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Dear Parents and Carers,

A HAPPY, BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

My first letter of 2026 comes with my very best wishes for a wonderful new year for all of you. I trust that you have all had a chance to relax, reflect and enjoy the company and love of your families over the Christmas holiday period. On behalf of all the team at Our Lady's, I would like to thank you for your generosity over Christmas – it was truly appreciated by all of us. Thank you very much!

Epiphany Mass:

It was such a joy to celebrate the mass this afternoon to mark the Feast of the Epiphany, to commemorate the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. This afternoon's service was celebrated by Fr. Norbert and it was such a wonderful sight seeing all of our children (and staff) attending mass wearing their glorious crowns – to represent the Magi. It was also a lovely way to start the new term for the school community and it was so nice to see so many parents, carers and friends of the school at the church. We hope you enjoyed the service.



Nursery and Reception Class Admissions for September 2026 (for children who reach the age of 3 or 4 between 1st September 2025 to 31st August 2026):

We are delighted to say that our school is extremely popular and we have had a great deal of interest in both our Nursery and Reception places - but we would not like any of our families to miss the deadline for applications for admission to our school in September 2026. If you have a child who reached or will be reaching the age of 3 between the above dates and you would like them to join our Nursery class (which includes 30 hours provision), **or** you have a child who reached or will be reaching the age of 4 between the above dates and you would like them to join our Reception class, please ensure that your application forms are handed in before **January 15th 2026**.

Class Assemblies:



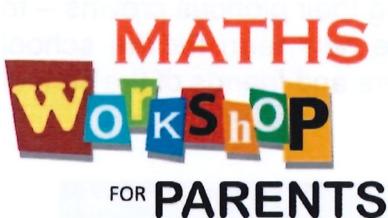
This term sees the return of our very popular class assemblies, which provides the children with the opportunity of sharing their work with an audience (i.e. *you* – the parents). The children are delighted when their parents and carers attend and you are always welcome, whether it is to see your own child's class or another year group. Assemblies will begin at 2.45pm.

The dates for the assemblies this term are as follows:-

Wednesday 28 th January	-	Year 1
Wednesday 4 th February	-	Year 2
Wednesday 11 th February	-	Year 3
Wednesday 4 th March	-	Year 4
Wednesday 11 th March	-	Year 6

Year 5 will be presenting a very special Lenten Assembly based on the 'Journey to the Cross' at 2.15pm on **Wednesday 25th March, 2026**.

Maths Workshop:



We are delighted to announce that we will be running a Maths workshop for parents and carers of all classes in the spring term. In this session, Mrs Avery will be explaining how maths is taught at our school and sharing some key strategies with you. Parents and carers attending will also have the opportunity to take part in some activities with their children, making it a family based workshop.

Mrs Avery will also be showing you how the teaching of maths progresses from one key stage to the other. This workshop will take place on **Friday 13th March at 9.00am** in the school hall and is free of charge.

We are planning to deliver more parent workshops in the summer term and hope to further strengthen the positive relationships that the school has with our parent community. Working in partnership with our parents and carers will ensure that our children receive the very best education that they can at our school.

Themes and Values:



To support the delivery of our Catholic Social Teaching curriculum, this half term's whole-school theme is 'Family and Community'. The two values which we are associating with this are 'Love' and 'Helpfulness' and the importance of our families and our community will be explored in our RE lessons. Our whole-school theme will change on a half termly basis and will always be supported by two of our Gospel values.

Uniform:

We are really grateful to all parents for supporting our uniform code. Our school uniform can be purchased from Smarty Schoolwear stores (which are located in Hatfield, Stevenage and Potters Bar) or on-line from the Smarty Schoolwear website:

<https://www.smartschoolwear.co.uk/>

Can I remind all parents to ensure that their child adheres to the following guidelines:

The uniform is as follows:

- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo on.
- Sky blue polo shirt with school logo on.
- Grey trousers/skirt/or pinafore dress.
- Light blue and white checked dress and/or grey shorts (*summer*).
- Tights should be navy or grey.
- Black school shoes; no trainers, boots, high heels, sandals.



Ideally there should be no jewellery worn at school. If jewellery is worn, please take note of the following guidelines:

- Small plain studs, one in each ear.
- No logos or shapes in boys' hair or eyebrows.
- All hair below the shoulders **must** be tied back.
- Hair bands; **navy** or **black** scrunchies or elastic bands.
- No make-up or nail varnish.

