

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 16th January 2026



Loving God,

As we begin a new year together,
we thank You for the gift of fresh starts and new
beginnings.

Bless our school community as we learn, grow, and
journey together.

Give our children curious minds, kind hearts, and the
confidence to try their best.

Guide our staff with patience, wisdom, and joy in all
they do.

Support our families with strength, peace, and hope
for the days ahead.

Help us to treat one another with respect and
compassion,

to face challenges with courage,

and to celebrate each success with gratitude.

May this new year be filled with learning, laughter,
and love,

and may Your presence be with us in our classrooms,
playgrounds, and homes,
today and always.

Amen.

Message from Headteacher

I would like to begin by saying a heartfelt thank
you for the many Christmas cards, kind messages,
and generous gifts I received at the end of term.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity were truly
appreciated and made me feel very valued as part
of this wonderful community.

As we begin a new year, we are reminded of our
shared responsibility to live out our school mission
each day — through kindness, respect, high
expectations, and care for one another. By working
together as a school family, we can ensure that
every child feels safe, supported, and inspired to
do their very best.

Please remember that my door is always open. If
you have any questions, concerns, or simply wish to
talk, I am always happy to listen and work with you
in the best interests of our children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support
and partnership. I look forward to all that we will
achieve together in the year ahead.

Warm regards,

Aga Przybylska

**THANK
YOU!**



Thank You for Your Generosity

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for two anonymous donations of £200 each, given so
generously to support our children.

One of these donations was specifically designated for our sensory room, and we are incredibly
grateful. Contributions like this make a real difference, helping us to enhance our provision and
create spaces that support children's wellbeing, emotional regulation, and learning.

Acts of kindness such as these mean a great deal to our whole school community. Thank you for
your generosity, thoughtfulness, and for supporting our children in such a meaningful way.

Living Our Mission Together

At Our Lady's, our mission is rooted in the words of Jesus:

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

This mission guides everything we do as a school community. It reminds us that education is about much more than academic success alone. Each day, we strive to nurture the whole child — academically, spiritually, socially, and emotionally — so that every child feels safe, valued, and encouraged to be the very best they can be.

In school, you will see our mission lived out in many ways: in the care and kindness shown between children, in the high expectations we hold for learning, in the way staff know and value each child as a unique individual, and in our shared prayer, worship, and acts of service. Through strong relationships, encouragement, and challenge, we help children grow in confidence, resilience, and compassion, guided by the example of Jesus.

Our mission does not stop at the school gates. We know that children learn most powerfully when school and home work together. By modelling kindness, forgiveness, respect, and care for others at home and in the community, families help reinforce the values we teach in school. Simple acts — listening, encouraging perseverance, helping others, and showing gratitude — all help children to understand what it truly means to "live life to the full."

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, as families, parish, and school, we can help every child grow into a confident, caring, and hopeful young person, ready to make a positive difference in the world.

WE FOLLOW JESUS



- † Be kind
- † Tell the truth
- † Forgive
- † Live like Jesus



WE LOVE



- ♥ Help others
- ♥ Include everyone
- ♥ Be a good friend
- ♥ Share & care



WE LEARN



- 💡 Try your best
- 💡 Ask questions
- 💡 Keep going
- 💡 Learn every day



WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE



- 🌍 Be helpful
- 🌍 Protect God's world
- 🌍 Stand up for what's right
- 🌍 Make good choices



Three Kings (Epiphany) Mass



On Monday 6th January, our school community came together to celebrate the Feast of the Three Kings (Epiphany) with a beautiful Mass. This special celebration reminded us of the journey of the Magi, who followed the star with faith, generosity, and hope, bringing their gifts to the infant Jesus. The Mass was a meaningful start to the new term, encouraging us to reflect on how we, too, can offer our own gifts through kindness, service, and love for others.

School Gates and Parking Reminder



The school day begins at 8:50am, and we aim to open the gates five minutes beforehand to support a calm and orderly start to the day. Safeguarding is always our highest priority, and on occasion staffing or safeguarding demands may result in brief delays. We thank parents for their understanding and continued support. We would also like to remind families to park considerately around the school site, being mindful of our neighbours and keeping access routes clear to ensure everyone's safety.

Attendance and Sickness



At Our Lady's, we place great importance on good attendance, while also ensuring the health and wellbeing of our whole school family. If your child is absent due to illness, please telephone or email the school office on the first day of absence, letting us know the reason and the expected duration. If your child remains unwell, we ask that you continue to keep in touch with us.

As many families are aware, there have been a number of seasonal illnesses circulating, including colds, flu, and sickness bugs. While we always encourage children to be in school wherever possible, we also take our responsibility seriously to prevent the spread of illness. For this reason, we strictly follow protective health measures, including:

- A 48-hour period away from school following sickness or vomiting
- Delaying a child's return if they are not fully recovered
- Contacting parents to collect children who become unwell during the school day, particularly if they have a high temperature

We are grateful to families for their understanding and support with these measures. They are in place because we care deeply about our children and staff, and they help to protect attendance in the long term.

If a child's attendance falls below expectations and they miss more than 10% of school time, they are classed as a persistent absentee. In these cases, Mrs Moverley will be in touch to work with families and offer support. This may include signposting to additional help, such as the school nurse or Early Help services, where appropriate.

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us to support good attendance while keeping our school community healthy, safe, and well cared for.

Celebration

Congratulations!

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!

Class	Virtues	Fantastic Fortnight	Golden Awards	
Year R	Alicja	Adriyus	Jachi	Louise
Year 1	Rosa		Emil	Natalia
Year 2	Adam	Penelope	Samuel	Olivia
Year 3	Eidan	Lulah	Marcel	Alina R
Year 4	Stefaniya	Francesca	Finley	
Year 5	Zac	Isaac	Julia	Lea
Year 6	Lidia	Reggie	Maya	Emily

Attendance

Whole School	Year Group	Present R/C: Marks (%)
All Students	Year Y1	96.53%
All Students	Year Y2	97.33%
All Students	Year Y3	98.04%
All Students	Year Y4	96.73%
All Students	Year Y5	94.06%
All Students	Year Y6	91.98%
All Students	Year YR	88.06%