

## Our Lady's Primary School Newsletter November 2025



### Prayer and Reflection Corner

*Here is a letter that Giga in Year 4 wrote thanking God.*

*Dear God*

*Father, you have always been the light in my world. Whenever I am sad, I think about you, my God. It helps me to understand why love is the best gift in life. It helps me to understand why love and you, God are good and important to me.*

*You have always made me feel special. Every day you put a smile on my face. I normally pray to you to help me in my struggles. You keep me strong.*

*If you were never in my life, the world would be a mess. I love you God so much. You are mighty and you powerful. You always are supporting me in everything I do. I am grateful that you created me and thank you for this.*

*You are a big inspiration to me. I love you.*

*From Giga*



*School motto: Jesus the teacher guides our every step, leading the way, inspiring us every day.*

## DATES

### Key Dates for Term 2

- 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Enrichment clubs end for Term 2
- 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Forest School finishes for the term
- 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at St Anselm's Church at 9.30am led by Y4
- 10<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance at 10am, KS2 Christmas Performance at 1.45pm in the School Hall
- 10<sup>th</sup> December** – School Choir to sing at St Anselm's Church at 7pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Non-uniform day – Please bring chocolate & stationary for Tombola
- 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fayre for the children
- 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party
- 16<sup>th</sup> December** – School Choir to sing at Bluewater at 1.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole school Christmas Lunch
- 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception Class, Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party
- 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 5 and 6 Christmas Party
- 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Advent Mass at 10am at St Anselm's Church led by Y5

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> January – Soundwrite Workshops for parent in Year 1.** These workshops will focus on the teaching of phonics. The sessions will be in class and you only need to attend one session. Details to follow.

**Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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. We are very excited to be offering these celebrations again. Here are the dates for the assemblies.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Year 4

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Year 6

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Year 3

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 (End of Term 3)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Reception Class

### Password Security

On a number of occasions, children have been taking other children's passwords and logging in as them taking away points and prizes that the children have earnt. When children are using devices, parents should be aware of this and monitoring what they are doing. If this continues, children will lose the right to access different apps.

Thank you.

### Christmas

Here are the key events around the celebration of Christmas that will be occurring in December. **There will be a Nativity play featuring Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2. Year 2 pupils will be leading this celebration, which will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10am in the school hall. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils will lead a carol concert at 2pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall.**

Christmas party dates are as follow: **16<sup>th</sup> December for Years 3 & 4, 17<sup>th</sup> December for Reception Class, Years 1 & 2 and 18<sup>th</sup> December for Years 5 & 6.** On their party day, children to come to school in their party clothes and must bring in their own cup, plate, food and drink. Please note that this cup, plate, food and drink cannot be shared with anyone.

Christmas Lunch for pupils will on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, children may wear a Christmas Jumper if they wish. Please note you must order this meal via ParentPay in advance.

The Christmas Fayre for pupils will be held throughout the day on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** and we hope it will be a great success. Thank you for all who have sent in the lucky envelopes, please continue to do so. **This week, from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December**, we are looking for gifts for our Secret Santa Stall. This is a very popular stall and the children get to go and choose a present at a very reasonable price and wrap it for their mums, dads, carers or guardians. They then take it home with them to give to you at Christmas! If you have any unwanted items that you could send in for this stall, please get the children to bring them in during this week. Examples can be unwanted and unused toiletries/smellies or gift sets, perfumes, aftershaves, in-date chocolates, keyrings, beer mats, pens, socks etc...

Next week, **it is own clothes day on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Children are allowed to wear their own clothes on this day - in return, we kindly ask that: **All children bring in stationery and chocolate please.** All chocolate must be in date. There are some great deals out in the supermarkets now! Stationery gifts could include pencils, pens, notepads, highlighters, felt tip pens etc...

We will use Parent Pay to provide the money you wish your children to spend at the Christmas Fayre. Children will be given tokens on the day representing the amount you have paid. The Christmas Fayre has been set up as an activity on Parent Pay with a maximum contribution of £10. Please note that it is entirely up to you how much you allow your child to spend. **You will need to have made your payment to Parent Pay by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**, and no further payments will be accepted after this day in order to allow time to allocate the tokens to the children.

Children will also be able to send Christmas cards to each other. Please make sure that the name of the child or adult is on the card as well as the year group that they are in. **Please note that no sweets or chocolates should be added to the cards, any attachments will be removed.** Please send in cards from **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December until Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

