



Year 3 Sacramental Programme

Our Year 3 children attended a joint catechist session with Holy Family recently. We thank our wonderful volunteers in the parish who support our children on their faith journey.

Ascension Mass

Last Thursday, we had our Ascension Mass at 11am. The Mass was led by Fr Kevin and Year 5. Well done to Y5 for supporting Father Kevin and the school so well.

Staffing

Since our last newsletter, we have been recruiting at Our Lady's. As you are aware, I will be leaving at the end of this month and Mr Cregan will be taking over as Headteacher so this will be my final newsletter. I would like to again reiterate the thanks I have for working with such a great community for the last ten years.

As a school, we are also delighted that Miss Wright will be our new Deputy Headteacher from June 2024. We also have appointed Mr Ormrod and Mr Philips who will be joining our staff team from September. Both staff members will meet their new classes on our 'Move Up Day' on Wednesday 3rd July. I'm sure that you will make the new additions to our school family very welcome.

Positive Attitudes

Well done to all of our children who are working ever so hard in class.

We are very proud of all the children in school who are continuing to demonstrate their usual very positive attitudes to learning when completing a range of school assessments. Year 6 are this week completing their statutory assessment tests (SATs) and are working incredibly hard. Well done Y6! Year 2 have begun their assessments and are equally as diligent. Year 1 have their phonics screening test after half term and the remainder of the year groups will have their assessments this term. This is their opportunity to shine and will reflect their amazing efforts. As we always say to our pupils, we can only ever ask of them to give of their best.

Reception & Year 6 Photographs

On the morning of Monday 20th May, we have Mr Holden, our school photographer at Our Lady's to take some special photographs of our pupils. Purchase details will follow the session.

Children's Entertainer

Following the Reception and Year 6 photographs on Monday, the whole school will watch a special show as a treat.

Non Uniform Day-24th May

For my last day at Our Lady's, the pupils are able come into school in non-uniform (no charge) and we also have an ice-cream van booked in for them for that afternoon.

Walk to School Week



As you know, next week is our summer term 'Walk to School Week'. As usual, the Eco Team will record all the children who manage to walk to school each day, collate the findings and award the certificate to the winning class in each key stage. I wonder who will be crowned winners this time?

Bikeability

Next week, our Y6 pupils are completing their Bikeability training (previously referred to as cycling proficiency). Historically, these sessions have proved incredibly popular and have provided our pupils with incredibly important safety skills for the future.

Our Lady's Sport

Please see below just a small selection of pictures from our recent sporting events. Many more are available on our X page.

Y3 & Y4 Girls' Football at Bolton School



The girls played brilliantly, not losing a single game in the whole friendly competition.

Y5 & Y6 Girls' Football at Bolton School

We sent two terrific teams to the competition. The girls did brilliantly in their respective competitions with one team winning every single game and winning the whole

competition. Our second team also played brilliantly demonstrating excellent team spirit. Well done girls!



Y3 & Y4 Boys' Football at Bolton School



Well done to our boys who participated in a football competition recently at Bolton School. The children played brilliantly against some very tough opposition winning every single match! We are all very proud of the way that the children conducted themselves!

Y5 Football Team

On Thursday, we sent two Y5/6 teams to play in two competitions at Bolton School. Both teams played fantastically well and progressed to the knockout stages of the competition. Team 1 were eventually defeated on sudden death penalties in the QF and Team 2 were narrowly beaten in the Semi-Finals. Well done boys!

On Friday, our Y5 team played at Laithwaite Park and competed brilliantly alongside 32 other schools. They played seven games only losing once and narrowly missing out on progressing to the latter stages. We even beat St Cuthbert's!

Over the course of three evenings, a total of 62 children represented Our Lady's which was fantastic to see. A big thank you for your support, especially our volunteer coaches and for the quick turnaround in kits to allow so many children to take part, it is much appreciated.



UKS2 Netball—Rearranged

Our children will be competing at Our Lady's in a netball competition on Thursday 13th June. We wish them good luck!

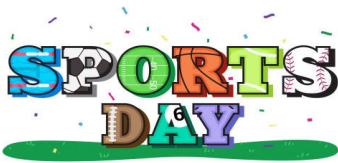
Mile in the Morning

This term, we continue with our 'Mile in the Morning' sessions. We would love you to join us from Monday to Friday morning's 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.

Summer Gala and Sports Day

As mentioned in our dates for diary, our Summer Gala and Sports Day will take place on Sunday 7th July. The Gala will begin at 1:00pm. This is a fantastic community event which is not to be missed! Further information to follow.

New Reception Class Meeting



A reminder that next Wednesday the 22nd May at 6:00pm there is a meeting in school for the parents/carers and families of the children joining our Reception class in September 2024. Those families are very welcome!

Blackpool Theatre Trip—Y6

Last week, our Y6 pupils visited Blackpool's Grand Theatre to watch 'The Boy at the Back of the Classroom' They had a fantastic time and were impeccably behaved.

SEND Coffee Morning

Thank you to our parents for their attendance at our recent SEND Coffee morning, to Miss Cunningham for organising the event and to @Gallowayspies for creating some lovely cakes for us.

X (Formerly Twitter) Updates



Each class regularly gives updates of their curriculum and what's

going on. Often the children will tweet these responses so please be aware that this can affect the spelling/grammar at times! As a school, we would strongly recommend that you follow us on this platform. You never need to tweet, but the benefits of having more knowledge of what your child is doing each day is so valuable. Please see the X names to follow below:

Whole School Feed: @OURLADYSASPULL

Reception: @MissS_YR

Year 1: @MissWrightOL

Year 2: @MissCYear2

Year 3: @Year3MissL

Year 4: @MissFYear4

Year 5: @MrC_Year5

Year 6: @Year6MissW

Y5 Wider Ops Concert

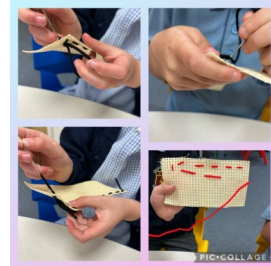


On Wednesday 15th May our Year 5 children will be performing their Wider Opportunities learning in music at school for this academic year. Parents/Carers of Y5 children are welcome to attend and support the children. The concert will start promptly at 2:45 pm. Please ensure that your child has remembered to bring in their musical instrument for this special day.

Working with Resident Artist Belinda

We are again this term working with Belinda, our Resident Artist. So far this term she has been working with Y2, Y3 & Y4

Sewing in Y2



Observational Art in Y3



Sketching in Y4



Attendance Matters!

Class	WB: 29.4.24	WB: 7.5.24
Year R	97%	97.5%
Year 1	99.3%	100%
Year 2	98.1%	92.3%
Year 3	98.1%	97.2%
Year 4	99.3%	96.3%
Year 5	97.8%	99.2%
Year 6	97.7%	100%
Whole School	98.2%	97.5%



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Dates for Diary 2023/2024

Summer Term 2024		
Monday 15th April		Summer 1 Term Starts
Thursday 18 th April	11:00 a.m.	Easter Service (Y3 to Lead)
Monday 6 th May		Bank Holiday
Thursday 9 th May	11:00am	Ascension Mass (Y5 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
Sunday 2 nd June	2:00p.m.	Walking Day
Week Commencing 3 rd June		Y6 Low Bank Ground
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
Week Commencing 17 th June		Refugee Week
Monday 17 th June	9:30 am -12:00pm	KS1 Inter School Sports @ Canon Sharples
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 David's
Friday 5 th July		Own Clothes Day – Bring a Bottle for Bottle Tombola
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