

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

*We aspire that through the love of Jesus everyone
should "have life and have it to the full."*



NEWSletter

Friday 26th September 2025



Loving God,

Thank You for our school community
and for the blessings of learning and
friendship.

Be with our pupils as they grow in
knowledge and kindness,
with our staff as they guide and
inspire,
and with our families as they nurture
with love and care.

May Our Lady's always be a place of
welcome, respect, and joy,
where we walk together in faith and
hope.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for such a warm welcome in my first few weeks here. I have settled in really well and it has been wonderful to meet so many of you already. The children have been fantastic – showing great enthusiasm for their learning and making me feel very proud of our school community. If you would like to arrange a meeting with me at any point, please don't hesitate to get in touch through the school office.

With every blessing,

Aga Przybylska

"BYE
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Today, we said a fond goodbye to our School Business Manager, Mrs Slane. After many years of dedicated service to Our Lady's, she leaves behind a lasting legacy of commitment and care. Mrs Slane has been such an important part of our school family, supporting staff, pupils, and parents with kindness and professionalism. She will be deeply missed by us all.

On behalf of the whole school community, we once again thank her for everything she has given to Our Lady's and wish her every happiness in the next chapter of her life.

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Our Behaviour Expectations

These three simple words capture what we believe makes our school a happy, successful, and caring place for every child.

- **Ready** – coming to school prepared to learn, with the right equipment, uniform, and a positive attitude; listening carefully, following instructions straight away, and always giving your best effort.
- **Respectful** – showing kindness and consideration towards others, speaking kindly to everyone, taking turns, looking after our classrooms, playgrounds and equipment, and showing care for the whole school community.
- **Safe** – making sensible choices in and out of the classroom, looking after ourselves and those around us, walking calmly around school, using equipment properly, playing sensibly.

We ask parents and carers to support us by reinforcing these values at home.

- **Ready** – being on time, completing homework, bringing reading books daily, reading every evening, and wearing the correct school uniform.
- **Respectful** – using kind words, saying please and thank you, listening carefully, helping during mealtimes, and tidying up belongings.
- **Safe** – bringing healthy, nut-free snacks and lunches, wearing a helmet when cycling or scooting, walking bikes/scooters on school grounds, keeping safe around cars, (especially in the church car park), and being safe online with age-appropriate apps and parental restrictions in place.

Together, we can ensure Our Lady's remains a place where every child feels valued, supported, and able to achieve their best.

By living out these values, our children are learning the skills they need not only to succeed in school but to thrive as thoughtful, caring, and responsible young people in the wider world.



Save
the
Date

PTA Annual General Meeting

All parents, carers, teachers and friends of Our Lady's School are warmly invited to our AGM. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the achievements of the past year and to find out how you can get involved in supporting our school community.

We are always looking for new members to join our friendly fundraising team. You can give as much or as little time as you are able—every contribution makes a real difference. No special skills are needed, just your time, enthusiasm, and willingness to help.

If you'd like to learn more, please email admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk.

MEETING

Everyone is welcome—we would love to see you there!

When: Tuesday 7th October 2025

Time: 6.00 pm

Where: School Hall

Please **Come join us!**

This week Attendance

Whole School - 95.1%

Reception	91%
★ Year 1	99%
Year 2	91%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	91%

Attendance & Punctuality



At Our Lady's, we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. Every school day matters, and arriving on time helps children start their learning calmly and confidently alongside their classmates. Regular attendance ensures that pupils make the most of every opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

Please remember that holidays during term time cannot be authorised, as time away from school has a significant impact on children's learning and progress. We ask for your support in arranging family holidays during school breaks only.

Together, by valuing every school day and arriving punctually, we can give our children the very best start in life.

Parents' Evenings



Looking ahead, Parents' Evening bookings will open on Arbor from 10th October. Letters with further details will be sent home next week. Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 15th October and Wednesday 22nd October. Bookings can be made easily through the Arbor app.

