



## All Saints Mass

Thank you to Father Kevin & Year 6 for leading us so beautifully in Mass. As usual the pupils were a credit to you and school.

## Sunday Wreath Making at Our Lady's School

Our parish community will be holding a wreath making workshop in Our Lady's School Hall on Sunday 26th November between 2pm and 4pm. Everyone is welcome at this free event, but we ask that you bring along some interesting foliage from your garden, enough to share if you can. Don't worry if you can't, we will be providing materials to use as well. Mince pies and a hot drink will also be provided.

## Advent & Christmas Masses

On Thursday 7th December, Father Kevin and our Y4 children will lead an Advent Mass in school at 11:00a.m., as always everyone is welcome to attend via TEAMS. The link will be sent out to families closer to the date.

On Friday 8th December, the whole school will walk up to church for Mass at 9:30am. If you would like to accompany us to church on Friday then please just let their class teacher or the school office know.

On Monday 18th December, our Y3 children will lead a Christmas service in school at 11:00a.m., as always everyone is welcome to attend via TEAMS. The link will be sent out to families closer to the date.

## Community Carol Service

On Monday 11th December we will have our KS2 Community Carol Service at St David's Church at 10am. Our Lady's, Aspull Church and St David's come together as one family to celebrate this important time of year. Parents are most welcome to attend and sing some carols with the three schools.

## Aspull Churches Together—Follow the Star Trail

On Sunday 10th December, all families are welcome to join the 'Follow the Star Trail', meeting at 2pm

at Aspull library. This Nativity Adventure trail will include clues and will be fun for all the family. Hot chocolate and refreshments will be available.

## Laudato Si Centre

Our Eco and Gift Team members will be joining up with St Mary's School in Horwich when they will be visiting the Laudato Si Centre in Wardley. The pupils will be working in the walled garden and looking at how we can reduce waste and care for our 'Common Home' amongst other tasks.

## Eco & Gift Team—Crumble



Mary Berry has nothing on Our Lady's!

Before half term, a selection of pupils helped to pick, clean and create a delicious rhubarb, apple and pear crumble. The pupils decided that they wanted to do this to be able to send one to the Brick Homeless Charity as well as sending one to Holy Dene Retirement Home and one to Father Kevin. The puddings went down very well indeed. Well done boys and girls!

## Caritas Award

Well done to Eleanor in Y6 for winning this term's Caritas Award. From fundraising for the Brick to contributing to a delicious fruit crumble for our community—she has been a star!

## Poppy Appeal

As we pay tribute to those who have served and sacrificed during Remembrance this year, we hope you will show your support to all our amazing Poppy Appeal collectors in our local communities. We will be once again selling poppies and other Royal British Legion merchandise. Pupils will be selling items this week. Prices: Poppies 20p, Reflectors and Mini Ribbons—50p, Snap bands and Bracelets—£1.

## Remembrance Sunday

Our Lady's will again be represented at the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November. We will start from the British Legion at 10:40am. All children are welcome to come along in school uniform to walk with us.

## Multi Faith Week

Next week, our pupils will be learning about other faiths and equality. All pupils will be learning about Hinduism. The week includes a visitor who will be speaking with all classes and our Y2 & Y5 pupils will be visiting the Gita Bhavan Hindu Temple in Manchester on Thursday 16th November.

## FOOLs (Friends of Our Lady's School)—PTA

A big thank you to our parents who were able to attend our first meeting on 3rd October. We had a really productive meeting and there is lots planned for this academic year. A reminder that the PTA discos for KS1 and KS2 are on Friday 24th November at the usual times of 6.15 pm till 7.15pm for KS1 and 7.30pm till 8.30pm for KS2. The entrance fee is a family size chocolate bar for the tombola which will be used at the Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December. Also, there will be a non-uniform day on Thursday 7th December when we are asking for contributions for the bottle tombola. Our next meeting is on Monday 6th November at Our Lady's school at 3:35pm. A reminder that as soon as your child is enrolled at Our Lady's you automatically become a member!

## Pantomime



Thanks to the amazing work of our FOOLs team, each child got to watch an amazing Pantomime of Beauty and the Beast. Pupils and staff gave rave reviews and had a magical time!

