



Year Group & Pupil Leadership Masses

So far this year, Pupil Leadership groups and classes Year 6 to Year 3 have visited Church for morning Mass. This Wednesday, sees Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 attend 9:30 Mass at Our Lady's. If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and would like to accompany us to church on Wednesday then please just let their class teacher or the school office know. Parishioners have commented on the reverent and excellent behaviour of all pupils and have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children.

Father Kevin and Year 6 will lead an 'All Saints' Mass on Wednesday 1st November at 11:00am. Microsoft Teams invites will be sent out shortly.

Hope in the Future Synod at The Edge



Thank you to Mrs Sullivan for accompanying the children with Mr Horridge at a special diocesan Synod event. A host of speakers, musicians and representatives of the diocese attended including Bishop John Arnold. We had an amazing day and learned how we can be 'Ambassadors for Christ.'

FOOLS Meeting (Friends of Our Lady's)

Thank you to those that attended our recent FOOLS meeting. The meeting was very productive and there are lots of things for the children to look forward to this year as a result of their great work. We recognise that family life is busy, but any support that you can offer is greatly welcomed.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 6th November 3:35pm at Our Lady's. Those attending can leave their child/ren in after school club free of charge for the duration of the meeting.

A reminder that once your child starts Our Lady's all family members automatically become members of our FOOL's Team.

It's Showtime

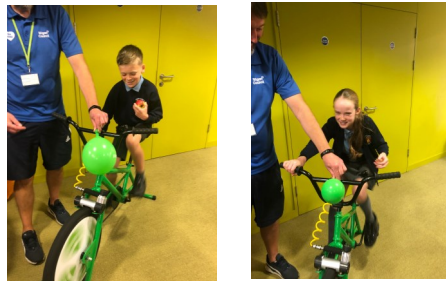


Thanks to the amazing work of our FOOLS team, every child will get to watch an amazing Pantomime this Thursday at Our Lady's. The travelling show has come with rave reviews and I'm sure that the children will have a magical time!

Walk to School Week

Our Walk to School initiative continues this week. Our ECO & Laudato Si Committee will be monitoring the numbers and percentages of each class who walk to school, and there will be a winner for each key stage as usual. Remember that if you are unable to walk from home, you can still park and stride from our designated points in order to receive a stamp.

Healthy Schools at The Edge



Mrs Bithell, Sonny and Emily attended The Edge at Wigan in recognition of the fantastic way that we strive to keep our children healthy. As members of the school council, they will be working hard

to support a range of initiatives at school this year.

New Intake For Reception Class 2024

If you have a child/children whose D.O.B is between 1/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 they are due to start school in September 2024 in Reception. If you require a place for your child/children please ensure that you have submitted your child's details by contacting the school office and registering their details.

Please speak to our school office if this applies to you and we will be happy to help! A letter will also be posted to you via Wigan council Admissions team with details of how to apply online.

The closing date for on time applications this year is 15th January 2024.

Online applications

The online application service is now open. There is a link available from our school admission page

<https://www.aspullourladys.wigan.sch.uk/admissions>

Open Days

This year we have our Open Day appointments for new starters on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October—4:00—6:30pm.

Please book an appointment by accessing the following link <https://www.aspullourladys.wigan.sch.uk/event-registration>

or by contacting our school office on 01942 832299

This is an opportunity for prospective parents to have a look around the school, meet some staff, ask questions and get a general feel for Our Lady's.

We look forward to seeing you!

EYFS Parental Phonics Workshop

Many thanks to our parents/grandparents who attended the recent phonics session. The feedback has been incredibly positive which highlights the impact of holding these sessions. By continuing to work in partnership we can support the best outcomes for your child/ren.



Maths Workshops

The next series of workshops are Maths workshops where you can experience a section of a Maths lesson with your child.

These begin this week– see below.

Monday 16th October -Y5 & Y6 Maths Workshop at 3:00pm

Tuesday 17th October—Y1 & Y2 Maths Workshop at 3:00pm

Wednesday 18th October-Y3 & Y4 Maths Workshop at 3:00pm

Class Assembly Rota

Please find below the remaining dates for our class assemblies for this term. Assemblies will begin at 9:05am after registration.

