

# 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 27th February 2026



Loving God,

As we journey through this season  
of Lent,  
help us to slow down and listen to  
You.

Empty our hearts of anything  
that stops us from loving fully.  
Fill us with kindness, patience,  
and peace.

Lead us to make good choices  
and to care for those around us.  
Help our school and our families  
to grow stronger together,  
to support one another,  
and to walk in Your light each  
day.  
Amen.



## Message from Headteacher

We are now halfway through the school year, and I would like to warmly welcome everyone back to this new half term. It is always a good moment to pause, take stock, and look ahead with renewed energy and purpose.

As we journey through the season of Lent, we are invited to open our hearts — not just as a school, but as individuals and families too. The simple prayer guiding us this term is:

Empty me.

Fill me.

Lead me.

Empty me of worry, distraction, or anything that holds me back.  
Fill me with kindness, patience, and hope.

Lead me in making good choices and caring for others.

Lent is a time for reflection, growth, and small daily changes that make a big difference. Whether through acts of kindness, quiet moments of reflection, or supporting one another, we all have an opportunity to grow.

Thank you for continuing to walk alongside us as a school family. Together, we can make this second half of the year purposeful, positive, and full of care for one another.

*Aga Przybylska*

**THANK  
YOU!**  
❤️

## Our Sensory Room – Nearly Ready!

We are delighted to share that our sensory room is nearly ready, and we are so excited about the positive impact it will have on our children.

This special space has been carefully designed to support children's wellbeing, emotional regulation, and sensory development. It will provide a calm and nurturing environment where children can reset, reflect, and feel supported when they need it most. We know it will make a real difference to many of our pupils. Photos will follow soon!

In the meantime, we would like to say a massive thank you to **Mr Allman** for so generously giving his time, skills, and resources to paint both our sensory room and SENDCo room. His hard work and kindness have helped bring this important project to life, and we are incredibly grateful for his support.

We cannot wait to share the finished space with you.

# Catholic Schools Inspection

Before half term, we welcomed inspectors into school for our Catholic Schools Inspection. This is an important process that looks closely at how well we live out our mission, the quality of Religious Education, and the strength of our Catholic life as a school community. We could not be prouder of our children. They spoke confidently and thoughtfully about their faith, their learning, and what it means to be part of Our Lady's. Their reverence, honesty, and maturity truly shone through. Thank you to the parents who gave their time to speak with the inspectors. Your support and partnership are a vital part of our school's strength, and it was greatly appreciated.

We look forward to sharing the full report with you as soon as it becomes available.



## Beginning Our Lenten Journey

Before half term, we gathered in school for a beautiful guided meditation in the desert with Jesus, which marked the beginning of our Lenten journey. Through quiet reflection, we imagined being with Jesus in the stillness of the desert, helping us to pause, reflect, and prepare our hearts for this holy season.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended this reflection.



## Lenten Bags

To continue this journey at home, families received our Lenten Reflection Bags. These include:

- The Easter Story to share together
- A mirror to reflect on your Lenten journey
- A cross to hold and pray with
- A purple cloth to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world



We hope these simple resources help create meaningful moments of prayer and reflection within your homes.

## Year 1 & 2 Mass

This week, our Year 1 and Year 2 children also attended a special Mass in church with Fr Andrew to begin Lent. The children were reverent and thoughtful, learning that Lent is a time for prayer, kindness, and making good choices as we prepare for Easter.

# Year 5 Dance Evening – Moving Targets

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 pupils, who recently took part in the Moving Targets Dance Evening at the Courtyard Theatre.

The children performed with confidence, energy, and professionalism, representing our school beautifully. Their commitment during rehearsals truly paid off, and their performance on stage was fantastic.

In fact, we were so impressive that we were asked to open both shows - a real honour and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our pupils.

A huge thank you goes to **Mrs Oleksy** ❤️ for her skills, dedication, time, and passion in preparing the children. Her support and encouragement made this wonderful opportunity possible.

Well done, Year 5 - you were outstanding!



# Year 4 and Reception Gymnastics Session

This week, our Year 4 and Reception children enjoyed a lovely joint PE gymnastics session together.

Year 4 were fantastic role models, showing patience and kindness as they supported the younger children with balancing, jumping, and movement activities. Reception showed great listening and tried their very best throughout the session.

There was lots of balancing, jumping, dancing and fun - but most importantly, the children showed what it means to be Ready, Respectful and Safe. They listened carefully, encouraged one another, and moved sensibly around the equipment.

It was a wonderful afternoon of teamwork, confidence building, and joy. Well done to everyone involved!



