



OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

Newsletter - 23.1.26

*One family,
happy and thriving through God's love*

Journey of a river

Our Y3 learnt about the river system and were supported in this by a member of the Canal and River Trust.



Our Mission Statement



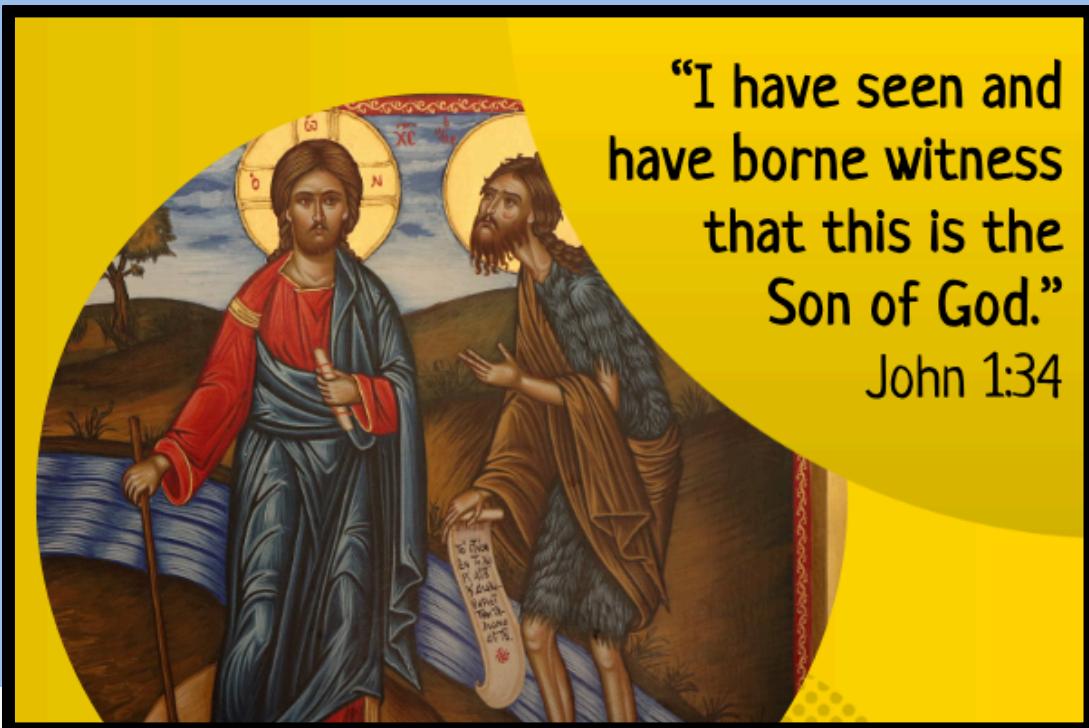
As Our Lady instructed, we are called to follow His Word (John 2:5) - learning with love, joy and hope.

In this week's Gospel the children learnt that John the Baptist recognised how special Jesus was:

the Lamb of God;

the Son of God.

John the Baptist understood Jesus' true identity. With the help of the Holy Spirit we too can recognise Jesus as God and be witnesses for Him in the world.



Attendance...



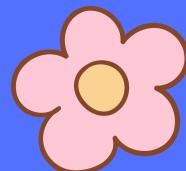
The school target each week is 96%.

This week was... 96% YES!
2 weeks in a row!

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: 97%
Y1: 97%
Y2: 92%
Y3: 94%
Y4: 98%
Y5: 99%
Y6: 94%

This week's winners are Y5 with 99%!
Well done!

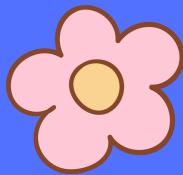


95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR
		8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR
		16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 days
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR
		24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR
		32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!
Percentages based on 190 academic days



What it all means...

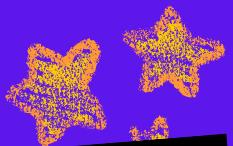


Recognition Awards

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...

We also celebrate those who did amazing Maths work with their TTRS or Numbot work!

We celebrate great lunchtime behaviour, with a certificate and..... the greatest pencil in the world! And Mr Gilby likes to give a headteacher award to outstanding pupils!



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
Babybel
Yoghurt tubes
Plain rice cakes

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

And to drink...

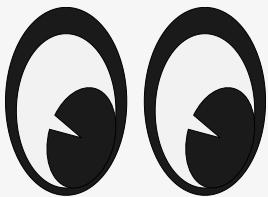
Water ... or, Low sugar cordial / juice



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...



What's coming up:

January:

- 13th : Magistrates in the community with Y6.**
- 14th : Fire service visit with Y5.**
- 15th : 'ChangeMaker' pupils at Chester Zoo.**
- 20th : Rivers Workshop with Y3.**
- 21st : LA weights & measures session for Y6 & YR.**
- 22nd : Y1 Geography trip to Victoria Park.
(POSTPONED.)**
- 22nd : 2.30pm Y2 Book & a Biscuit session.**

February:

- 2nd : Y3 Book & a Biscuit session.**
- 9th - 13th : Children's Mental Health Week.**
- 9th - Kin Ball for Y1 - 6.**
- 11th : Let's Get Active Festival at Orford Hub: Y5&6**
- 12th : Y4 Children's Shakespeare Workshop.**
- 13th : 9am - Y4 Catholic Social Teaching assembly -
parents welcome!**
- 13th : Kids in Colour & mini disco afternoon! Break up for
half-term... see you all Monday 23rd!**

Head teacher's comment...

I have always been proud to lead the staff at Our Lady's, serving the children in our care.

It was nice to be able to come through an interview process to make my role a substantive one.

I will continue to ensure the children at Our Lady's receive the best education possible and that together we live out our vision to be 'one family, happy and thriving in God's love.'

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

Mr Gilby



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