

Our Lady's Primary School Newsletter

March 2026



Prayer and Reflection Corner

From next Wednesday, we will be 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.

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St Patrick's Mass

Please note that St Patrick's Mass will be on Tuesday 17th March. Mass will be at St Anselm's Church and begins at 9.30am; all are welcome. Please remember that all St Patrick's children can wear their own clothes for the whole day.

Scouts and Brownies may wear their uniforms.



Dates for Term 4

11th March – Trip to Oxleas Woods for Reception, Year 1 & 2
17th March – St Patrick's Mass and House Party
20th March – Pre-loved Uniform Sale
25th March – Parents' Consultation – Face to Face
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

Class Assemblies

During Term 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. Here is the date for the final assembly.

**Friday 13th March –
Reception Class**

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.

Parents' Consultations

Face to face parents' consultations are at the end of this term. **All year groups are on Wednesday 25th March from 1.30pm-7pm.** All meetings will be 10 minutes in length and teachers will be stopping after that time.

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.

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.**



The poster features a purple background with white clouds at the top. In the top left is the school crest with a red cross and the letters 'O L P S' and 'FIDELITY DILIGENCE ET'. Below it are logos for 'DC JAGGER', 'CHARLTON ATHLETIC', 'Sainsbury's', and 'Jo Malone London'. In the top right are Easter eggs and a string of flowers. The central focus is a large yellow raffle ticket with the text 'EASTER RAFFLE' in large blue letters and '£2.50 per strip' in a smaller font. To the right of the ticket is a 'next' logo and a 'One4all' gift card. Below the ticket is a yellow banner with the text 'GET YOUR TICKETS NOW FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!' and '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!'. Below this is another yellow banner with the text 'ALL THE MONEY WE RAISE WILL HELP ENHANCE AND FURTHER THE CHILDREN'S LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND OPPORTUNITIES'. Below that is a white box with the text 'TICKETS ARE ON SALE IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND FROM 9TH MARCH' and 'DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT OUR EASTER FAIR SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2026'. At the bottom, there are two large pink and white striped wheels, a white rabbit, and several colorful Easter eggs on a grassy field. The text 'PRIZES INCLUDE: WEEK FOOTBALL CAMP AT CHARLTON FC GIFT VOUCHERS PROSECCO GUITAR LESSONS AND SO MUCH MORE' is written in the center bottom.

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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

Dear Parents

We are a group of parents that have come together to support our SEND pupils. As a result of this, we invite you to join us in celebrating Neurodiversity Week from Monday 16th March to Friday 20th March. The theme we have chosen is **"All About Me"** a celebration of the wonderful diversity of our children recognising that every child thinks, learns and experiences the world in their own unique way. Throughout the week, we will be highlighting the strengths, creativity and individuality of all our children while encouraging understanding, kindness and inclusion within our school.

We have planned a number of activities during the week for the children and parents to take part in below:

Monday 16th March:

"Beyond the Pencil Grasp" Parent workshop

An interactive online workshop at 8:00pm led by Occupational Therapist Munira Adenwalla (OT4Kids). This session is open to all parents at Our Lady's School and will take place via Zoom. The workshop will help parents understand the foundational skills that develop before writing. Rather than focusing only on pencil grip or extra practice, the session explores sensory processing and coordination so parents can better understand where their child may need support and how to help them at home. **This is a FREE event.** Registration details are below - please click the link to register and join. https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/3dR00_zuQb2PaNq-p-qn0g#/registration

Tuesday 17th March

The Sensory Sanctuary

We will be consulting with the children to update and create dedicated sensory zones within the school. Parents from the SEND parent group and children will have the opportunity to work collaboratively in a brainstorming session to explore sensory needs and begin building or adapting our outdoor "Zone of Regulation" space.

Wednesday 18th March

Creative Workshops – "The Washing Line"

Children will take part in creative classroom workshops inspired by artist, author and advocate Mahlia Amatina from Reading. Children will create mixed-media "All About Me" artwork with the support of their teachers. Mahlia Amatina created an installation called The Washing Line, inspired by Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne. We will adapt this concept so that each child creates something that represents who they are.

All the children's artwork will then be displayed on a class washing line installation in the school, creating a vibrant visual celebration of all the individuality within our school community. Parents are invited to view the washing line on Friday 20th straight after school. You can see Mahlia Amatina's original inspiration here: <https://www.mahliaamatina.com/80washinglines>

Friday, March 20

The Grand Reveal and Wear Any Colour Day

- To celebrate the multiple colours in the symbol of neurodiversity, pupils are invited to wear any colour of their choice on Friday.
 - We kindly ask for a £1 donation, with all funds raised going towards purchasing additional sensory materials for the calming and supportive area in the school, benefiting all pupils.

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- We will be hosting a coffee morning **for parents with children on the school SEND register** at 9:00am - an opportunity to come together and discuss the new changes proposed by the Education Whitepaper.
- All Parents are invited into the school hall after school to see their child's "All About Me" washing line art work.

We hope this week will be a joyful opportunity to celebrate every child's individuality, raise awareness about neurodiversity and continue building an inclusive environment where all children feel understood and valued.

Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to celebrating this week with you.

Warm regards,
The SEND Parent Group
Our Lady's School