

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 22nd May 2026



Message from Headteacher

We have reached the end of another busy and successful term, and it is hard to believe that there is now only one half term remaining before the end of my first year at Our Lady's.

Looking back, I am incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved and the way they continue to embrace every opportunity with enthusiasm, kindness, and determination. It has been a joy to see them grow in confidence and flourish throughout the year.

There is still so much to look forward to in our final half term. We have important milestones ahead, including the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and the Year 4 Multiplication Check, alongside exciting events such as sports days, beach trips, Year 3 First Holy Communion, transition activities, and our Year 6 production.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. Forever grateful,

Aga Parzybylska

Loving God,
Thank You for all we
have learned, achieved,
and shared this term.

Bless our children,
families, and staff
during the half-term
break.

Give us time to rest,
enjoy being together,
and return refreshed
for the weeks ahead.

Help us to be kind,
grateful, and joyful in
all that we do.

Amen.



Hot Weather Reminder

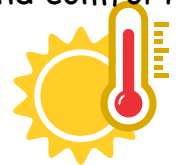
With the warmer weather now arriving, please help us keep children safe and comfortable during the school day.

We kindly ask that children:

- Bring a named water bottle to school every day.
- Bring a sun hat to wear during break times and outdoor activities.
- Have sun cream applied before school. If your child needs to reapply sun cream during the day, please provide a named bottle and ensure they can do this independently.
- Wear the correct summer uniform, which is cooler and more comfortable during hot weather.

We will encourage children to drink plenty of water, seek shade where possible, and take regular breaks from the sun.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe and happy during the warmer days ahead.



Summer Uniform Reminder

As we are in the summer term, children need to now wear their summer uniform.

For summer, this includes:

- Grey shorts or grey trousers with a gold school logo polo shirt, or
- A light blue and white gingham dress
- A royal blue school cardigan or sweatshirt if needed
- Grey or white socks
- Plain black school shoes
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Please remember that black school shoes are expected at all times. Trainers should only be worn as part of the school PE kit.

A smart and consistent uniform helps children feel proud of their school and ready to learn.

We would also like to remind parents to ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled, including jumpers, cardigans, coats, hats, water bottles, and PE kit. **We currently have a very large lost property collection, and many items cannot be returned because they do not have names in them. A simple label makes a huge difference and helps reunite children with their belongings quickly.**

If you are experiencing any difficulties with obtaining the correct uniform or footwear, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or speak to the school office. We are always happy to help and support families.

Thank you for helping our children look smart and take pride in being part of the Our Lady's community.



Nursery

In Nursery, our children have been learning about the importance of brushing their teeth and we have practised using our tooth models. We were very impressed with how well they knew the routine.



Reception

Our Reception class had a wonderful time at the meadows this week. We discovered lots of different insects and enjoyed identifying them all.



Year 6

Year 6 have had an incredibly busy term as they prepared for their SATs, showing real determination and teamwork throughout. They approached every revision session with focus, did a fantastic job in their tests, and kept spirits high by enjoying a special SATs breakfast each morning. We are extremely proud of them all - well done Year 6!



Year 6 Residential – Pioneer Centre

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time at the Pioneer Centre, taking part in a range of exciting activities and challenges.

The children showed great teamwork, resilience, and independence throughout the trip and represented Our Lady's brilliantly. They returned with lots of wonderful memories and stories to share.

Well done, Year 6, and thank you to the staff and parents who made this special experience possible!



BRAVE



Friends



Culture Day Celebrations

We had a fantastic Culture Day, celebrating the many cultures and traditions within our school community. The children looked wonderful in their traditional dress and cultural outfits, and it was lovely to see everyone sharing and learning about different countries and customs.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who provided so much food for us to enjoy.

A special thank you to Maya, Edzen and Junior's Num, who prepared a traditional Filipino dish called Adobo, a popular beef and rice dish. It was absolutely delicious, with many children asking for second helpings! We also enjoyed a traditional Filipino dessert.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the day such a special celebration.



Attendance

Good attendance is essential for children to make the most of their learning.

Every day in school really does make a difference.

We know that this time of year can bring coughs and colds, but if your child is well enough, please do send them into school. Being in school helps maintain routines, friendships, and confidence.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve our attendance target of 95%.

Reception	88.90%
Year 1	98.40%
Year 2	96.30%
Year 3	95.50%
Year 4	96.10%
Year 5	90.50%
Year 6	95.00%
School	96.50%
National	95.70%
Local Authority	95.80%

Early help in Herefordshire

Early Help means providing support to children, young people and families when there is a need.

Often families can solve their own problems, at times they may need support. This could be a friend, professional or someone in the community. There is also an Early Help Children's Help and Advice Team (CHAT).

CHAT

If you would like to seek help, advice and guidance for your family please contact our CHAT team to speak with an experienced supporting families advisor

01432 260261

Lines are open 9:00am to 4:45pm
Monday to Friday



How can I get support from Early Help?

- Share your worry with a professional you feel comfortable talking to or call CHAT
- If support from other services or professionals is required we will talk to you about an Early Help Assessment (EHA), this could include support from **Children's Centre Services** (for families with children aged 5 or under) or **Early Help Family Support** (for families with children 0-18, or up to 25 years with SEND)

What sort of things can Early Help support with?

- Any worries you have about your child or family life such as:
- Family relationships (this may include domestic abuse or parental arguments)
- Child development and education
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) (support can be provided up to the age of 25)
- Young carers
- Emotional and mental health
- Challenging behaviours
- Support with budgeting and housing
- Child exploitation