



Our Lady's RC Primary School

# Newsletter

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## Reconciliation

Unfortunately, due to Father Kevin being unwell we had to postpone the Reconciliation Service for our Y3 pupils. Please rest assured that we are working with Salford Diocese to make future arrangements. We continue to keep Father Kevin, the children and families in our prayers.

## Staffing

Mrs Rafferty has shared the exciting news that she is pregnant. We wish her family well at this special time. Senior leaders have already met with governors regarding a plan for academic year 2024/5. We wish her and her family well.

Headteacher interviews are underway and we will inform parents shortly of the outcome. Again governors have met frequently with Salford Diocese regarding this important position and the process has been rigorous which I'm sure will lead to positive outcomes for Our Lady's

## Keyboard Performance

This Thursday 28th March children who are having keyboard lessons through the Peripatetic Music Service in school will be showcasing their skills in a performance. It will be held in our school hall at 3:00pm and all parents of those children are welcome to come along.

## Easter Event—Lent —St Joseph's R.C. High School

Last Thursday, some of our children attended St Joseph's R.C. High School alongside our local partner primary schools. They retold the Stations of the Cross; reading beautifully throughout. Well done boys and girls!

## Lent Fundraising

The Lent fundraising is going amazingly well. We are already well on track to achieve another great total. Thank you very much for your continued support.

This Thursday, EYFS & KS1 will be completing their Sponsored Big Lent Walk. If you have not already

sponsored your child please support us by visiting [Our Lady's Big Lent Walk is fundraising for CAFOD](#) or by donating via Parentpay.

We'll let you know the final amount when the fundraising has finished.

## Reception Class Assembly

Last week, we were treated to a wonderful assembly by our Reception class. The pupils did a fantastic job and certainly made everyone's day.

## Summer Term Assessments

May I remind parents/carers that the children across school will be doing their assessments in May so attendance is very important. The Y6 children will be doing their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) throughout the week beginning Monday 13th May.

## Entering School

Please ensure that children are not brought into/leave school via the school car park as we have regular traffic movement throughout the day and this poses a risk to pupils.

## Sporting News

### WigLe Dance Festival

What talent we have at Our Lady's! On Thursday 14th March we were treated to a dancing spectacle at the Edge in Wigan. The event included multiple schools across Wigan and a range of different dancing styles. Quite simply our Year 3 children and staff were brilliant and highlighted what a great class they are! Well done Year 3 for all of your hard work and a big thank you to all staff for supporting the event!

### Mile in The Morning

This term, we continue with our 'Mile in the Morning' sessions. We would love you to join us Monday through to Friday morning from 8:30am on the KS2 yard (weather permitting). Everybody is welcome to come along—parents, grandparents, siblings—to enjoy the fresh air and wake up the body and mind for the day.

### Cross Country

The event last week was postponed due

to inclement weather. A new date will be proposed shortly.

## Girls' Football

Recently, a team of Y3 & Y4 girls enjoyed a full afternoon of football skills and friendly matches at Laithwaite Park in Wigan.



## Orienteering

Our Orienteering team did brilliantly at Haigh Hall last week. All of the pupils who attended worked well as a team and we came a highly respected second overall in the event.

## Break the Rules Day

Tomorrow (Tuesday), we will be having a 'Break the Rules Day' for all of our children.

If your child would like to join in, please read the instructions below.

Children can choose any number of rules to break from the list below. They may choose to break 1 or 5.

The fine for each broken rule will be £1.00. This will be payable on Parentpay. We aim to make this an exciting fun day, however children will be reminded that all other school rules apply!

### Fines—Rules to break

Face glitter- £1.00, Crazy hair- £1.00

Temporary tattoo - £1.00, Nail varnish - £1.00, Non-uniform/ Wear pyjamas - £1.00, Juice in water bottle-£1.00, chocolate for a snack-£1.00

## Last Day of Spring Term

Just a reminder that we break up this Spring Term on Thursday 28th March at 3:35pm. We return for the Summer Term on Monday 15th April. I hope that you have a wonderful Easter with your family.