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Thank you Mr C Horridge - Headteacher



Our Lady's RC Primary School

# Newsletter

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## Class Assemblies

Well done to all of our children who have delivered a fantastic set of assemblies. Also a big thank you to all of the parents, family members and friends who came along to support the children.

### Remaining class assembly dates:

Assemblies begin at 9:05am after registration.

Thursday 16th November Y6

Thursday 23rd November Y1

Thursday 30th November YR

## Nativity

Important date for your diary! On Wednesday 13th December at 6:00pm our EYFS and KS1 children will take part in Our Lady's Nativity. Tickets will be available from Parentpay shortly and will be kept strictly to 2 tickets per family in the first round. Should any other tickets remain we will complete a second round.

## Rock Kidz Day



Have you heard the news? Rock Kidz are officially returning to our school on Friday 24th November to deliver the most exciting rock 'n' roll workshops in the UK! Throughout the school day we'll be transforming the whole school into Rockstars and inspiring them to be the best they can be. Their experienced team will be teaching our pupils all about Relationships and the importance of Anti Bullying through their unique Rock Kidz songs. At the end of the workshop day their team will be outside conducting a 'Meet & Greet' for the school community where there will be an opportunity to meet the team and purchase the official Rock Kidz Merchandise for your child. This is entirely optional! The merchandise features a positive message of the value they've covered

in the workshop and aims to serve as an inspirational reminder of the Rock Kidz experience. A letter from the company will follow in due course.

## Parents' Evening

A reminder that this week is Parents' Evening, Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th November. Please can you book a slot using the booking form on our school website if you haven't done so already

## Our Lady's Sports Updates

### Cricket

We are very fortunate to be linking up with Lancashire County Cricket Club, who are providing sessions every Thursday until the end of term with our Year 2 and Year 4 classes.

### Just Join In

On Monday, 8 of our children from Year 3 and Year 4 will be attending Wigan Youth Zone to participate in the Just Join In Festival with Wigan School Games, we hope they have a fantastic time.

### Girls' Football

On Thursday, our girls' football team will be completing their second round of fixtures in the Wigan Schools' Football League at Dean Trust. The girls were excellent in their first round of games, winning every one!

### Panathlon

The following Monday, a group of our Year 5 and 6 children will be attending a Panathlon event at Wigan Youth Zone. This is a wonderful opportunity and we are sure they will have a great time.

### Orienteering

On Thursday, a small group of Year 5 children will be taking part in the Aspull Schools Orienteering event at Haigh Hall. This is always a great event, let's hope for good weather!

### Kit Amnesty

Mr Cregan has asked parents if they would please take a look at home to see if their child has any Our Lady's Sport kit at home. We are missing a number

of kit items and these are essential for our participation in a range of sporting events. We thank you for your support in this matter.

## Open Evening Tours

We have now completed all of our pre-arranged tours of Our Lady's. If you know of any other families who have children due to start in September 2024 please let them know that they can contact the school office and we will arrange a private tour for them.

## Uniform Reminders

Please can I ask that **all uniform is clearly labelled** with your child's name as without this it is impossible for staff to identify clothing items for pupils. Can I remind parents that children should always come to school wearing black shoes.

Children with long hair should also ensure that this is tied up. Also, as the weather continues to get colder and wetter, please ensure that the children bring a warm coat to school everyday.

For health and safety reasons, **please ensure that your children have removed all earrings before they come into school.**

Thank you for your support in these matters.

## Breakfast & AfterSchool Club

A reminder to parents that our daily Breakfast Club starts at 7:30a.m. each morning and costs £4.50. The children have a range of breakfast options and tasks that they can complete before school. Options range from 'Wake and Shake' activities to finishing off homework. We also have our own Creative Afterschool club which runs until 5:30 p.m. at a daily cost of £9.25. Should you wish you book your child on either of these options please do so using Parentpay. Any problems or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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### Enrichment Clubs

Tomorrow, we will release the Enrichment Clubs that are being offered this half term. You can book your child a place via Parentpay in the **CLUBS** section.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ORDER TO SECURE A PLACE ON A PARTICULAR CLUB YOU MUST BOOK AND PAY VIA THE CLUBS SECTION. SIMPLY PAYING THE PAYMENT ITEM WILL NOT SECURE A PLACE IN THE CLUB.**

For your convenience we have now created 2 Choices in our Afterschool Club:

Attendance at Afterschool Club 3:35pm to 5:30pm including food - £9.25

Attendance at Afterschool Club 4:15/4:30pm to 5:30 including snack - £3.50 (following attendance at an Enrichment Club)

If you would like your child to go into our Afterschool Club following their attendance at an Enrichment club (whether charged or not), you will need to book them into both the Enrichment Club and the Afterschool Club selecting the appropriate Choice.

