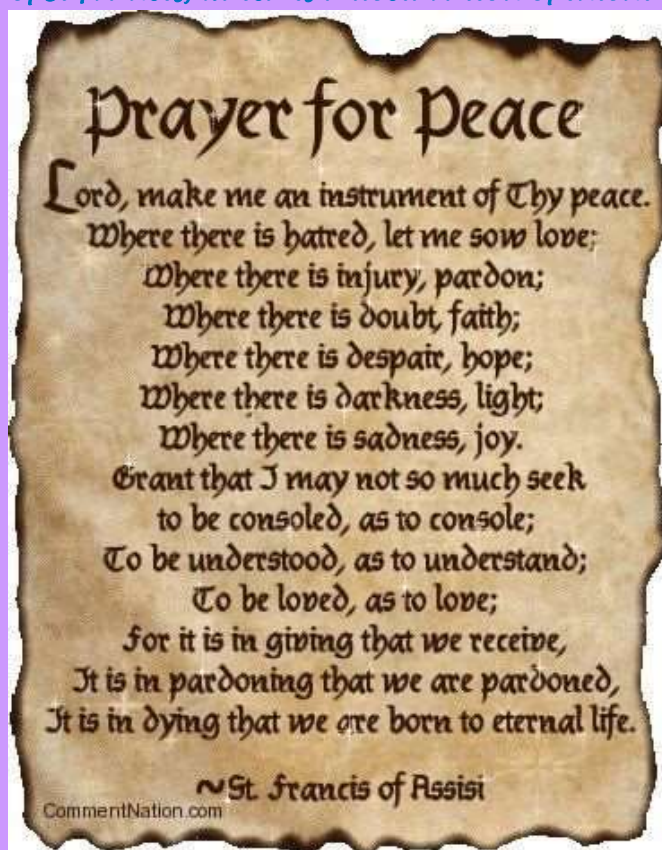


Our Lady's Primary School Newsletter October 2025



Prayer and Reflection Corner

Here is the Prayer of St Francis, which is a declaration of intent of faith and peace.



Enrichment

Please note that enrichment for the whole school will start this **Thursday 30th October** and will finish at **4.15pm**.

Forest School Inspired Learning

Please find below the uniform list and timetable for forest schools. **Please remember that Forest Schools start on the week commencing Monday 3rd November.**

FOREST SCHOOL UNIFORM

Black/navy jogging bottoms and sweatshirt	Also during Winter months: Hat, Scarf & Gloves
Black/navy T-shirt	Thick socks and
Black/navy coat	wellington boots

Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Y2		Reception		Y5
PM	Y6	Y4	Y1	Y3	

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.

Tuesday 28th October – PTFA meeting for all parents. As a school, we would love to re-establish a PTFA to help us with fundraising activities. All are welcome. It will be in the hall after school at 3.25pm.

Friday 31st October – Oracy meeting for all parents. Family homework activities based on Oracy and Sashes. We would like all families to understand our approach to homework. All are welcome. It will be in the hall after school at 3.25pm.

Monday 17th November – Learning Behaviours at KS2. (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) This meeting will highlight the meaning and importance behind our school learning behaviours. It will be in the hall after school at 3.25pm.

Monday 24th November – Characteristics of Effective Learning for Reception Class and KS1 (Years 1 and 2). This meeting will focus on our approach to applying learning across the curriculum. It will be in the hall after school at 3.25pm.

Week beginning 10th November – Soundwrite Workshops for parents in Reception Class. 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 12th 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 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.

DATES

Key Dates for Term 2

30th October – After School Enrichment Clubs begin

31st October – Oracy Meeting for Parents in the Hall at 3.25pm

3rd November – Forest School Starts for Term 2

21st November – Individual photos taken for the whole school

27th November – Prospective Parents' Meeting for Reception Class 2026 at 10am

28th November – St Andrew's House Mass at 10am at St Anselm's Church and House Party from 2pm in School Hall

4th December – Enrichment clubs end for Term 2

5th December – Forest School finishes for the term

8th December – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at St Anselm's Church at 9.30am led by Y4

10th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance at 10am, KS2 Christmas Performance at 1.45pm in the School Hall

12th December – Christmas Fayre for the children

16th December – Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party

17th December – Whole school Christmas Lunch

17th December – Reception Class, Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party

18th December – Years 5 and 6 Christmas Party

19th December – Advent Mass at 10am at St Anselm's Church led by Y5

19th December – Term 2 ends – EYFS/KS1 at 1.20pm and KS2 at 1.30pm

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Open Morning for Prospective Parents

If your child will be five between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027, they need to start school in September 2026. The school is holding an open day for prospective parents and pupils on:

Thursday 27th November 2025 at 10am. There will be a welcome address and after that, parents will have the opportunity to tour the school and ask any questions.

Please find a poster with key information regarding this upcoming event.



**OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PROSPECTIVE PARENTS 2026
OPEN MORNING
BOOKINGS NOW OPEN**



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NOVEMBER, 10AM**

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The Poppy Appeal

Please note that we will be selling poppy merchandise to commemorate Remembrance Day that is on the 11th November, we will start this on Thursday 30th October. Children should bring money in a named envelope to class and the class teams will help them to make their purchase.

Prices: Slap Bands - £1 / Bracelets - £1 / Reflectors 50p

Poppies – any donation

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 10th December at 10am in the school hall. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils will lead a carol concert at 2pm on Wednesday 10th December in the school hall.**

Christmas party dates are as follow: **16th December for Years 3 & 4, 17th December for Reception Class, Years 1 & 2 and 18th 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 17th 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 12th December** and we hope it will be a great success. A letter about how everyone can help will be sent out in due course.

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 send in cards from **Monday 1st December until Wednesday 17th December.**



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 16th January – Year 4

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