# World Book Day – Author Visit

Tuesday 3rd March

As part of our celebrations for World Book Day and the National Year of Reading, we are delighted to share that on Tuesday 3rd March, our KS2 pupils will have the exciting opportunity to work with award-winning author Catherine Barr.

Catherine has written over thirty-five non-fiction books exploring the natural world, including *The Story of Conservation* and *A Bear Belongs*. Her work beautifully links to our science and geography curriculum, making this a wonderful learning opportunity for our children.

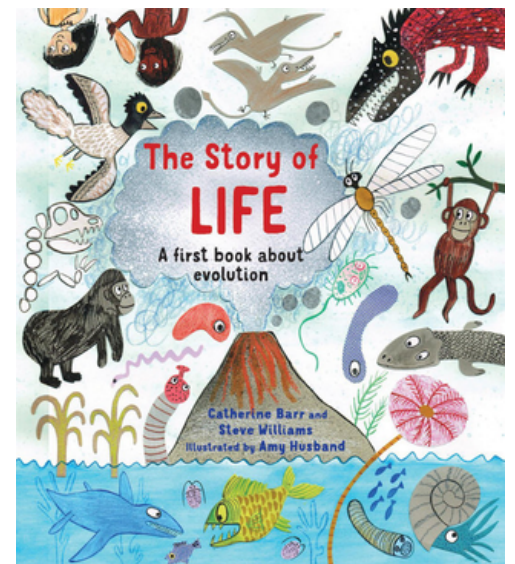
During the visit, KS2 pupils will:

- Listen to Catherine read from her books
- Take part in an interactive author workshop, learning about the writing and publishing process
- Explore high-quality non-fiction texts
- Participate in a Q&A session about life as an author

After school, Catherine will also be holding a book sale, where children will have the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of one of her books.

To learn more about Catherine and her work, please visit her website: [Catherine Barr Books](http://CatherineBarrBooks.com)

We are very much looking forward to an inspiring and engaging day that celebrates reading, writing, and the power of books.



# World Book Day – Dressing up Tuesday



This Tuesday, we are celebrating World Book Day, and children are invited to come dressed as a word! Be as creative and imaginative as you like – choose an exciting, powerful, or unusual word and bring it to life.

Throughout the day, children will enjoy a range of fun activities celebrating reading and books.

We can't wait to see your amazing words!

# Family Bingo Night – Friday 20th March

We are excited to invite all our families to our Family Bingo Night on Friday 20th March at 5:30pm. It promises to be a fun evening for the whole community!

Bingo books can be purchased via ParentPay:

- £1 for a line
- £5 for a full book



Please try to purchase your books by 18th March, as this will help us plan food and refreshments for the evening. Tickets will still be available on the night, but advance purchases really help us with organisation.

# Non-Uniform Day – Friday 6th March

On Friday 6th March, we will be holding a non-uniform day. Instead of a monetary donation, we kindly ask children to bring in a chocolate donation (an Easter egg or any other chocolate item). These will be used as prizes for our Bingo Night.



# PTFA Meeting – Wednesday 11th March, 6:00pm

There will be a PTFA meeting on Wednesday 11th March at 6:00pm, mainly to finalise arrangements for Bingo Night. All parents and carers are very welcome to attend. Your support and ideas make a real difference to our school community.

We look forward to seeing many of you there!



# Parents Evenings

Our upcoming Parents' Evenings will take place on:

- Wednesday 15th April
- Wednesday 22nd April



These meetings are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements, and talk about next steps in their learning.

Further details about booking appointments will be shared shortly. We look forward to meeting with you and continuing to work together to support your child's development.



Our Lady's

**EASTER**

**BINGO NIGHT**

**BINGO**

8	10	13	00	55
17	15	16	77	38
				99

**BINGO**

1	12	13	14	35
5	20	15	27	39
				39

**BINGO**

1	20	13	24	77
9	15	16	27	

**BINGO**

**Friday 20th March**

Food and drink available  
Eyes down at 5:30

Purchase your tickets on ParentPay  
before 18/03

# 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	Golden Awards	
Year R	Adrijus	Maria	Oliver-Francis
Year 1	Daria	Zach	Adam
Year 2	Jas	Alex S	Deylin
Year 3	Kuba	Guste	Gabriel
Year 4	Francesca	Olivia-Grace	
Year 5	Tiana	Whole school	
Year 6	Maisie	Maya	Maxaga

# Attendance

Year Group	Present R/C: Marks (%)
Year Y1	100%
Year Y2	95.73%
Year Y3	98.24%
Year Y4	86.42%
Year Y5	93.77%
Year Y6	95.56%
Year YR	94.50%