

Our Lady's Primary School Newsletter September 2025



Prayer and Reflection Corner

We are close approaching October. October is the month of the Holy Rosary and the entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. The month of October is a good time to commit to praying the Rosary every day. The Rosary will bring great peace and holiness to your life. It is a powerful instrument for conversion. The Rosary is the best method of honouring Mary.

The Rosary begins with the Apostles' Creed, followed by one Our Father, three Hail Marys (traditionally offered for an increase in faith, hope and charity for the praying of the Rosary), a Glory Be, and if desired the Fatima Prayer. Next come five mysteries, each consisting of one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, a Glory Be, and, if desired the Fatima Prayer. Conclude with the Hail Holy Queen. Here are the Prayers.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; on the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy; hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope.

To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us of our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls into heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy.

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

Communication

Parents are welcome to briefly communicate with staff during collection. The main means of communication remain: contact books, telephone calls to the front office or email headteacher@our-ladys.kent.sch.uk If there is a need for you to come to the front office, communication will mainly be via the intercom and please note that toilets remain out of use. **Please note that the office will close at 4pm and telephone calls will not be dealt with until the following day; if it is urgent please leave a message.** Thank you.

Forest School Inspired Learning

We will be continuing with forest schools this academic year. **Sessions for Years 1 – 6 will commence week being Monday 22nd September and Reception Class from Monday 6th October.** Please note that there is a uniform for forest schools as children do love to explore, jump in puddles and roll/slip in mud. Pupils in all year groups (Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) need to come to school in their forest school uniform. Please find below the uniform list and timetable for forest schools.

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	Year 2		Reception Class		Year 5
PM	Year 6	Year 4	Year 1	Year 3	

Meet the teaching staff

We are continuing with 'meet the teaching staff' for Years 1-6. This will be a meeting directly after school where staff will share expectations and curriculum approaches. **All meetings will take place in the classes from 3.25pm until 4.10pm except for Year 3, which will start at 2.30pm to show the curriculum in action. Children can attend these meetings but MUST remain seated with parents at all times.** Staff will share the year group booklet with parents and you can take these booklets home. We look forward to seeing you. Below is the timetable of meetings.

Dates	22/09/25	23/09/25	24/09/25	25/09/24	26/09/25	29/09/25
Year Groups	Year 5	Year 3	Year 1	Year 2	Year 6	Year 5

Birthday Celebrations

There have been a number of requests to bring in party food to celebrate birthdays of children in a number of classes. However, due to the increasing number of children who have either mild or severe food allergies, this cannot happen. If families wish to participate, a birthday book for the class would be a lovely present. The birthday child could write a message in it to their class and then it could be wrapped and the birthday child opens it in front of the class and reads them their message. The book would then stay in the classroom for the children to read.

End of Day Snacks

Staff have noticed an increasing number of children getting sweet treats at the end of the day. Please note that if you wish to provide your child with a snack, it should be a healthy one: fruit, water or juice are acceptable. It is upsetting other children who are not getting these snacks and it is causing issues for staff and some parents. Please be mindful that your actions do affect others. Thank you.

Parents' Consultation Meetings

Please note that Parents' Evening for Years R-6 will be on **Monday 13th October until Thursday 16th October**. You will be able to book an appointment from, **Friday 26th September**. An email will be sent out to parents on this date. EYFS and KS1 will be face-to-face meetings and KS2 will be a telephone consultation. Consultation meetings will start at 9am and finish around 5.30pm.

