



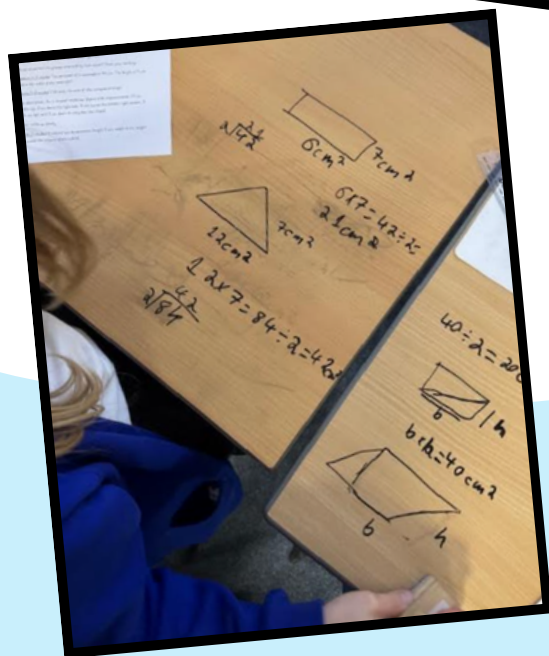
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Maths Mania

**Our Y3 are learning about division while
our Y1 are practising part-whole models...
and Y6? Well rumour has it they solved
the area of a parallelogram by writing on
their desks!**



**Also... we've had Y3's Book & Biscuit
event. taekwondo, dance, yoga,
Medley Music... just another fun week
at Our Lady's!**

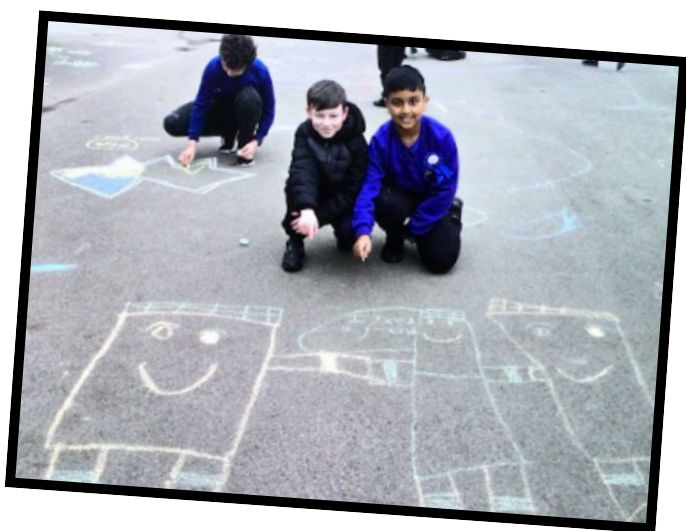


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Picasso Playground

Our children enjoyed showing their creative side with our Chalktastic session!





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Our Lady's Awarded Multiple TEP Badges!

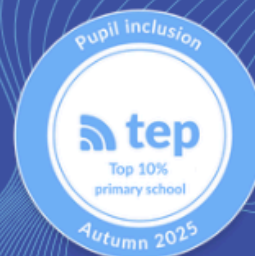
We're delighted to have been recognised with multiple Top 10% engagement awards following the Autumn 2025 census with The Engagement Platform (TEP).

These awards reflect strong outcomes across key areas including enjoyment, effort and inclusion — and the collective work of our whole school community.

We're pleased to share that our school has been recognised as a Top 5% Primary school nationally for PUPIL ENJOYMENT AND PUPIL EFFORT in the Autumn 2025 census with TEP.

Engagement is a powerful tool we are using to shape our school improvement over time. This recognition reflects the consistent work of our employees, pupils and leaders to create a school where young people feel motivated, included and supported.

We're proud of the progress we're making and committed to continuing this journey. Thank you to our whole school community for making this possible.

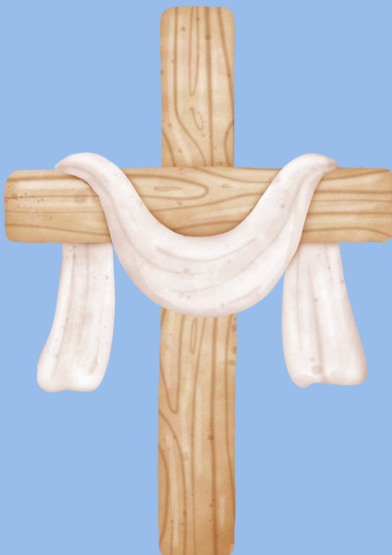


Our Mission Statement



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 people are inspired by Jesus' Beatitudes when he peached to the people and pointed the way towards God's beautiful kingdom; they learnt about how St.Pier Giggio Frassati was inspired by Jesus and helped others.



Attendance...



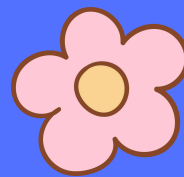
The school target each week is 96%.

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: 91%
Y1: 99%
Y2: 98%
Y3: 97%
Y4: 98%
Y5: 92%
Y6: 96%

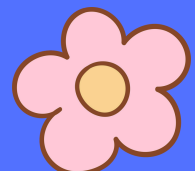
This week's winners
are Y1 with 99%!
Well done!



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! <small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small>
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...





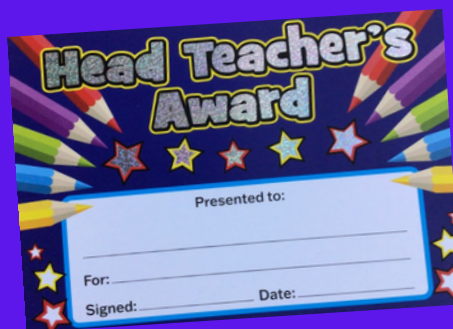
Recognition Awards

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...

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! This week, well done to Coby in Y5.



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...

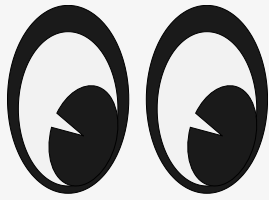
Water ... or, Low sugar cordial / juice



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...



What's coming up:

February:

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 : Well being and

British Heart Foundation Fundraising Day.

Children 'Wear What They Love' with a pound donation for the BHF. As well as this non-uniform day, the children will have a cake sale (50p each) for the BHF so get baking kids and bring in your cakes to sell! And they get a 'Hearty Disco' in the afternoon! They can also guess the sweets in Mr'Gilby's jar (50p a guess) and the winner keeps the whole jar! It should be a great day to round off Well being week and support an important charity that helps so many families.

Head teacher's comment...

The children have excelled again this week in their classrooms and each room I pass or visit is filled with a vibrant learning atmosphere.

What was great this week was seeing the creative side of our pupils in the playground when given chalks and left to their imaginations.. It reminds us of the importance of giving children unstructured opportunities to explore and use their creative minds!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mr Gilby



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