



Our Lady's RC Primary School

Newsletter

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Easter Last Supper Mass

Our next Mass in school will be the Easter Themed Mass, and will be at the usual time of 11:00am, on Thursday 18th April. Year 3 will support Father Kevin in our Mass. I'm sure that they will do a fantastic job as they always do!

All families and parishioners are most welcome to join us virtually via our Mass link to be sent out nearer the time.

March—Pope Francis' Monthly Intentions

March : For the New Martyrs

Pope Francis invites prayer "for those around the world who risk their lives for the Gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal."

Love Your Community Week



What an amazing week we had with our community just before we broke up. From singing together with

Aspull Church at the Methodist Hall; to reading with our local nurseries; to a family tea and coffee afternoon at school. It was simply tremendous! The support that the school received was truly phenomenal and everyone had a great time. What an amazing community we have in Aspull!



Thank you also for your generosity in donating food to our community One House!

Lent Fundraising



Our Lent fundraising continues this week. The children always amaze when coming up with suggestions and their enthusiasm is to be commended. It is great to hear the stories of how the children will be involved with our 'Big Lent Walk' for Cafod. I'm sure that we will be on the way to another great total for this worthwhile charity. Thank you very much for your continued support. We'll let you know the final amount when our fundraising has finished.

The Just Giving link to make donations can be found [here](https://www.justgiving.com/our-lady-rc-primary-school).

Collective Worship for Families
Please find below, the link to this week's Collective Worship newsletter.
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Assemblies

Well done to the children who have already performed their class assembly this term. Just before half term we were treated to Y4's class assembly about the Romans and what they did for us. It was fantastic!

Next Thursday, we look forward to Y3's Class assembly on the subject of healthy eating.

Multiplication Check

A Multiplication Times Table check for all children in Year 4, which will take place again at the beginning of June this year. It is really important that the children continue to practise their times table knowledge at home and this is an area which parental support is crucial. For more information, please click the

document section within the Maths curriculum page of our website.

<https://www.aspullourlady.sch.uk/maths>

Year 1 will also take the Phonics Screening check during the summer term from **week commencing Monday 10th June 2024**. We politely request that parents ensure children in Year 1 and those in Year 2 who have to retake the Check are in school during the administration of the phonics Screening Check window. We have a meeting for Y1 parents in school on 14.3.24 at 3:35pm.

FOOLs (Friends Of Our Lady's)

I'd like to pass on our thanks for the great contribution parents make through their work with FOOLs. The FOOLs team met just before half term to discuss the fundraising activities for the year. A reminder that once your child attends Our Lady's, family members automatically become a member of FOOLs. Should you wish to help out with their efforts; whatever time you are able to give please let the office know at

enquiries@admin.aspullourlady.sch.uk

The next meeting will be held at the School on 29th February at 3.45p.m.

Everybody is most welcome to attend.

Afterschool Club Late Pick Up Fees

As you are aware our Afterschool Club finishes at 5.30pm. We are aware that on very rare occasions there may be times when you may be late collecting your child.

Unfortunately, we have noticed that it is becoming a frequent occurrence that children are being picked up late. This not only has an impact on your child, it also has an impact on staff who work in the Afterschool Club.

I would like to remind families that we will now be implementing a late fee that is stated within our Terms and Conditions.

This will be a £5 charge for every 15 minutes or part thereof, after 5.30pm.

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Our Lady's Enrichment

Cooking Club



Our resident chefs Angela and Catherine have continued to freely give of their time afterschool to deliver a fantastic cooking club after school. I can vouch that the food created tastes great as I have been lucky enough to sample many of the dishes. Thank you Angela and Catherine.

Wigan Central Family Hub Programme

Lisa Morris, the Transformation Project manager for Wigan has asked schools to highlight their services. Please see on page 4 the Wigan Central Family Hub Programme flyer. Details about the hub can also be found on the leaflet, via the website www.wigan.gov.uk/familyhubs where there is also a live up to date Google calendar detailing the programme.

Mile in The Morning

This term, we continue with our pupils completing their 'Mile in a Morning'. The children and their families enjoy the fresh air and it is a great opportunity to wake up your body and mind for the day ahead.

We would love you to join us in the morning from 8:30am on the KS2 yard (weather permitting). Everybody is welcome to come along—parents, grandparents and siblings.

Can I also once again thank staff who often volunteer so much of their own

time to provide the children with these excellent opportunities. Also, a very big thank you to all the parents/grandparents who support these activities, with lifts, extra adult supervision etc.