Uniform



Thank you for supporting us in keeping up our high standards of uniform - it really helps our children feel proud and part of Our Lady's. The most important reminder is please label every single item of your child's uniform clearly with their name. This includes jumpers, coats, shoes, and PE kit. With so many similar items in school, labels make it much easier to return lost belongings quickly.

If you have any questions about uniform or need support, please do get in touch with the school office - we are here to help.

Summer uniform may be worn until half term. After this, all pupils should be in full winter uniform. Please make sure every item is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Upcoming Events

October



8th - Roman museum experience visit Y4
14th - Toys through time visit Y1
15th - Parents evening 3.30 - 6.00pm
16th - Harvest Assembly YR & Y1 at 2.30pm
22nd - Parents evening 3.30 - 6.00pm
23rd - Harvest Supper Y6 & YR Buddies at 2.30pm
24th - INSET DAY - school closed
27th - 31st - HALF TERM

November

3rd - First day of term 2
5th - YR & Y6 Trip to Queenswood
11th - Individual photographs
28th - Y1 & Y2 Healthy lifestyles talk with School Nurse

December

1st - Y6 Trip to Belmont Abbey
2nd - YR Trip to Dinmore Hill Christmas Tree Farm
5th - YR, Y1 and Y2 visit MESC - Santa
11th - School Christmas Lunch Day
16th - Visiting Pantomime
19th - LAST DAY

Healthy Packed Lunch & Snacks



Children may bring a packed lunch in a clearly labelled lunch box or bag, showing their name and class. We encourage a healthy, balanced lunch that includes fruit and other nutritious snacks. Children may also bring a **healthy snack** for break time.

Important:

- We are a **nut-free** school. Nuts or products containing nuts are not allowed, including peanut butter and Nutella.
- All children must bring a clearly labelled **water** bottle containing water only. Juices and squash are not permitted, as they can contribute to tooth decay.

Celebration



Well done to all our children who received a Gold Award and our Virtue Award this week.

We are so proud of you—keep up the wonderful effort!



Congratulations!

	Virtues Award	Golden Awards	
Year R	Tosia	Alicja	Olivia K
Year 1	Stanley	Joffin	Felix
Year 2	Ada	Alex S	Maksym
Year 3	Alina P	Marcel	Jayce
Year 4	Stefaniya	Nicolas	
Year 5	Hazel	Jackson	Jaden
Year 6	Georgia	Reggie	Lidia

STAFF

Class	Teacher	Learning Support
Nursery	Mrs F Zanini	Mrs A Klyz Miss I Williams Miss S Stallard
Reception	Mrs H Flynn	Mrs C Nixon Mrs K Gainey Mrs B Gabrielides (PPA cover)
Year 1	Mrs H Whittal Mon Mrs T Griffiths Tue-Fri	Miss S Pritchard Mrs M Turner Mrs T Harris
Year 2	Miss A Pliszko	Mrs C Keogh-Smith Mrs T Evans Mrs F Moverley
Year 3	Mrs K Thomas	Mrs M Oleksy Mrs L Joynt Mrs B Gabrielides (PPA cover)
Year 4	Mrs D Fitzpatrick Mon-Thur Mrs O Major Fri	Mrs B Gabrielides
Year 5	Mr K Scullin Mon-Wed Mrs R Bryan Wed-Fri	Mrs A Sztandera Miss V Loney
Year 6	Mrs E Sanders	Mrs S Benson Mrs B Gabrielides (PPA cover)

Learning Support Staff

Your child may work with different learning support staff during the week. The names in classrooms are just a guide to who will spend some time in that class, not who will be there all the time. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team supporting our children's learning.

Ms A Przybylska	Head Teacher
Mrs R Bryan	Deputy Head
Mrs O Major	SENDCO
Mrs L Good	Administrator
Mrs L Slane	School Business Manager
Mrs F Moverley	Assistant SENDCO
Mrs S Lewis	Lunchtime Supervisor
Mr N Rose	Caretaker