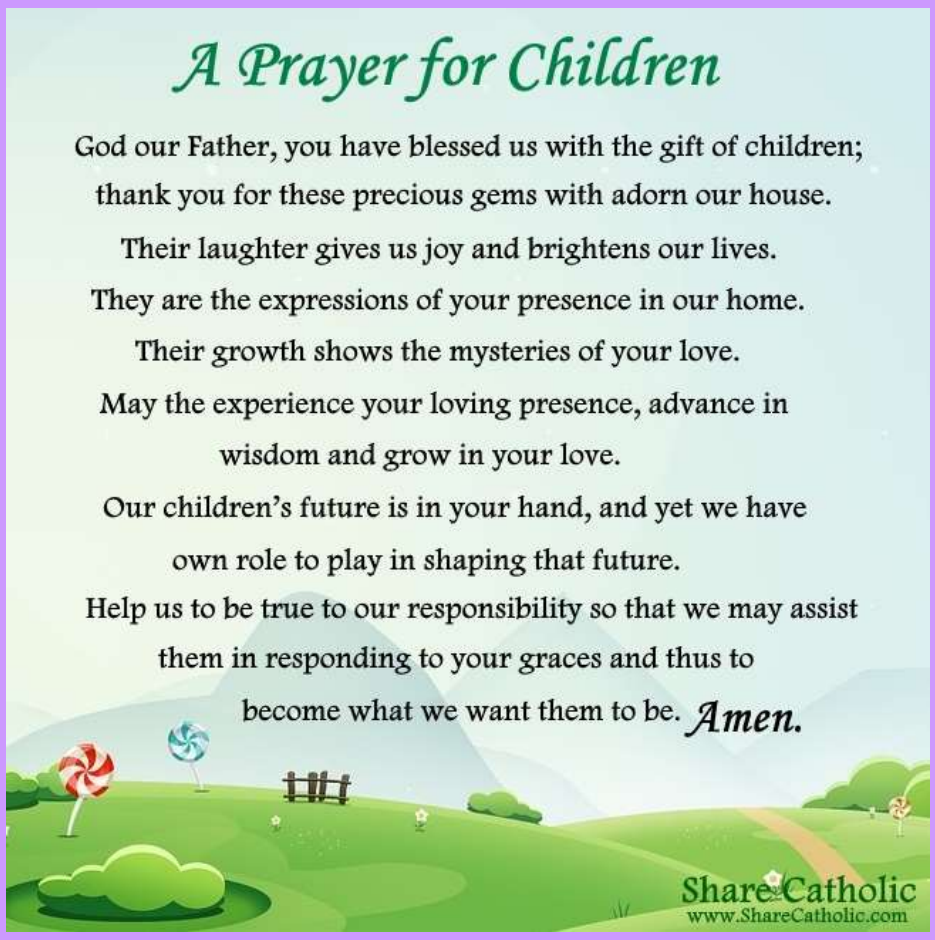
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Our Lady's Primary School Newsletter
September 2025

Prayer and Reflection Corner



Forest School Inspired Learning

We will be continuing with forest schools this academic year. **Sessions for Years 1 – 6 will commence week beginning Monday 21st September and Reception Class from Monday 5th 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 wellington boots
Black/navy coat	

Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Year 2		Reception Class		Year 4
PM	Year 6	Year 5	Year 1	Year 3	

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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.

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 to show the curriculum in action. To ensure parents clearly understand expectations, staff will look after school aged children during these meetings.** 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. Please note that Year 2's meeting has been moved to 29th September.

Dates	21/09/26	29/09/26	23/09/26	24/09/26	25/09/26
Year Groups	Year 4	Year 2	Year 1	Year 3	Year 5 and Year 6

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 19th October until Thursday 22nd October.** You will be able to book an appointment from, **Friday 25th September.** An email will be sent out to parents on this date. EYFS, KS1 and Year 3 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 22nd October
Year 1 will be held on Wednesday 21st October
Year 2 will be held on Tuesday 20th October
Year 3 will be held on Thursday 22nd October
Year 4 will be held on Monday 19th October
Year 5 will be held on Monday 19th October
Year 6 will be held on Wednesday 21st October

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.

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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.