Swimming Gala

Well done to all of the children from KS2 who took part in the Wigan Inter Schools Swimming Gala before we broke up for half term. All of the children were a credit to the school and were fantastic role models. Lots of medals were won and the team spirit was phenomenal. Well done everyone!

Y3 WigLe Dance Festival



As the WigLe Dance festival approaches, we are making final preparations for this wonderful event. As parents will be aware, the event is on the evening of Thursday 14th March.

For the performance, the children will be given costumes provided by school. We ask that parents provide a black t-shirt and black leggings/trousers for underneath your child's costume.

Children will also be required to wear trainers, preferably black, but not essential. Please can children arrive at The Edge in Wigan wearing these items before the performance. Many thanks for your cooperation and get ready to enjoy the performance.

PE Kits

A reminder that the children should have their PE kit in school at all times.

Y6—Low Bank Ground Meeting

On Tuesday 5th March at 9:05am, there will be a short meeting for parents and children to discuss the logistics for the upcoming Year 6 Residential to Low Bank Ground.

Heritage Project

Our links with our wider community continue to develop. All in Good Taste Community group arranged for our pupils to work with local residents and professionals about a Heritage project. I joined Mr Cregan and Miss Wright at the One House before we broke up to view the work that the pupils had created and listened to what they had learned about Aspull. I even tasted a treacle sandwich!

Water Bottles

Please can I request that water bottles are not placed inside your child's reading wallet as many are then leaking and causing damage to school reading books.

Additionally, some pupils are bringing in incredibly large water bottles which are then creating storage problems. As your child's water bottle can be refilled from their classroom as much as is required we would ask that they are sent in to school with one which is reasonably sized.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

Attendance Matters!

Class	5.2.2024	12.2.2024
YR	98.7%	98.7%
Y1	98.7%	96.3%
Y2	97.4%	97.4%
Y3	100%	95.6%
Y4	95.7%	100%
Y5	95.9%	95.6%
Y6	95.6%	98.5%
Whole School	97.4%	97.4%

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Our Lady's R.C. Primary School Vacancy—Welfare Advert

Welfare Assistant

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For March 2024

G2 - SCP

Our Lady's Story

Our Lady's is a thriving Catholic primary school in the village of Aspull, Wigan. Staff and governors strive to provide the best possible education and have achieved some great things. Our Governors wish to appoint a Welfare Assistant who is child centred and will support our school values. The governing body are looking for an exceptional individual who can help us to build upon these strong foundations. Somebody with a desire to achieve even more for our children.

The Governors, staff and children are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic member of staff to our lunchtime welfare team.

You will need to:

- Be committed to promoting high expectation of children's behaviour
- Have good communication skills
- Have the ability to build positive relationships with children and colleagues
- Be flexible and have the confidence to work with children across both key stages
- Be committed to maintaining and developing our strong ethos
- Have a good sense of humour

Application pack (including the person specification, job description and application form) are available on the

school website

www.aspullourladys.wigan.sch.uk

or can be requested from Our Lady's school and should be returned to us (post or email) by

Closing Date - 12:00 noon on 18/03/2024.

Wigan Local Authority and the School Governing Body are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Interviews: Tuesday 19th March 2024

Start Date: Monday 15th April 2024

Wigan Council have also asked schools to share a range of workshops for parents and carers.

Please see the following adverts that may be of use to you.

Riding the Rapids Support— Behaviour Support



What is Riding the Rapids:

Riding the Rapids is a free course for parents and carers of children who have a diagnosis of Autism, learning disabilities or complex physical disabilities.

The course aims to help parents to understand and manage behaviours they may find challenging.

Research shows that parents and carers who attend Riding the Rapids can:

- Make effective changes to their child's behaviour
- Increase their coping skills and confidence in dealing with behaviour

The course takes place for two hours and runs for ten weeks.

Each weekly session covers a different aspect of understanding and managing behaviour.

There are primary age and teenage courses available.

