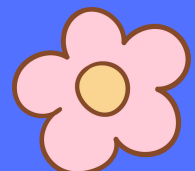
This week's winners
are Y1!
Well done!

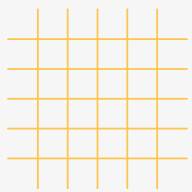


95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	ATTENDANCE MATTERS WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN? BE SMART BE THERE! Percentages based on 190 academic days
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	



What it all means...





Recognition Awards

In Friday's assembly, we were proud to celebrate pupils who gained Recognition Certificates for attributes such as kind behaviour, positive attitudes and superb classwork...

and we celebrate those who did amazing Maths work with their times tables recall, TTRS Rock Stars ... and Numbot legends! Marco, Eliana Oliver and became 'ROCK STARS' because of their speed - awesome dudes!



Congratulations also to Delilah in Y6 for her Head teacher Award.





Looking ahead...



October:

13th & 14th - Y5 'Bikeability' course.

15th - Parents' Evening: slots 2 - 7pm.

23rd - 9am Harvest Assembly (donations sent to St. Joseph's Family Centre).

23rd - 2.30 - 3.15pm Y3 'Book and a Biscuit'

23rd - Last day for pupils... half-term.

24th - INSET Day. STAFF ONLY DAY. Have a great half term! [All school holidays on our website...]

November

3rd - RETURN to school.

3rd - 7th - Y6 Bikeability groups. Details from Miss Rowland.

6th - 9-11am Coffee Morning for parents with Mrs Storey and Early Help in attendance to offer support.

6th - Y5 Puberty Talk with NHS school nurse.

10th - INSET. STAFF ONLY DAY.

13th - Whole School Poetry Party Day.

14th - Y6 Magistrates Workshop.



Reminders



Attendance

We know attendance matters - it impacts upon every child's learning and we thank you for your efforts to ensure your child attends every day. At the start of the year, letters went home from the Local Authority about absence and actions that can be taken. If you need another copy of that letter, please visit the office. Moving forward, any family that wishes to inform school of a planned absence, must complete a Leave of Absence Form and hand this to the office; note, a phone call is no longer sufficient. A copy of the form will be shared via our Arbor email system; also, it will be added to the school website for you to download and print, and hard copies will be left in the office should you wish to collect.

Again, thank you for making every effort to support our attendance records and your child's education.



Punctuality

Please remember that our school bell goes at 8.45am. That is the time all pupils should be lined up.

We have a number of pupils entering through the office after learning has begun, which starts as soon as the children are in the building. Please make every effort to have your child in line at 8.45am so they do not miss out on their learning. Thank you.

Gates - these will be opened at 8.30am then locked at 8.50am; they will be opened again at 3.05pm for the end of the day...

Uniform

We now keep lost/spare uniform in our storage area near the office. You are welcome to come and look in it for any lost uniform or to take any good quality spare uniform free of charge.



After school clubs for autumn 2

Letters went out to highlight those clubs on offer after the holiday with details of when and where they are and how to pay, if there is a fee. See the office if you have any queries.

Head teacher's comment...

Autumn is truly setting in and as we approach the end of our first half-term together, there's already a lot to look back on and be proud of...

I'm also proud that our school has been recognised for the great work we've done in making sure our Science offer is top quality: well done to Miss Pickering, our Science Lead, and all the staff who supported her, to help us gain the PSQM Award.

It is great to see more 'Secret Reader' sessions happening too and it's having a great impact on how our pupils view reading... it should be seen as a means of enjoyment and escapism (while also helping them develop their skills).

I hope many of you feel inspired to come in and share a book you enjoyed.

As always, I hope everyone has a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mr Gilby



**See more via our
social media!**



Website: <https://ourladys-primary.co.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OLWA4>

Instagram: [ourladyswa4](#)



Community



Daresbury Laboratory Family Science Day

Tuesday 28 October 2025

9:00am – 2:30pm | 12:30pm – 5:30pm

Science Fair

Family Show

Workshop

Tour



Limited tickets – Book at your local Family Hub now!

£5 per family, includes sandwich lunch and local coach transfer

Please note – with the exception of blue badge holders,
there will be no parking or drop off on site



Science and
Technology
Facilities Council

<https://tinyurl.com/wkkckju3>





Community



" Family Life Matters"



ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY CENTRE CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2025

Can you support in raising funds or collecting food to provide local families with hampers and vouchers this Christmas?

We need donations of staple food items
tea bags - cereal - tinned food - cooking sauces
pasta - rice - sweet and savoury snacks
as well as Christmas treats
chocolates - puddings - crackers - biscuits

Donations for vouchers can be made using the
QR code below or directly at the Centre.



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support us, get in touch to see
how you can help!