Reception Class will be held on Thursday 16th October

Year 1 will be held on Wednesday 15th October

Year 2 will be held on Tuesday 14th October

Year 3 will be held on Tuesday 14th October

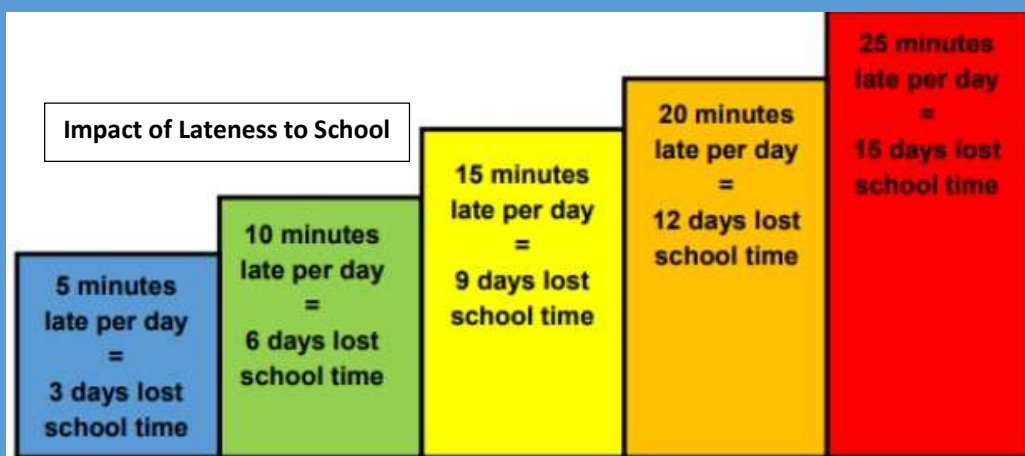
Year 4 will be held on Monday 13th October

Year 5 will be held on Monday 13th October

Year 6 will be held on Thursday 16th October

Punctuality

I am aware that Dartford is generally a hotspot for traffic difficulties as we are within the corridor of the M25 and the A2 and once there is an issue there, Dartford comes to a standstill. However, the number of families who are consistently late, and use traffic as the issue is rising. This is not fair on your children, they are walking into classrooms that are already learning and they are finding it embarrassing. We do a soft start to help parents, 8.25am-8.40am, but it is the same families that are always late. Furthermore, analysing the late sheet that needs to be signed has shown that a number of families who live in the local area and walk are also late. It is important that all children be in school by 8.40am as learning starts then. I will be writing to those families with regard to this matter.



Requests for Formal Letters and References

Increasingly, we are receiving a growing number of requests for formal letters or references. Please note that we will need at least one week's notice to be able to provide these letters. For references, please ask the school to support these requests before other organisations contact us.

Appointments

Please remember that we will need to see evidence of all appointments for all children. This can be a letter, app or text message. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Uniform

Please note that these are the expectations for uniform.

Expectations

As per the school's uniform policy, there are 3 areas where branded items are required.

- **jumper/ cardigan with school logo;**
- **tie;**
- **book bag for KS1.**

All other uniform items can be bought from any shop on the high street or the internet. We also have a nearly new uniform shop throughout the year. We will be contacting parents to remind them of these expectations.

Lost Uniform

We have already had children lose uniform and, if we are fortunate enough to find it, most times it is not labelled. Please remember to clearly label all winter uniform (even shoes for infants); the school will not be held responsible for any lost uniform, please respect this. Furthermore, staff cannot spend a considerable amount of time trying to find it. Children need to be encouraged to be responsible for looking after their uniform and not constantly leaving their jumpers and coats behind!

Coats

COATS MUST BE NAVY OR BLACK, NO PATTERNS.

Forest School Uniform

Forest School uniform must be plain black or navy sweatshirts, jogging bottoms or leggings. Patterns and logos are not acceptable.

PE Kits

In Terms 1, 5 and 6, PE kits should consist of a plain white t-shirt (no polo shirts) and navy shorts, plimsolls for KS1 and trainers for KS2. In Terms 2-4, PE kits should consist of black or navy jogging bottoms and sweatshirt, plimsolls for KS1 and trainers for KS2. Please note the below expectations.

During PE sessions, pupils should be made aware of health and safety expectations. These include:

- t-shirts to be tucked in;
- no tights to be worn;
- school jumpers/cardigans not to be worn;
- hair needs to be tied back;
- no watches or wristbands;
- glasses need to be removed unless this endangers the child;
- during gym or dance lessons, children should be in bare feet to help with grip.

Jewellery

NO JEWELLERY MAY BE WORN. Rings, necklaces, bracelets and earrings present health and safety hazards in school. KS2 children can wear a watch if they can tell the time. Watches must not be Fitbits or smart watches.