Teenage Ride The Rapids

Starting 28/02/24

18:00-20:00

Embrace Wigan & Leigh

81 Ribble Road Platt Bridge, WN2 5EG

For More Information Please Contact

Parentingsupport@wigan.gov.uk

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Behaviour SUPPORT CIRCLES

Beech Hill
@ Beech Hill Primary
Netherby Road
Wigan,
WN6 7PT
10am—12pm
Last Monday of month
2024 Dates
29th January
26th February
25th March
29th April
3rd June
24th June
We ask that you do not bring children to the event.
Please check website prior to attending as times may change.
www.embracewiganandleigh.org.uk/behaviour-support-groups/

Wigan
@ The Venue
Wigan Youth Zone
Wigan,
WN1 1RU
6pm—8pm
Last Monday of month
2024 Dates
29th January
26th February
25th March
29th April
3rd June
24th June

Leigh
@ Family Welfare Centre
Adult Learning Centre
Walmesley Road
Leigh, WN7 1XL
5pm—7pm
First Thursday of month
2024 Dates
11th January
1st February
7th March
28th March
2nd May
6th June

Hindley
@ Hindley Nursery School/
Hindley Start Well
Morningside Road, Hindley,
Wigan, WN2 4LG
10am—12pm
First Thursday of month
2024 Dates
11th January
1st February
7th March
28th March
2nd May
6th June

For more details contact us on: **01942 233323** or send us a message via: **f/embracewiganandleigh**
Embrace Wigan and Leigh Registered Charity Number 1082663 (England and Wales)

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Here are some examples of what you might find in a Family Hub network within your neighbourhood:

- Health visiting, midwives and antenatal appointments and classes
- Activities for babies and children aged 0-5
- Activities and support for families of young people who have special educational needs and disabilities
- Support with a range of housing situations including homelessness, help with affordability, repairs and tenancy arrangements
- Help with debt and money worries including access to food parcels/pantries
- Ways to improve whole family health and wellbeing
- Ways to improve parenting and relationships including learning opportunities
- Activities and opportunities for young people
- Support with things like job searches, housing applications and booking appointments.



Where will family hubs be?

We are planning to have seven family hub networks operating across the Wigan Borough, which means if you live locally, you should always be able to find support in your neighbourhood.

When will they be here?

We have launched our first family hub, the rest will be in place by December 2024.

How can I find out more?

www.wigan.gov.uk/FamilyHubs





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Dates for Diary 2023/2024

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 th January		Spring 1 Term Starts
Tuesday 9 th January	9:05 a.m.	Y6 Assessment Information Meeting
Tuesday 16 th January	9:05 a.m.	Y2 Assessment Information Meeting
Friday 2 nd February		Number Day - NSPCC
Monday 5 th February	3:45p.m. – 6:30p.m.	Parents' Evening (all year groups)
Tuesday 6 th February	3:45p.m. – 6:00p.m.	Parents' Evening (all year groups)
Wednesday 7 th February		Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th February		Young Voices (Choir Members)
Wednesday 14 th February	10:15am	Ash Wednesday Service (led by Y6)
Thursday 15 th February	10:30 a.m. 6:30 -8:30p.m.	Parishioners Coffee Morning Swimming Gala
Week Commencing Monday 12 th February		Love Your Community Week & 2041 Project Cake Sales during Week
Monday 19 th February – 23 rd February		Half Term
Monday 26 th February		Lent Day (1 st Sunday of Lent on 18 th Feb)
Wednesday 6 th March		GIFT team Lent retreat at St Anthony's
Thursday 7 th March		World Book Day
Week Commencing 11 th March		Science Week
Thursday 14 th March	3:35 p.m.	Y1 Phonics Information Workshop
Tuesday 26 th March		Break the Rules Day
Thursday 28 th March	3:35p.m.	Term Ends

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Summer Term 2024		
Monday 15th April		Summer 1 Term Starts
Thursday 18 th April	11:00 a.m.	Easter Service (Y4 to Lead)
Monday 6 th May		Bank Holiday
Thursday 9 th May	11:00am	Ascension Mass (Y6 to Lead)
Friday 10 th May	3:35 p.m.	Hot Dog Friday
Week Commencing 13 th May		Y6 SATs Week
Monday 20 th May		Dr Bike – Details to follow
Week Commencing 20 th May		Walk/Cycle to School & Laudato Si Week
Tuesday 21 st May		Y6 Bikeability Week
Wednesday 22 nd May	6:00 p.m.	New Intake Parents' Meeting
Week Commencing 3 rd June		Y6 Low Bank Ground
Sunday 2 nd June	2:00p.m.	Walking Day
Week Commencing 10 th June		Phonics Screening Week
Friday 14 th June	6:15 – 7:15 (KS1) 7:30 – 8:30 (KS2)	FOOLS Wellbeing Disco- TBC
Friday 14 th June	9:30 am -12:00pm	KS1 Inter School Sports @ Canon Sharples
Week Commencing 17 th June		Refugee Week
Thursday 20 th June	4:00- 6:00pm	KS2 Inter School Sports @ Our Lady's
Week Commencing 24 th June		Diversity Week
Wednesday 26 th June		Creative Curriculum Day with Aspull Church & St
Friday 5 th July		Own Clothes Day – Bring a Bottle for Bottle
Sunday 7 th July	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Summer Gala & Sports Day
Thursday 11 th July	3:00 p.m.	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Monday 15 th July		Bastille Day
Tuesday 16 th July		Reports Out
Thursday 18 th July	11:00 a.m.	End of Year & Y6 Leavers' Mass
Friday 19 th July	3:35p.m.	Term Ends

