



# OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

## Newsletter - 9.1.26

**This week...**

**A happy new year to you all!**

**At Our Lady's we've started the year by focusing on our school vision which reflects what we want to achieve for everyone here:**



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



## Our Mission Statement



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

### Epiphany - Chalking the door

**This week we asked Christ to bless all who attend our school embracing a tradition to mark above an abode a message:**

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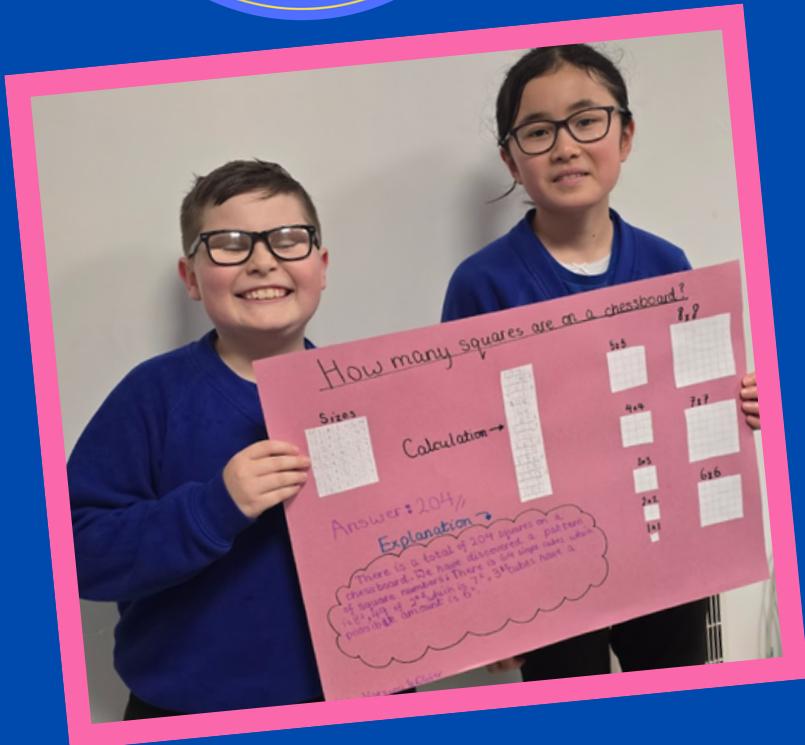
**'May Christ Bless This Dwelling'**





## Maths Challenge

If anyone tells you there are 64 squares on a chess board, tell them they're wrong! Our Y6 can prove why!



## Dance lessons

Our Y5 & Y6 pupils enjoyed the start of a dance program organised by our PE lead, Miss Ford. It was high-energy stuff and they had great fun learning rhythmic moves.

## Yoga sessions

Our Y3 & Y4 pupils enjoyed engaging in yoga sessions as part of their PE offer... they learnt about how to look after the body and mind... namaste!

# We Love Reading!



Last term we really embraced the joy of reading and it was great to have lots of you volunteer as a 'Secret Reader' popping by to read a bit of a story you loved, or talk about it. Please do contact your child's teacher if you can support a love of reading by becoming a Secret Reader!

Thank you also for supporting the 'Book and a Biscuit' sessions we hold to share a love of reading.



## READING RECOMMENDATIONS



In assembly, Delilah recommended 'Dork Diaries' for its humour while Eliza recommended '21% Monster: Ice Giant' for its exciting content.

Mr Gilby also recommended Wind in the Willows as a great story full of warm characters and adventure.



# Attendance...



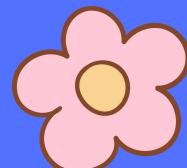
The school target each week is 96%.

This week was 92% - oh dear...

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: 84%  
Y1: 95%  
Y2: 96%  
Y3: 86%  
Y4: 93%  
Y5: 90%  
Y6: 95%

This week's winners are Y2 with 96%!  
Well done!



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| 95% | = | 40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days    |
| 90% | = | 80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 days  |
| 85% | = | 120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days |
| 80% | = | 160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR<br>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

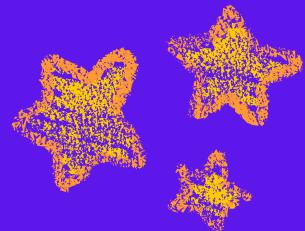


What it all means...



## 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... and we celebrate those who did amazing Maths work with their TTRS or Numbot work!



# 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 heal thy 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...



## 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 to help their education.

### Punctuality

Please remember that our school bell goes at 8.45am. That is the time all pupils should be lined up and learning starts immediately with 'Fluent in Five.' It is very important your child is on time each day.

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

A reminder to please ensure your child has the correct school uniform on each day, including shoes not trainers, etc. Thank you.

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 that has not been reclaimed.

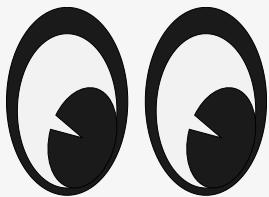
### PE kit

Our PE kit is a blue or white t-shirt and dark shorts; suitable trainers for exercise; long hair to be tied up/back; no jewellery to be worn. Thank you.

### After school clubs

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





## What's coming up:

### January:

**13<sup>th</sup> : Magistrates in the community with Y6.**

**14<sup>th</sup> : Fire service visit with Y5.**

**15<sup>th</sup> : 'ChangeMaker' pupils at Chester Zoo.**

**20<sup>th</sup> : Rivers Workshop with Y3.**

**21<sup>st</sup> : LA weights & measures session for Y6 & YR.**

**22nd : 2.30pm Y2 Book & a Biscuit session.**

## Head teacher's comment...

**It's wonderful to welcome everyone back and I hope you all had a happy and peaceful holiday.**

**We start a new term and already the children have settled back into their routines superbly.**

**The staff are delighted to be back too and are not dreaming of warm, sandy beaches at all!**

**A new year signals the opportunity to look forwards and think about how each of us can set goals to better ourselves and positively influence those around us... let's all embrace that :)**

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

**Mr Gilby**



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