

Our Lady's Primary School Newsletter

March 2026



Prayer and Reflection Corner

We remain in the liturgical season of Lent. During Lent, we pray 'The Stations of the Cross'.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PRAYER BEFORE THE STATIONS

Jesus Christ, my Lord, with what great love you passed over the painful road which led you to death; and I, how often have I abandoned you. But now I love you with my whole soul, and because I love you, I am sincerely sorry for having offended you. My Jesus pardon me, and permit me to accompany you on this journey. You are going to die for love of me, and it is my wish dearest redeemer, to die for love of you. Jesus, in your love I wish to live, in your love I wish to die.

PRAYERS DURING THE STATIONS

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you.
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

I love you Jesus, my love, above all things; I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again, Grant that I may love you always, then do with me what you will.

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, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among 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 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.

PRAYER AFTER THE STATIONS

Lord, Jesus Christ, you walked the way to Calvary to rescue us from our sin, but the father, pleased with your obedient submission to his will, glorified you in the resurrection. May we follow obediently in your footsteps so that one day we may share in the glory of your risen life. We make this prayer through you who lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Station - Jesus is condemned to death.

Consider Jesus, scourged and crowned with thorns, being unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the cross.

2nd Station - Jesus accepts His cross.

A heavy cross is laid upon the bruised shoulders of Jesus. He receives it with meekness for by the Holy Cross He will redeem the World.

3rd Station - Jesus falls for the first time.

Labouring under the weight of the cross, Jesus slowly sets

forth to Calvary. His strength fail Him; He fall to the ground under the cross.

4th Station - Jesus meets His afflicted Mother.

Consider the meeting of the Son and the Mother, which took place on this journey. A sword of anguish pierced His Mother's heart.

5th Station - Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross.

As the strength of Jesus fails, and He is unable to proceed, the executioners compel Simon of Cyrene to help carry his cross.

6th Station - Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

The holy woman, Veronica seeing Jesus with His face bathed in sweat and blood, presented Him her veil. He wiped His face, and left the imprint of His adorable countenance.

7th Station - Jesus falls the second time.

The pain of His wounds and the loss of His blood increasing at every step. His strength fails and Jesus falls to the ground a second time.

8th Station - Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem

Women went with compassion at the pitiful sight of Jesus walking along. He said to them. "Weep not so much for me, but rather for your children."

9th Station - Jesus falls for the third time.

Jesus falls for the third time. His weakness was extreme., they tried to hasten His steps when he hardly had strength to move.

10th Station - Jesus is stripped of His garments.

Recall how Jesus arrived at the place of His Crucifixion. The soldiers tore His clothes from His bleeding body.

11th Station - Jesus is nailed to the cross.

Jesus lies down upon His Cross, and extends His arms to offer up the sacrifice of His Life for our salvation. The soldiers nail Him, hands and feet.

12th Station - Jesus dies on the cross.

Recall how Jesus agonized for three hours, dying upon the Cross. Then, overcome, His Body sagged; and He breathed His last.

13th Station - Jesus is taken down from the cross.

Recall how two of His disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus, took Jesus' body down from His Cross and they laid Him in the arms of His stricken Mother.

14th Station - Jesus is laid in the sepulchre.

The Body of Her dearly beloved Son is laid in the tomb. The lifeless Body remains until the hour of its glorious Resurrection.

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

End of Term 4

Please note that Term 4 finishes on **Thursday 2nd April at 1.20pm for EYFS and KS1 pupils and 1.30pm for KS2 pupils**. We return to school on **Monday 20th April**.

Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on **Monday 30th March**. The cost of this event for children wishing to take part is **£2.50** via ParentPay from **Wednesday 11th March**. In order that we can co-ordinate this event, please make the payment no later than **Thursday 26th March**.

Easter Egg Raffle

An Easter Egg Raffle will be organised in school from the donations given to us by parents. Children have the opportunity of winning a number of Easter Eggs. **A strip of tickets will cost £1.00;** they will be on sale to the children in their classrooms from **Monday 16th March until Tuesday 31st March**.

Forest School

Please note that forest school will **end for Term 4 on Friday 27th March**. In Term 5, forest school will recommence on **Monday 27th April**, the second week of Term 5. Please note that on **Wednesday 29th April there will be no forest schools for Reception Class and Year 1 due to class photographs**.

Upcoming Parent Meetings

As part of our work on sharing how we approach learning at Our Lady's, there is a meeting for Reception Class. **Week beginning 5th May – CIA Workshops for parents in Reception Class**. These workshops will focus how your children learn through child-initiated activities.

Sports Day

The date for Sports Day has now been confirmed as **Thursday 11th June** at Dartford Harriers Running Track. Further details will follow closer to this date.

Dates for Terms 4 and 5

26th March – Enrichment Classes End for Term 4
27th March – Forest School Learning Ends for Term 4
28th March – Easter Fair 12pm-2pm
30th March – Easter Egg Hunt
31st March – Woodlands Farm Visit for Years 4 & 5
1st April – Woodlands Farm Visit for Year 6
2nd April – End of Term 4 – EYFS/KS1 finish at 1.20pm & KS2 finish at 1.30pm
20th April – Term 5 Commences
23rd April – St George's Mass and Party
23rd April – St George's Parade for Years 3 & 4
23rd April – Enrichment Clubs Commence
29th April – Class Photographs
30th April – Year 4 Swimming Lessons Begin
4th May – Bank Holiday
8th May – May Day Procession
11th -14th May – KS2 SATs for Year 6
21st May – Enrichment Clubs End
22nd May – End of Term 5 at normal timings

Uniform

Please remember to clearly label your child's uniform with their full name and year group.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CHILDREN SHOULD BE DRESSED IN SUMMER UNIFORM AFTER EASTER.

Girls

Light blue gingham dress (not stripes) and navy cardigan **or** school polo shirt and navy skirt

Navy V-neck jumper or cardigan (with school logo)

White socks

White/blue/black/brown low-heeled sandals or shoes may be worn. They must not be open toed and no flashing trainers.



Boys

School polo shirt (light blue)

Grey trousers or shorts

Navy V-neck jumper (with school logo)

Grey socks

Shoes/sandals - brown/black



All children must have a cardigan/jumper in school every day and a coat in inclement weather.

Please remember the 'no jewellery' rule. Please note that hair bands should be black, blue, red or white. NO other colours are acceptable.



EASTER FAIR

Saturday 28th March 2026

Our Lady's is excited for you to join us for our Easter Fair!

Glitter Tattoos Food and Drink Games
Tombola Face Painting Easter Workshop
Meet and Greet with the Easter Bunny
Raffle Prizes

12pm - 2pm

CASH ONLY EVENT

Our Lady's, King Edward Ave, Dartford, DA1 2HZ

Raffle Tickets on Sale from 9th March

I You're Invited!

EGG HUNT

EASTER RAFFLE £2.50 per strip

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!
JOIN OUR EASTER RAFFLE AND BE ONE OF THE LUCKY WINNERS TO TAKE HOME A PRIZE. IT'S EASY TO JOIN AND WILL BE FULL OF FUN!

ALL THE MONEY WE RAISE WILL HELP ENHANCE AND FURTHER THE CHILDREN'S LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

TICKETS ARE ON SALE IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND FROM 9TH MARCH

**DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT OUR EASTER FAIR
SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2026**

PRIZES INCLUDE:
WEEK FOOTBALL CAMP AT CHARLTON FC
GIFT VOUCHERS
PROSECCO
GUITAR LESSONS
AND SO MUCH MORE