To support the teaching of time in maths, watches should have faces on them with numbers, a small hand and a big hand. **All earrings must be out by Monday 29th September.**



Water Bottles

The water bottles that children bring in to school should have sports tops but not be ones that spray water! Please do not spend lots of money on a water bottle.

PE Timetable

Here is the PE timetable that will start week beginning Monday 29th September. PE kits for KS2 children need to be in school from Monday and children should take them home on a Friday.

Timings	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10-10.10am	Year 1	Liturgical Dance	Year 2	Year 5	Year 3
10.50-11.50am	Year 3				
1.30-2.30pm	Year 5	Year 6	Year 4		Year 4

Reception will be completing Beam PE activities but do not need their PE kits in school.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all of Year 6 in their new leadership roles. Congratulations to our new Head Boy and Girl and their deputies, the Competition Captains, House Captains and their deputies, and School Council Representatives, Forest School Representatives, Assembly Monitors and Wellbeing Ambassadors. May I wish them all the success for the coming year. We have a new initiative based around Makaton and other pupil leadership roles across the school are currently being chosen for RE and Art.

HEAD BOY – Sebastian

DEPUTY HEAD BOY – David

St Andrew's House Captains – Chidi & Lucy

St Andrew's Vice House Captains – Arabella & Johann

HEAD GIRL – Esmée

DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS – Abigail, Shwetha & Wonuola

St David's House Captains – Jayden & Mary-Jennifer

St David's Vice House Captains – David & Tamsin

COMPETITION CAPTAINS – Jayden, Lucy, Maria, Mason & Miracle

St George's House Captains – Abigail & Zachariah

St George's Vice House Captains – Maria & Nosa

School Council Representatives

Y1 – Nyra & Liam

Y2 – Olive & Somto

Y3 – Briana & Tymon

Y4 – Giga & Kathy-Theresa

Y5 – Grace & Uriah (Darragh & TJ joined to work on wellbeing)

Y6 – Sebastian, Esmée, Abigail, David, Shwetha & Wonuola (Joshua joined to work on wellbeing)

St Patrick's House Captains – Esmée & Sebastian

St Patrick's Vice House Captains – Ivy & Poppy

Assembly Monitors

(Lifesavers for Miss Quinn!)

Amayra

Chidi

Ivy

Mary-Jennifer

Nature Leaders

Y1 – Gerard & Ire

Y2 – Florence, Joshua & Roman

Y3 – Kameron, Nailah & Seyifunmi

Y4 – Belle & Isaiah

Y5 – Amos, Aniya, Ruby, Otilija & Uriah

Y6 – David, Johann, Poppy, Tamsin, Sebastian & Zachariah

Makaton Masters

Y3 – Chimdimma & Malachi

Y4 – Belle, Bukunmi, Michelle & Kathy-Theresa

Y5 – Lynette

Y6 – Ivy, Joanne, Mary-Jennifer & Wonuola

Curriculum Work

Please [click the link](#) on the email to view the Class Newsletters.

Years 1- 6 have shared the work they did in the first couple of weeks back from school. Please read and enjoy.

DATES

Key Dates for Term 1 & 2

- 18th September** – Year 6 Swimming starts
- 22nd September** – (Week Beginning) Forest School starts for Years 1-6
- 24th September** – Welcome Mass at 9.30am at St Anselm's led by Year 6
- 1st October** – Bikeability Level 1 – Year 6
- 6th October** – (Week Beginning) Forest School Starts for Reception Class
- 8th – 9th October** – Bikeability Level 2 – Year 6
- 9th October** – Flu Immunisation – Reception Class – Year 6
- 13th – 16th October** – Parent Consultations
- 15th October** – Scriptural Rosary for Years 2-6 at St Anselm's Church
- 17th October** – Harvest Mass at 9.30am at St Anselm's Church – led by Y2
- 17th October** – Term 1 ends at normal times
- 27th October** – Term 2 commences & Creativity Week for Yrs 2-6 on Fundamental British Values & Black History Month
- 27th October** – Oracy meeting for parents from 3.25pm in School Hall
- 30th October** – After School Enrichment Clubs begin
- 27th 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** – 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



PLEASE REMEMBER

**No mobile phones or use of
head phones/sets when on
the school site.**

THANK YOU!