*Learning and loving together; we grow with Jesus.'*

**Thank you - Mr C Horridge - Headteacher**

**'Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world.'**

**Pope Francis quote**



## Attendance Matters!

As previously mentioned, the staff and governors regularly review and update our Attendance and Punctuality Policy. Our policy includes the commitment that,

*'Letters will be sent home termly indicating your child's percentage of attendance as follows:*

*· Red: 90% and under · Amber: 90.1 – 96.9% · Green: 97 – 100%.'*

As per the policy, all children will be issued a record each term, irrespective of previous communication regarding attendance.

At Our Lady's R.C. Primary School, we work hard to ensure that every one of our children reaches their full potential with your support.

*The table below explains their attendance.*

Category	Attendance	Explanation
<b>Red</b>	<b>90% or Below</b>	Your child's attendance is a concern. DfE class as persistent absence
<b>Amber</b>	<b>91% - 96%</b>	Your child's attendance is being closely monitored You should take steps to reduce further absence.
<b>Green</b>	<b>97% -100%</b>	Well done! Your child's attendance is great; we aim for all pupils' attendance to fall into this category

We are aware that occasionally it may be necessary for children to be absent from school but we ask for your support in ensuring your child's regular attendance. In order for your child to achieve an expected attendance percentage of 97% they should have no more than 6 days absence in any school year.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you wish for any further support or wish to meet with myself and our Attendance Officer Paul Hersnip to discuss attendance.

Class	WB: 11/3/24	WB: 18/3/24
Year R	97.7%	99.3%
Year 1	96.3%	99.3%
Year 2	97.4%	98.7%
Year 3	97.8%	97%
Year 4	94.3%	95%
Year 5	97.5%	98.1%
Year 6	96.3%	98.5%
Whole School	96.8%	98%

### ***The world is run by those who turn up.***

Attending school every day = 100% attendance  
Attending 4½ days a week = 90% attendance = 4 weeks missed per year

Attending 4 days a week = 80% attendance = more than half a term missed per year.

Attending 3½ days each week = 70% attendance = more than a quarter of the school year missed.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school.

Being late for school reduces learning time. If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss three days of learning each year.

**If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year!**



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**Dates for Diary 2023/2024**

Summer Term 2024		
Monday 15th April		Summer 1 Term Starts
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	11:00 a.m.	Easter Service (Y3 to Lead)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May		Bank Holiday
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	11:00am	Ascension Mass (Y6 to Lead)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	3:35 p.m.	Hot Dog Friday
Week Commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> May		Y6 SATs Week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May		Dr Bike – Details to follow
Week Commencing 20 <sup>th</sup> May		Walk/Cycle to School & Laudato Si Week
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May		Y6 Bikeability Week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	6:00 p.m.	New Intake Parents' Meeting
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	2:00p.m.	Walking Day
Week Commencing 3 <sup>rd</sup> June		Y6 Low Bank Ground
Week Commencing 10 <sup>th</sup> June		Phonics Screening Week
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	6:15 – 7:15 (KS1) 7:30 – 8:30 (KS2)	FOOLS Wellbeing Disco- TBC
Week Commencing 17 <sup>th</sup> June		Refugee Week
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	9:30 am -12:00pm	KS1 Inter School Sports @ Canon Sharples
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	4:00- 6:00pm	KS2 Inter School Sports @ Our Lady's
Week Commencing 24 <sup>th</sup> June		Diversity Week
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Creative Curriculum Day with Aspull Church & St David's
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		Own Clothes Day – Bring a Bottle for Bottle Tombola
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Summer Gala & Sports Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	3:00 p.m.	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		Bastille Day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July		Reports Out
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	11:00 a.m.	End of Year & Y6 Leavers' Mass
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	3:35p.m.	Term Ends