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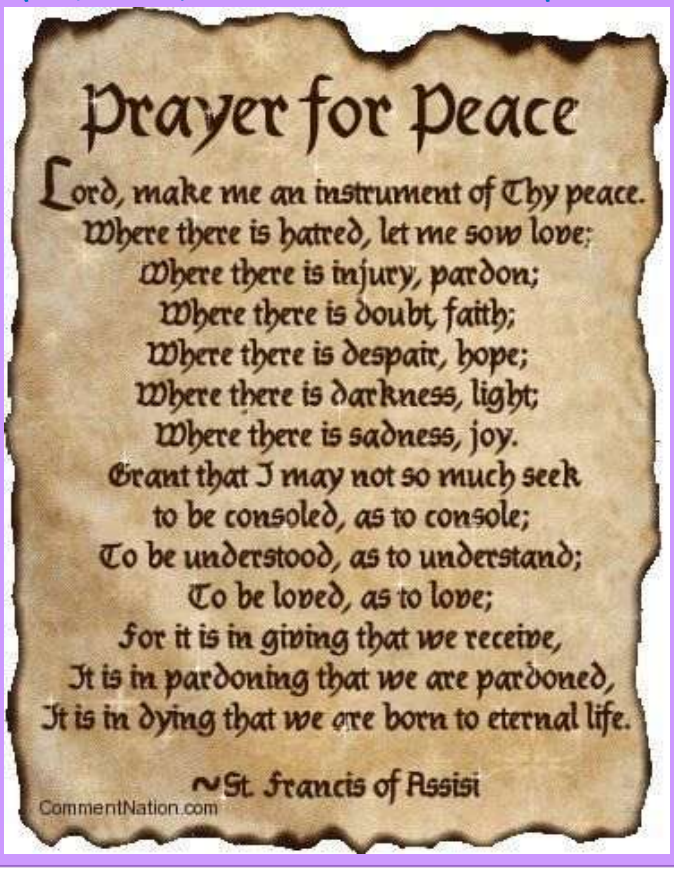
Our Lady's Primary School Newsletter
November 2026

Prayer and Reflection Corner

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



DATES

Key Dates for Term 2

5th November – After School Enrichment Clubs begin
9th November – (Week Beginning) Forest School Starts for all year groups (Year R will start w/c 16th November)
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
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
18th December – Term 2 ends – EYFS/KS1 at 1.20pm and KS2 at 1.30pm

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Sashes Timetable

The focus for Term 2 for the sashes awards is 'Being Responsible'. Below is the list of what each year group needs to achieve. You have until Friday 18th December to upload your evidence onto 'Evidence Me'. If you have any problems, please speak to a member of your child's teaching team.

Reception Class

Activities
To independently do up and undo any fastenings on shirts, coats, shoes and bags.
To tidy away things you have used.
To open and close your bags and then carry all your belongings to and from school.
To walk to and from school including not being picked up when collected at the end of the school day.
To be able to independently tie the school tie.

Year 1

Activities
You always write your name independently.
You share your belongings and return them to the right place when finished with them.
To listen to and repeat instructions before you do anything.
You look after all your belongings independently.
To be able to independently undo and do up the top button on a shirt and tie a tie.
To be able to dress and undress independently in less than five minutes, know what clothes belong to them and not take other children's clothes and shoes.

Year 2

Activities
To sit properly at a table and tuck in your chairs when they are not being used.
To keep your belongings tidy and only use the resources you need to.
To tuck in your clothes and make sure you take pride in your appearance and tie the school tie, undo and do up your top button on a shirt and tie shoelaces independently.
To be able to read the time using an analogue clock or watch.

Year 3

Activities
To dress/undress in a set time without losing any items both at home and at school.
To look after resources and tidy up after yourself.
To get things ready for school or clubs independently.
To be able to independently tie a tie, tie shoelaces, do and undo the top button on a shirt.
To be able to tell the time using an analogue clock or a watch.

Year 4

Activities
To be able to get your clothes, resources and belongings ready for school or activities so that parents are not contacted.
To respect other people's belongings and replace anything that gets broken.
To manage your emotions when you are disappointed with a situation or person.

Year 5

Activities
To use initiative to complete a range of tasks including getting ready for events, self-care jobs and general household jobs.
To be good role models by showing others how to make the right choices even in difficult situations.
To know when to use your manners in different social situations.

Year 6

Activity
To be able to conduct yourself appropriately in a range of situations.
To get ready for secondary school by making sure that you independently fulfil your responsibilities.
To manage disappointment and model how to deal with difficult situations.

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Enrichment Clubs

Please note that enrichment clubs start today **Thursday 5th November (3.15pm-4.15pm). Parents, please collect your child at 4.15pm.**

Car Parking

Yet again, I have had several complaints regarding how parents choose to park. This time, parents are blocking the entrance to Keyes Lodge preventing residents from being able to leave and visitors were unable to seeing their families. What further concerns me is that if the emergency services needed to attend any events, they would be unable to get in. This is unacceptable. Please think about what you are doing, all parents can register their vehicles, then freely park in the carpark at St Anselm's Church for both drop off and pick up. Please use this instead of causing distress to the local community.

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 1.45pm 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 Fair 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.**



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Christmas Raffle – Prize Donation Request

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term.

The Parent Teacher Family Association (PTFA) have been preparing for the Christmas Fair. One of the highlights of the event will be our Parent Christmas Hamper.

This hamper will be specially curated for parents/carers. We are kindly asking if you, a family member, or the company you work for would be willing to donate a raffle prize. Prizes of all sizes are welcome — from gift vouchers and hampers to experiences, products, or services. Every contribution, big or small, makes a real difference and is hugely appreciated.

If you're able to contribute to the hamper, please contact the school office via: headteacher@our-ladys.kent.sch.uk or take your item into the school office by Friday 13th November.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you all!

Warm regards,

Our Lady's PTFA

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 are selling poppy merchandise to commemorate Remembrance Day that is on the 11th November. 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.



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THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 10AM