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Masses, Celebrations and Sacramental Programme for 2023/24

Date	Event	Time	Venue
21/9/23	Mass - New Term (Led by Y5)	11:00am	School Hall
6/10/23	Parishioners Coffee Morning (Faith Team)?	10.30am	School Hall
1/11/23	Mass- All Saints' (Led by Y6)	11:00am	School Hall
7/12/22	Mass- Advent (Led by Y4)	11:00am	School Hall
8/12/23	Mass - Our Lady's Feast Day (Whole School)	11:00am	Our Lady's Church
13/12/23	Nativity (KS1)	2:00pm 6:00pm	School Hall
18/12/23	Mass - Christmas (Led by Y3)	11:00am	School Hall
15/2/24	Parishioners Coffee Morning (Faith Team)?	10.30am	School Hall
9/1/24	Sacramental Programme Meeting - Community Meeting	6:00pm	Our Lady's Church
3/2/24 4/2/24	Presentation Masses	6:00pm 9:30am 11.15 am	Church - Our Lady's Church - Holy Family
14/2/24	Lenten Service - Including distribution of ashes) (Led by Y5)	10:15am	School Hall
13/3/24	Reconciliation	6:00pm	Church - Our Lady's
18/4/24	Mass - Easter Theme (Led by Y3)	11:00am	School Hall
9/5/24	Ascension Mass (Led by Y6)	11:00am	School Hall
2/6/24	Walking Day	2:00pm	Church - Our Lady's
22/6/24	First Holy Communion	12.00pm	Church - Holy Family
23/6/24	First Holy Communion	3:00pm	Church - Our Lady's
18/7/24	Leavers' Mass and End of School Year Mass (Led by Y6)	11:00am	School Hall

Class Visits to Church

Mass begins at 9.15am KS1 - offertory KS2-readings

Monday 25 th September 2023	Pupil Committees
Wednesday 4 th October 9.30am Wednesday 13 th March 9.30am Wednesday 17 th April 9.30am	Y5/Y6
Wednesday 11 th October 9.30am Wednesday 20 th March 9.30am Wednesday 24 th April 9.30am	Y3/Y4
Wednesday 18 th October 9.30am Wednesday 27 th March 9.30am Wednesday 1 st May	YR/Y1/Y2



Dates for Diary – Sacramental Programme 2023/24



Reconciliation		Parent	Children	Home	School
	Jan-Feb	9.1.24 6pm at Our Lady's Church Initial Welcome Meeting Parents and Children		Session 1: Thankfulness the Gift of Life.	Session 2: Honesty and Bravery-God is calling you.
	Feb-March		21st January during 9.30am Mass – Children's Liturgy 28.2.24 6pm at Holy Family Church Session 3 of Heart Speaks to Heart: Reflection-called to love. Children's meeting	Session 4: Friendship and Respect- turning to God. (complete with children during Lent).	
First Holy Communion		Parent	Children	Home	School
	April-May		8.5.24 6pm at Holy Family Church Session 2: Entering God's House. (First Holy Communion Preparation) Children's meeting	Session 4: Stillness- God Speaks His Word Session 5: Generosity and Gratitude-Jesus offers himself for us.	Session 1: My Life's Journey Session 3: Love-Holy Mass Begins
	June	9.6.24- reminder and finalisation of arrangements emailed virtually to parents.	12.6.24 6pm at Our Lady's Church Session 6: Courage-food for the Journey. (Last Supper) Children's meeting	Session 7 Reflection: My Journey continues.	
Celebration/Event		Date		Time	
Presentation		3 rd and 4 th February		6:00pm. Our Lady's or 9:30am Our Lady's	
Reconciliation		Wednesday 13 th March		6:00pm. Our Lady's	
Walking Day		Sunday 2 nd June		2:00pm. Meet at Our Lady's	
First Holy Communion		Sunday 23 rd June		3:00pm. Our Lady's	

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