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Our Lady's Primary School Newsletter
October 2026

Prayer and Reflection Corner

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.

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.

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.



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.

RSHE Consultation

An email with key information regarding the changes to the RSHE curriculum have been emailed out to parents, please read. Thank you.

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Harvest Mass

I would like to take this opportunity to praise all the children for such a wonderful Harvest Mass Service. All children were a true credit to the school, sang beautifully and made me very proud. The Year 6 assembly monitors team were a great help in organising the donations at the end of the Mass.

I would also take this opportunity to remind parents that taking photographs or videos of children or staff during Mass is unacceptable, Mass is a sacred place, and it should be kept private. For safeguarding purposes, if any parents did take photographs, we ask that you delete them immediately.

Thank you for all the donations received for Harvest, they will be shared amongst the local community for the people in need.



Sashes Timetable

A letter has been sent out regarding the timetable for work to be completed on our sashes. Please find the overview below. You have received the booklet via an email and all relevant information can be found on the class page on the school's website. Here is the link:
https://www.our-ladys.kent.sch.uk/topic/class-information-pupil-area

Reception Class, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Term 1 through to Term 5 – Five things to do before the end of Reception Class – **Deadline Friday 28th May 2027**
Term 2 – Being Responsible – **Deadline Friday 18th December 2026**
Term 3 – Oracy – **Deadline Thursday 11th February 2026**
Term 4 – Reading – **Deadline Thursday 25th March 2027**
Term 5 – Social and Friendship – **Deadline Friday 28th May 2027**

Year 4

Term 1 through to Term 5 – Five things to do before the end of Year 4 – **Deadline Friday 28th May 2027**
Term 2 – Being Responsible – **Deadline Friday 18th December 2026**
Term 3 – Oracy – **Deadline Thursday 11th February 2026**
Term 4 – Safety – **Deadline Thursday 25th March 2027**

Year 5

Term 1 through to Term 5 – Five things to do before the end of Year 5 – **Deadline Friday 28th May 2027**
Term 2 – Being Responsible – **Deadline Friday 18th December 2026**
Term 3 – Oracy – **Deadline Thursday 11th February 2026**
Term 4 – Environmental – **Deadline Thursday 25th March 2027**

Year 6

Term 1 through to Term 5 – Five things to do before the end of Year 6 – **Deadline Friday 28th May 2027**
Term 2 – Being Responsible – **Deadline Friday 18th December 2026**
Term 3 – Oracy – **Deadline Thursday 11th February 2026**
Term 4 – Being Healthy – **Deadline Thursday 25th March 2027**
Term 5 – Being Cultural – **Deadline Friday 28th May 2027**

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DATES

Key Dates for Term 1 & 2

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
10th December – Christmas Dinner Day
11th December – Christmas Fair 3pm – 5pm
15th December – Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party
16th December – Years 5 and 6 Christmas Party
17th December – Reception Class, Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party
18th December – Advent Mass at 10am at St Anselm's Church led by Y5

School Photographs

Please note that the school photographs have been rescheduled for this **Friday 23rd October**. Thank you.

Collection of Children at the End of the School Day

Parents need to ensure that their children remain with them once they have been collected from their teacher at the end of the school day. A number of children are allowed to run around the playground, this is not safe as it is very busy. Furthermore, can parents please go to the designated area to collect their children and not just stand near the gate to get out quickly. Thank you.

Enrichment Clubs

Please note that enrichment clubs start next term on **Thursday 5th November (3.15pm-4.15pm)** unless you are in choir that starts this week.

Car Parking in Sanctuary Close and on King Edward Avenue

Yet again, I have had a number of complaints from the residents of Sanctuary Close expressing their frustration at the lack of consideration from parents of Our Lady's. You are parking and blocking them in and therefore, they are often late for work, appointments or bringing their children to school. One resident has also cited that parents are rude to them when they request them to move. Parents have also expressed their concerns about how cars are parked on King Edward Avenue, particularly near to the zebra crossing, which is making it difficult for families to cross the road safely. As adults, we are meant to be role models and part of that is being polite. We have an agreement with St Anselm's Church for parents to park there and it is less than a five minute walk to school and is the safest option for all. Thank you.

