

Our Lady's Primary School Newsletter January 2026



Prayer and Reflection Corner

Our Prayer for February

Life as a child of God

Father in Heaven,
when the Spirit came down upon Jesus
at His Baptism in the Jordan,
You revealed Him as Your own Beloved Son.

Keep me, Your child,
born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to my calling.

May I, who share in Your Life
as Your child through Baptism,
follow in Christ's path of service to people.

Let me become one in His Sacrifice
and hear His Word with faith.

May I live as Your child,
following the example of Jesus.



DATES

Key Dates for Terms 3

3rd February – St Blaise Assembly

6th February – PTFA Meeting – School Hall 3.25pm

12th February – Term 3 ends at normal times

Hat and Scarf Set

As staff, we have noticed an increasing number of children coming to school with hats, scarves and gloves connected to each other; please see the picture below. These sets are not safe as children put their hands in the glove area and we have witnessed children falling over and unable to get their hands out in time and they have hurt themselves. We kindly request that parents provide their children with separate hats, scarves and gloves. Thank you.



Class Assemblies

During Terms 3 and 4, we will be continuing with class assemblies for parents. These assemblies will usually be on a Friday at 9 am in the school hall. The assemblies normally last between 15-20 minutes. Here are the dates for the assemblies.

Friday 23rd January – Year 6

Friday 30th January – Year 3

Friday 6th February – Year 2

Thursday 12th February – Year 5 (End of Term 3)

Friday 6th March – Year 1

Friday 13th March – Reception Class

Dropping off and Collection Times

Please note that the school gates are open from 8.25am-8.40am every day, however, a persistent number of parents are dropping and often leaving their children after this time. Punctuality is an important life skill for the children to learn, please be on time.

After a number of recent issues with local residents and parents with young children and buggies, please remember these instructions; it is important and will be lifesaving. Please do not park on the double yellow lines and let your children get out onto the road from the car. **Please park at St Anselm's Church and walk around; this is the safest option and it will not offend anyone if you do this.** It will also help those parents with young children, as it is becoming dangerous the way certain parents park, forcing buggies onto a busy road. Please think of everyone's needs when parking. Thank you.

Please follow these instructions.

- No parking on single or double yellow lines
- No stopping, dropping or parking on the 'School Keep Clear' yellow zig zags
- No turning in the road
- No parking close to the traffic islands as this blocks the road for buses and larger vehicles
- No parking on corners or junctions, especially near the school entrances
- No parking in private parking spaces
- Please do not block driveways

Upcoming Parent Meetings

As part of our work on sharing how we approach learning at Our Lady's, there are a number of upcoming meetings. Here is a list of the meetings.

Week beginning 26th January – Maths Workshop for parents in Reception Class. These workshops will focus on the teaching of maths. The sessions will be in class and you only need to attend one session. Details to follow.

Week beginning 5th May – CIA Workshops for parents in Reception Class. These workshops will focus how your children learn through child-initiated activities. The sessions will be in class and you only need to attend one session.

Forest School Uniform

Staff are becoming increasingly concerned with the number of hoodies rather than sweatshirts being worn for forest school. Hoodies are not part of the uniform, as the children do not use them safely. This includes putting them over their eyes when walking, children grabbing the hoodies and pulling each other down. If children do come to school wearing hoodies, parents will be contacted and a sweatshirt will need to be brought to school. Please remember that forest school uniform should be plain black or navy. Thank you for your support in this manner.