PE Timetable

Here is the PE timetable that will start week beginning Monday 21st September. PE kits for KS1 and 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 3				Year 3
10.50-11.50am	Year 1			Year 5	Year 5
1.30-2.30pm	Year 4	Year 6	Year 2	Year 6	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 – Darragh
DEPUTY HEAD BOY – Leo

HEAD GIRL – Maya
DEPUTY HEAD GIRLS – Alayna & Toluwani

COMPETITION CAPTAINS – Annabeth, Jovencio, Promise & Ruby

School Council Representatives
Y1 – Angela & Cavelle
Y2 – Archibald & Grace
Y3 – Ava-Janelle & Raphael
Y4 – Kameron & Tinuade
Y5 – Ogheneruno & Michelle
Y6 – Alayna, Darragh, Leo, Maya & Toluwani

Assembly Monitors
Chimdaalu, Leonel, Otilija & Uriah

House and Vice House Captains
St Andrew's House Captains – Darragh & Ruby
St Andrew's Vice House Captains – Chimdaalu & Eloka

St David's House Captains – Etinosa & Lynette
St David's Vice House Captains – Amos & Aniya

St George's House Captains – Harry & Michaela
St George's Vice House Captains – Jovencio & Toluwani

St Patrick's House Captains – Bella & Leo
St Patrick's Vice House Captains – Chidera & Maya

Nature Leaders
Y1 – Ayize & Rayan
Y2 – Amara, Frankie & Rakshan
Y3 – Adansie, Alisa & Oskar
Y4 – Alfie, Chimdimma, Leo & Luke
Y5 – Theodore & Valeriia
Y6 – Alama, Aniya, Eloka, Harry & Isaiah

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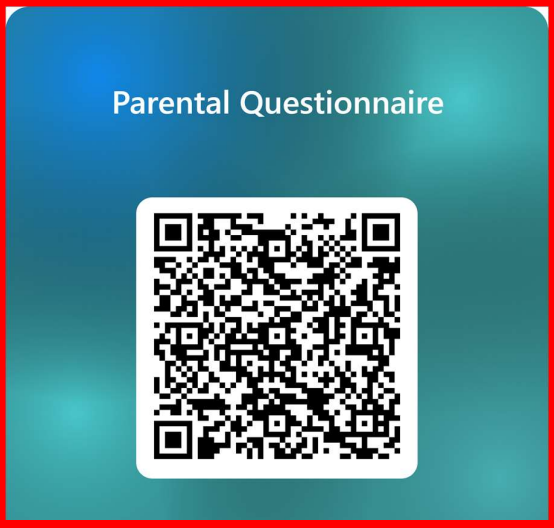
DATES

Key Dates for Term 1 & 2

21st September – (Week Beginning) Forest School starts for Years 1-6
21st-25th September – Meet the Teacher for Years 1-6
30th September – Welcome Mass at 9.30am at St Anselm's led by Year 6
5th October – (Week Beginning) Forest School Starts for Reception Class
6th – 9th October – Bikeability – Year 6
15th October – Harvest Mass at 9.30am at St Anselm's Church – led by Y2
7th October – Scriptural Rosary for Years 2-6 at St Anselm's Church
15th October – Reception Class Reading Meeting for Parents at 3.25pm in the School Hall
16th October – Individual Photographs – Whole School
19th – 22nd October – Parent Consultations
23rd October – Term 1 ends at normal times
2nd November – Term 2 commences
2nd November – Flu Immunisation for all year groups
5th November – After School Enrichment Clubs begin
9th November – (Week Beginning) Forest School Starts for all year groups
9-12th November – Soundswrite Parent Workshops for Reception Class
26th November – Prospective Parent Morning for new Reception Class 2027
30th November – St Andrew's House Mass at 10am at St Anselm's Church and House Party from 2pm in School Hall
3rd December – Enrichment clubs end for Term 2
4th 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
9th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance at 10am, KS2 Christmas Performance at 1.45pm in the School Hall
15th December – Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party
16th December – Reception Class, Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party
17th December – Years 5 and 6 Christmas Party
18th December – Advent Mass at 10am at St Anselm's Church led by Y5
18th December – Term 2 ends – EYFS/KS1 at 1.20pm and KS2 at 1.30pm

Parent Questionnaire

Please find a QR Code below to tap onto a questionnaire for how the school can further help and support families in key areas – Behaviour, Curriculum, Safeguarding and SEND. Thank You.



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Open Morning for Prospective Parents

If your child will be five between 1st September 2027 and 31st August 2028, they need to start school in September 2026. The school is holding an open day for prospective parents and pupils on:

Thursday 26th 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.



OPEN MORNING

OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
PROSPECTIVE PARENTS 2026

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

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THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 10AM