Class Newsletters

Please find attached the class newsletters for the end of Term 1. Enjoy!

Forest School Inspired Learning

Please remember that in Term 2, forest school does not start until week beginning **Monday 9th November**.

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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 9th December at 10am in the school hall. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils will lead a carol concert at 2pm on Wednesday 9th December in the school hall.**

Christmas party dates are as follow: **15th December for Years 3 & 4, 16th December for Years 5 & 6 and 17th December for Reception Class, Years 1 & 2.** 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 **Thursday 10th December,** children may wear a Christmas Jumper if they wish. Please note you must order this meal via ParentPay in advance.

The Christmas Fayre will be held on **Friday 11th December from 3pm-5pm** and we hope it will be a great success. The PTFA will be sending out information regarding this event.

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 **Tuesday 1st December until Thursday 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 22nd January – Year 4
Friday 29th January – Year 6
Friday 5th February – Year 5
Thursday 11th February – Year 2
Friday 5th March – Year 3
Friday 12th March – Year 1
Friday 19th March – Reception Class

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 **Monday 2nd November** when the children return to schoo for Term 2. 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.

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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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OFSTED REPORT



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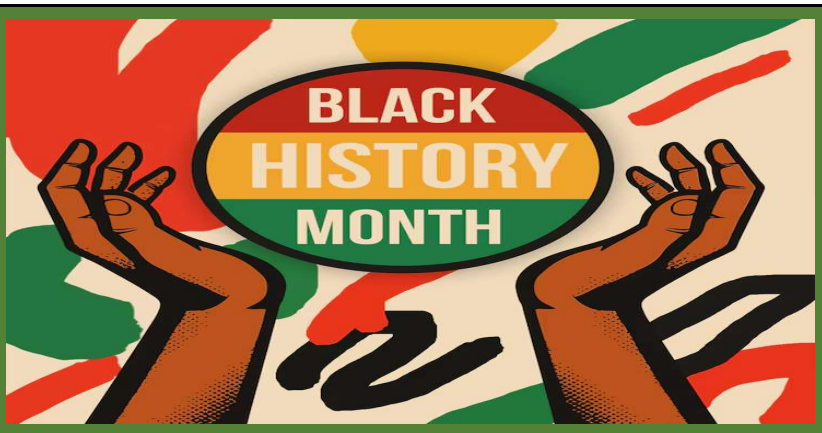
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THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 10AM

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October is Black History Month.

This year's official theme is "Honouring Our Communities"

It is a wonderful opportunity for our children to explore, honour and celebrate the rich history, culture, achievements and contributions of black individuals throughout history and today.

Across the classrooms, children have been using the school values to learn about inspirational people in history such as Michelle Obama, Nelson Mandela, Mother Theresa and Malala Yousafzai.

To show the children that age is never a barrier to making a difference, the school have also been highlighting the stories of extraordinary young people from around the world:

Francia Simon (Dominican Republic): Believing passionately that every child has the right to an education and a recognised identity, Francia began advocating for her peers. Through her courage and persistence, she helped more than 170 children obtain official birth registration so they could go to school, earning the prestigious International Children's Peace Prize.

Baruani Ndume (Democratic Republic of the Congo / Tanzania): He launched a special children's radio show and helped create a children's parliament. His work reunited lost children with their families and gave young people a powerful voice, winning him the International Children's Peace Prize.

Cultural Day 2027

To grow this theme of "Honouring Our Communities" we would love to celebrate the wonderful diversity within our school community. Giving our children the opportunity to learn about and appreciate the different cultures that make us who we are. We would love families to share a little piece of their culture such as family traditions, a greeting in their language, a story, photograph, a favourite cultural celebration or even a popular or unique cultural recipe! We will be hosting our cultural day on Wednesday 26th May 2027.

The aim is to help our children celebrate and learn from each other and the richness of all cultures, while recognising the many things we have in common.

If you would like to get in touch, please contact the school via headteacher@our-ladys.kent.sch.uk and explain what you would like to do. Thank you.