Clubs on offer:

**Warriors – Multi-sports - Reception Class—Monday**

**Eco & Laudato Si Club – Class Representatives—Monday**

**RRSA Club – Chosen representatives—Wednesday**

**MFL Club – Y3 and Y4 Children—Tuesday**

**Warriors – Ball Games Club Y5 & Y6 Children—Tuesday**

**Lego Club – Y1 and Y2 Children—Monday**

**Warriors – Ball Games Club Y3 & Y4 Children—Fridays**

**Art & Craft Club Y5 & Y6 Children—Thursday**

**Choir Club – KS2 Children—Thursday**

### Cooking Club – Y5 & Y6 Children—Thursday

#### Useful Dates for Diaries

Please see the diary dates on the following page.

#### Attendance Matters

Before half term, you will have received a letter from our Attendance Officer concerning your child's attendance. Thank you for continuing to support your child's attendance.

***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.

**Make every minute count !**

### Whole School Attendance

Class	WB:30/10/2023
Year R	96.7%
Year 1	98.0%
Year 2	89.7%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	92.2%
Whole School	94.6%

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# Our Lady's R.C. Primary School

## Dates for Diary 2023/2024

### Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September		Autumn 1 Term Starts Y1 – Y6
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September		Autumn 1 Term starts YR (Reception) – Y6
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September		Seasons of Creation Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September		Y1 Balance Bikeability
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September		Coffee Morning PDFs released Yr-Y6
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	11:00am	School – New Term Mass Led by Y5
Begin 11 <sup>th</sup> September & end on 27 <sup>th</sup> September	9:05 am	Coffee Mornings R: Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September Y1: Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September Y2: Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September Y3: Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September Y4: Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September Y5: Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September Y6: Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September		European Day of Languages
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September		Harvest Festival
Week beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> October		Black History Week
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	3:35pm	PTA FOOLS—Meeting at Our Lady's School
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	3:25pm	Reception Parental Writing & Phonics Workshop
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	10:30 am	Parishioners Coffee Morning
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October		World Mental Health & Kindness Days
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October		Healthy Relationships Workshops
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	3:00 pm	Y5 & Y6 Maths Parental Workshop Y1 & Y2 Maths Parental Workshop Y3 & Y4 Maths Parental Workshop
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October		Walk to School Week – Laudato Si
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	4:00 - 6:30p.m. <b>By appointment only</b>	New Intake - I-I tours by appointment with Senior Leaders
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October		Break the Rules Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October		Whole School Pantomime
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October		Half Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October		Autumn 2 Term Starts
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November		Multi Faith Week – Hinduism & Sikhism
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	3:35pm	PTA FOOLS—Meeting at Our Lady's School
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	3:45 – 6:30p.m. 3:45 – 6:00p.m.	Parents' Evening/ Parents' Interim Reports Out
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	TBC	TBC - Remembrance Sunday – Meet at The British Legion in Aspull at 10:30am
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November		Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	3:00 pm	Y1 & Y2 English Parental Workshop YR—Maths Parental Workshop
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	3:00 pm	Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6 English Parental Workshop
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November		Rock Kidz Concert – Whole School
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	6:15 – 7:15 (KS1) 7:30 – 8:30 (KS2)	FOOLS Disco – Family Chocolate Bar for Entry



Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November		Advent retreat at St Anthony's for Faith Team
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00 a.m.	Advent Mass in School (Y4 to Lead)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00 a.m.	Own Clothes Day – (Bring a Bottle into School)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	3:40 – 5:00 p.m.	Christmas Fair -
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00am.	Community Carol Service at St David's Church
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2:00p.m & 6:00p.m.	EYFS & KS1 Nativity
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	11:00 am	Christmas Mass – (Y3 to Lead)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	6:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Crib Outside Church
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	3:35p.m.	Term Ends Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

### Spring Term 2024

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