- Thursday 19th October Y4**
- Thursday 2nd November Y3**
- Thursday 16th November Y6**
- Thursday 23rd November Y1**
- Thursday 30th November YR**

Break the Rules Day

We are running a break the rules day. This will take place on Wednesday 18th October this week.

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.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in appropriate footwear, i.e. shoes or trainers. No slippers please due to health and safety concerns.

We aim to make this an exciting fun day, however children will be reminded that all other school rules apply! Thank you for your continued support.

Rules to break	Fine
Face glitter	£1.00
Crazy hair	£1.00
Temporary tattoo	£1.00
Nail varnish	£1.00
Non-uniform/ Wear pyjamas	£1.00

Sean Perkins—Local Author

Sean visited school last Tuesday completing a writing workshop with each class. The pupils loved working with him and creating their own characters.

Nicola Anderton—Healthy Relationships & Road Safety—PSHE

As part of our curriculum, Reception to Year 6 have been taking part in a range of workshops recently. See below:

Reception: Gender expectations using toys

Y1—Friends, secrets and people who help us

Y2—Gender, careers and assumptions

Y3—Resolving conflict and where to get help

Y4—Examining violence, excuses and responsibility

Y5—Secrets and stories

Y6—Court Room Game

Nicola commented on the amazing behaviour and attitudes to learning of our pupils. Well done boys and girls!

Road Safety

Terry McCarrick from the Road Safety Team from Wigan Local Authority came into school this week to complete a Year 3 and a Year 4 class workshop. The children learned some very important messages.

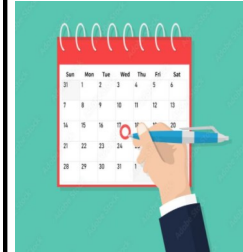
Parents' Evening

A reminder that our parental consultation sessions will be held on the evenings of Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th of November. Booking can be made via the homepage of our school website.

<https://www.aspullourladys.wigan.sch.uk>

After Half term, parental forms will be sent out upon our return in preparation for these important meetings.

Dates for Diary



On the following pages please see the dates for diary for the academic year 2023-24. Please note that all dates are provisional and are subject to change.

Half Term - As you are aware, school will be closed after Thursday 19th October and will re-open on Monday 30th October. I hope that you all have an enjoyable break with your families.

Attendance Matters

As previously informed, the staff and governors regularly review and update the Attendance and Punctuality Policy. Please see our most recent communication from our LA attendance Officer on the next page.

Class	WB 2/10/2023	WB 9/10/2023
Year R	94%	98.7%
Year 1	97.3%	91.7%
Year 2	95.8%	97.7%
Year 3	97%	100%
Year 4	98.2%	91.4%
Year 5	95%	96.3%
Year 6	93.7%	91.1%
Whole School	95.9%	95.3%

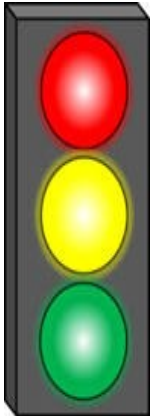


Attendance Matters

Dear Parent /Carer,

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
	RED	90% or Below	Your child's attendance is a concern. DfE class as persistent absence Your child may have a medical condition school are aware of.
	AMBER	91% - 96%	Your child's attendance is being closely monitored You should take steps to reduce further absence. You should consider contacting school to discuss your child's attendance.
	GREEN	97% -100%	Well done! Your child's attendance is great we aim for all students attendance to fall into this category Your child's attendance should be celebrated and rewarded.

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 me to discuss attendance.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Cooper – Attendance Officer

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Our Lady's R.C. Primary School

Dates for Diary 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023

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



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

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8 th January		Spring 1 Term Starts
Tuesday 9 th January	9:05 a.m.	Y6 SATs Information Meeting
Tuesday 16 th January	9:05 a.m.	Y2 SATs 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)
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 - TBC
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 14 th February	11:00am	Ash Wednesday Service (led by Y6)
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



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 16 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 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