We will be continuing to have children come to school in their PE kits on the day that their class has PE. The school PE kit should be as follows:

- Navy blue polo shirt (with our school logo).
- School jumpers can also be worn in the colder months.
- Plain navy school shorts (*plain navy jogging trousers for the colder months*).
- Black plimsolls/trainers.

Birthdays:

We would like to wish all of the following children a very happy birthday during the month of January:

EYFS	—	Ayla, Cecilia, Aster and Reuben
Year 1	—	Jenson, Honey, Leo, and Elliot
Year 2	—	Emilia, Leo, Naaka and George
Year 3	—	Stella, Quinn and Kayden
Year 4	—	Arlo
Year 5	—	Lily
Year 6	—	Karola and Liliana



Dates for the Diary:

Below is a list of dates for your diaries – further information will be given later in the term with regards to upcoming class trips. I hope you find these useful.

JANUARY 2026	
7 th	MHT Coffee Morning in the school hall (9.00am) Parents are invited to attend
7 th	Swimming lessons begin for Year 3
11 th	Mayor's Civic Service at Our Lady's Church (3.00pm)
w/c 12 th	Curriculum information sent out to parents
12 th	Reception Screening Session (9.00am)
12 th	Cricket lessons for all classes (Year 1-6)
18 th	World Religion Day
19 th	Dr Martin Luther King Jr Day
19 th	Cricket lessons for all classes (Year 1-6)
20 th	'Mini Police' programme starts in Year 5 (2.00pm)
21 st	Year 5 Tudor workshop (in school)
23 rd	Swallow Dell v Our Lady's football match (3.30pm)
25 th	Burns Night
26 th	Cricket lessons for all classes (Year 1-6)
26 th	Year 1 History of Toys Workshop (in school hall)
27 th	Holocaust Memorial Day
27 th	'Mini Police' programme in Year 5 (2.00pm)
28 th	Year 1 Class Assembly at 2.45pm Parents are invited to attend
30 th	PTA Quiz Night (7pm)

FEBRUARY 2026	
2 nd	Candlemas
2 nd	Year 3 Trip the Roald Dahl Museum
2 nd	Cricket lessons for all classes (Year 1-6)
3 rd	'Mini Police' programme in Year 5 (2.00pm)
4 th	Year 2 Class Assembly at 2.45pm Parents are invited to attend
w/c 9 th	Children's Mental Health Week
9 th	Cricket lessons for all classes (Year 1-6)
10 th	Safer Internet Day
10 th	'Mini Police' programme in Year 5 (2.00pm)
11 th	Year 3 Class Assembly at 2.45pm (Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day) Parents are invited to attend
14 th	Valentine's Day
w/c 16 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
18 th	ASH WEDNESDAY – Start of Lent
23 rd	INSET DAY – School closed for children
w/c 23 rd	Other Faiths Week in RE - Islam
24 th	'Mini Police' programme in Year 5 (2.00pm)
24 th	Full Governing Board Meeting (5pm)
25 th	Lenten Reflections begin in hall at 8.40am Parents are invited to attend
25 th	Swimming lessons begin for Year 2

MARCH 2026	
1 st	Women's History Month begins
1 st	St. David's Day
2 nd	National Offer Day for Secondary Schools
3 rd	'Mini Police' programme in Year 5 (2.00pm)
4 th	Year 4 Class Assembly at 2.45pm - Parents are invited to attend
5 th	World Book Day
8 th	International Women's Day
9 th	Reception Screening Session (9.30am)
10 th	Year 6 trip to the RAF Museum in Hendon
10 th	'Mini Police' programme in Year 5 (2.00pm)
11 th	Year 6 Class Assembly at 2.45pm - Parents are invited to attend
13 th	Maths Parent Workshop (led by Mrs Avery)
15 th	Mothering Sunday
17 th	St. Patrick's Day
17 th	'Mini Police' programme in Year 5 (2.00pm)
18 th & 19 th	Whole School Art and DT Exhibition (3.15pm) Parents are invited to attend
21 st	World Poetry Day
21 st	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
24 th	Career Aspiration Day
25 th	Year 5 Stations of the Cross at 2.15pm (in school hall) Parents are invited to attend
26 th	Reports emailed to parents
27 th	END OF TERM (School closes at 1.00pm)

Please note that events may also be subject to change. If this happens, you will be informed as soon as possible. Please remember that our summer term begins on **Monday 13th April, 2026**.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support for our school over this academic year. Working in partnership with our parents and carers will ensure that our children receive the very best education that they can at our school.

With very best wishes for 2026 - this promises to be a very fruitful and successful year.

Kind regards,



Richard Curry