



RRSA (Rights Respecting Schools Award)



This morning our RRSA team led an assembly with Mr Horridge about our RRSA journey. All pupils came dressed today as an icon who has inspired them as part of our Children's Day. This week, all classes will be learning more about 'rights' and the inspirational icons in our world who help to promote them. As a result of our excellent work, we have been rewarded with the bronze accreditation for RRSA.

Advent Retreat at St Joseph's R.C. High School

As part of our ongoing work with St Joseph's, on Tuesday 28th November our GIFT team, alongside other primary schools, will be looking at how we can use Advent as a period of 'waiting' and 'preparing' spiritually for Christ's coming at Christmas. Their music and drama team will work with our pupils to design a scene from the nativity. The plan is to collate the scenes so that our Gift team can lead an advent liturgy at Our Lady's.

Prayer for the week

We spread God's love because we are children of light.

Multi Faith Week



Last week, the whole school was learning about Hinduism. We had a special visitor in school who taught the children about

Hinduism including dance, food and Rangoli (Indian Art Patterns).



Year 2 and Year 5 also visited the Gita Bhavan Hindu Temple.

Year 6 Class Assembly

Last Thursday, we were treated to a wonderful assembly which was led by Year 6. Well done team!

A big well done to all classes and staff for the assemblies that we have witnessed so far this term. All assemblies demonstrated the amazing learning that is going on, but most importantly showed the fun that the children are having. Well done everyone!

We look forward to seeing Year 1 perform their assembly this Thursday.

Poppy Appeal



To pay tribute to those who have served and sacrificed during Remembrance this year, we have again been showing our support to the amazing Poppy Appeal. As a school we worked hard with our fundraising for this fantastic cause! Official amount raised TBC.



Our pupils created this wonderful cross decorated with poppies for the cenotaph on Remembrance Day and one of our Gift Team, Sam, placed the cross amongst the wreaths during the service. As always our children showed great reverence.

Light Night Wigan Art Project



This year we were invited to enter this fantastic art project by 'Light Night Wigan'. The competition was for 5-11 year olds to draw their favourite icon from the borough of



Wigan, and 3 would be chosen to be made into life-sized neon artworks for the light festival.

We are delighted to say that Beatrix won the competition, appeared on Granada Reports and had her very own design of Ella Toone made into Neon.

Ella Toone herself loved the design and responded to us on Twitter! Well done Beatrix!

Parental Workshops

Don't forget to come into school to take part in your child's next parental classroom workshop.

Y1 & Y2 English Parental Workshop— Wednesday 22nd November— 3:00 pm

Reception Maths Parental Workshop— Wednesday 22nd November— 3:00 pm

Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 English Parental Workshop— Thursday 23rd November 3:00 pm

By working together in this way, we hope to be able to reach even more families and offer our support with the teaching and

learning of our pupils. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask and we will endeavour to answer your questions.

Our children also regularly tweet their work via their class pages so please check out some of their fantastic work at <https://twitter.com/OURLADYSASPULL> or via their class X links.



Rockkidz Concert

Have you heard the news? Rock Kidz is officially coming to our school this Friday 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 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 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 was sent out last week with further details.

Open Day & Evening

There was a great turn out for our recent 'Open Days'. If you missed our Open Day or know of someone who still would like to visit, please telephone our school office to arrange a personal tour of the school.

Applying for a Reception Class place for September 2024

Paper application forms are also available from Our Lady's School Office.

The deadline for applications for the September 2024 intake is 15th January 2024. For more details see the Admissions Page on our school website.

FOOLS

Our wonderful FOOLS team does so much to enhance the school experiences for all our children. We met again recently as a group to finalise the organisation of our Glow in the Dark disco, Christmas Fair and much more. If you would be willing to help out at any of these events please just let the office know. Grandparents are also most welcome. Many thanks for your help!

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Thank you Mr C Horridge - Headteacher



Glow in the Dark Disco

The disco will be held this Friday and the entry to this fun event is a family sized chocolate bar which will then be used for our chocolate tombola.

EYFS & KS1—6:15—7:15 pm

KS2—7:30—8:30pm

Christmas Cards

Our FOOLS team kindly organised a Christmas Card opportunity for all pupils. The templates have now been sent off and the returned final products looked great! Thank you to the FOOLS team for organising this.

Community Carol Service

On Monday 11th December, we have our KS2 Community Carol Service at St David's Church at 10:00am. 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.

Advent & Christmas Service

On Thursday 7th December, our Y4 children will lead an Advent 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.

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.

Own Clothes Day & Bring a Bottle

On Thursday 7th December, we will have a non-uniform day. Each child will bring in a bottle for our Christmas Bottle Tombola.

Nativity

A reminder of an important date for your diary! On Wednesday 13th December at 2:00pm and 6:00pm our EYFS and KS1 children will take part in Our Lady's Nativity. Tickets will soon be available to purchase from Parentpay and due to available space will be kept strictly to 2 tickets per family per performance in the first round. Should any other tickets remain we will complete a second round. Letters concerning costumes will be sent out this week. We look forward to this performance and experience for all pupils. On Tuesday 12th December, the pupils will be having their photographs taken in their costumes and these will be available for purchase

following Mr Holden's (School Photographer) visit.

Christmas Fair

On Friday 8th December we have our Christmas Fair straight after school. Multiple stalls, Father Christmas and drinks and refreshments are on offer to get everyone in the festive spirit.

Carols Around the Tree

All pupils are welcome to join us at the Finger Post whilst we sing around the Tree on Thursday 14th December at 7pm.

Blessing of the Crib

On Monday 18th December at 6pm, everyone is welcome to join us alongside Father Kevin, where we sing a few carols outside, pray together and remember the true meaning of Christmas. Refreshments follow the blessing.

Our Lady's Sport

Daily Mile

Our daily mile continues (weather dependent) from Monday through to Friday from 8:30am. It would be great if you could join us and get active. Everyone is welcome!

Orienteering

Unfortunately, the orienteering event was cancelled due to the poor weather. This event will now be rescheduled for the Spring term.

Cricket

Manchester's Cricket Development Team have been delivering some cricket sessions to our Year 2 and Year 4 children. They have been thoroughly enjoying the sessions and learning some new skills at the same time.



Football Wigan Schools' Football Competition

Last Friday, our football team played in the Wigan Schools' Football Competition. They played incredibly well throughout; making it to the semi finals were they were beaten by the overall winners of the competition. They demonstrated excellent skill, commitment and sportsmanship throughout. Well done boys!

Football

On Friday 30th November, a group of Y3 & Y4 children will be competing in an Inter School Football competition at St Joseph's R.C. High School. They have kindly allowed

us to use their amazing sports dome for the competition and are even supporting the event with some of their sports leaders. I am sure that this will be another great sporting occasion for our pupils.



Inclusion Panathlon

Last week, a group of KS2 pupils took part in an Inclusion Panathlon



at Wigan Youth Zone.

The pupils and staff had a fantastic time!

Attendance Matters

Make every minute count !

This half term, you will receive a further update 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.

Class	WB:6.11.23	WB: 15.11.23
Year R	94.7%	97.3%
Year 1	92.3%	93.3%
Year 2	98.7%	95.5%
Year 3	91.9%	94.8%
Year 4	90%	97.9%
Year 5	99.4%	98.4%
Year 6	96.3%	98.5%
Whole School	94.9%	96.5%

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

Our Lady's R.C. Primary School

Dates for Diary 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023

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		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)
Wednesday 14 th February	11:00am	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 - 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 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 15 th 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

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Our Lady's Primary School

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

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Reconciliation	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	April-May		8.5.23 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	9.6.23- 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	