

# 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 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Loving God,

We thank You for our school family  
and for the gift of each new day.

Help us to be kind, patient, and  
thoughtful in all that we do.

Guide our children as they learn  
and grow,

our staff as they teach and care,  
and our families as they support  
one another.

May our school be a place of  
safety, joy, and peace.

Amen.



### Message from Headteacher

Our school is a busy, vibrant place, and at the heart of everything we do is the wellbeing of our children -emotionally, socially, and academically.

We know that children thrive best when school and home work closely together. Please continue to support your child with **good routines**, including regular **attendance**, **punctuality**, **reading**, and **homework**, as these small daily habits make a significant difference over time. Just as importantly, taking time to talk, listen, and reassure your child helps them feel safe, confident, and ready to learn.

I would like to reassure all families that my door is always open.

If you have a concern, a worry, or simply something you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact the school. No concern is too small - working together early often makes all the difference.

Our mission at Our Lady's calls us to care for one another, to act with kindness and respect, and to help every child flourish. Thank you for the trust you place in us each day by sharing your children with us. It is a privilege to serve this community.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

*Aga Przybylska*

### Inspections – Parent Voice

As many parents may be aware, we are expecting two inspections:

- A Catholic Schools Inspection
- An Ofsted Inspection

During both inspections, inspectors will speak to parents about our school. Any parent is welcome to take part, and we would love to hear a wide range of voices.

This is not a scary process - the more parents who are willing to share their experiences, the better. If you would be happy to contribute, please let the school office know.

## Gate Procedures – Reminder

This is a quick reminder about our gate procedures, which were shared with all parents by email.

Morning gates open at 8:45am

The school day begins promptly at 8:50am

Gates will be closed at 8:50am

For safeguarding reasons, we ask that children are dropped off at the school gate in the morning. There is always a member of staff supervising the gates, and our Year 6 pupils help support younger children by walking them safely to their classrooms.

For the same safeguarding reasons, adults are not permitted to cross the school site from one gate to another.

If there are special circumstances, please speak directly to the Headteacher.

Thank you for your understanding and for supporting us in keeping our children safe.

## School Uniform – Important Update and Reminder

We would like to inform parents that our current local uniform shop is closing down, and we are actively exploring alternative providers to ensure families continue to have easy access to school uniform.

In the meantime, please continue to purchase all items of Our Lady's school uniform online via Mapac.

**NAME :**

On this occasion, we would also like to strongly remind all parents to label ALL items of school uniform, including coats, hats, gloves, jumpers, and cardigans. We already have a large amount of lost property, much of which is unlabelled, and clear labels make a huge difference in returning items to children quickly.

## Leavers and Welcomes

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Thompson from her leave. Mrs Thompson is a class teacher in Year 1, and we are very pleased to have her back with us.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Whittal, who has been covering this year. We thank her sincerely for her support and the work she has done with our children.

We have also recently said goodbye to Mrs Joynt. We are very grateful for everything she has contributed to our school.

We are pleased to share that Mrs Moverley is our Pastoral Care Lead, working closely with children to support their wellbeing, emotional development, and pastoral needs.

## Governors – We Need You

We are currently looking for a Foundation Governor. This role requires the person to be a practising Catholic.

Governors play a crucial role in school life. They help shape the strategic direction of the school, support and challenge leadership, and ensure the school continues to grow and thrive. Schools cannot function without governors – they are a vital part of our community.

No prior experience is required. Full training and support are provided, and many people are surprised to discover just how many transferable skills they already have.

If you are a practising Catholic and this is something you might consider, or if you know someone in your parish who may be interested, please contact us for an informal chat.



## Belmont Abbey Youth Choir

Belmont Abbey Parish has recently launched a new Youth Choir, following a very successful trial during the Michaelmas term.

Belmont Abbey Youth Choir

- For children and young people aged 7-17
- Leads music at the 11am Mass once a month (term time)
- Friendly, welcoming choir with professionally led rehearsals
- No previous singing experience needed



Rehearsals: Thursdays, 4:30-5:30pm

Location: Belmont Abbey

More information and registration: [www.belmontparish.org.uk/youth-choir](http://www.belmontparish.org.uk/youth-choir)

## News from Our School

### Year 4 – Warm Hearts Campaign

As part of their learning on Catholic Social Teaching: Option for the Poor, Year 4 have decided to support those experiencing homelessness through a Warm Hearts campaign.

We would be grateful for donations of:

- Hats
- Gloves
- Socks
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste



Please bring donations into school next week, and they will be passed on to a local charity.

Many thanks,

Year 4

## Year 5 & Year 6 – Bikeability

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have recently taken part in Bikeability training, developing essential skills for safe cycling on the road. The children showed great focus and responsibility, learning how to ride confidently and safely—an important life skill.



## Reception Class

In Reception, children have been exploring the polar regions. They have:

- Created emperor penguin eggs
- Made rock-hopper penguin models
- Conducted freezing and melting experiments using water, ice, and chocolate

A wonderful mix of creativity, curiosity, and scientific exploration!



# 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	Amelia	Scarlet	Tymon	Lilla
Year 1	Zach	Annie	Darrel	Freddy
Year 2	Deylin	Alisa	Jaxson	Alek
Year 3	Tomasz	Kai	Guste	Gracy
Year 4	Olivia	Stefaniya	Nicole	
Year 5	Isaac	Ronnie	Lucy	Victoria
Year 6	Robert	Maisie	Georgia	Lena

# Attendance

Year Group	Present Marks (%)
Year Y1	97.06%
Year Y2	95.76%
Year Y3	96.70%
Year Y4	96.65%
Year Y5	95%
Year Y6	95.07%
Year YR	91.42%



# HEREFORDSHIRE FA TRAIN LIKE A LIONESSES



*Following the incredible success of our Train Like A Lioness camp, we're excited to announce the launch of our next series coming this February!*

Get ready for more high-energy sessions, expert coaching, and the chance to develop your skills like never before. Players will be grouped based on age and ability. Spaces will be limited, so sign up early to secure your place.

 Thursday 19 & Friday 20 February 2026  
 The Herefordshire FA, HR4 9NA (3G Pitch)

## **Sessions:**

6 - 16 Year Olds | 09:00-15:00  
£25 per session or £40 for both days

*For further details and to confirm your attendance, please use the link in the caption.*

