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An Easter Prayer

*That you gave your one and only Son,
that we might be called your children too.
Lord, help us to live in the gladness and
grace of Easter Sunday, everyday.
Let us have hearts of thankfulness
for your sacrifice.
Let us have eyes that look upon
your grace and rejoice in our salvation.
Help us to walk in that mighty grace
and tell your good news to the world.
All for your glory do we pray, Lord,
Amen.*



Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of what has been an incredibly busy but hugely successful and rewarding spring term, it gives us the opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved at our school. As you are aware, we were visited by Ofsted two weeks ago and, even though we are not permitted to disclose the outcomes of our inspection report, we wanted you to know just how proud we are of our children. They have been an absolute credit to both you and the school, which is something that has made both me and the staff team so immensely proud! Hopefully we will be in the position to share with you the full report when it has been published at the start of the summer term. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the pupils, staff, governors and parents for all of their hard work and commitment to our wonderful little school throughout the year. We now look ahead to the summer term (with lots of bright sunshine!) as we continue our onward journey as one community, working together to provide the very best outcomes for our children.

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Holy Week 2026:



Unfortunately, the way in which the Easter holidays have fallen this year means that we are unable to celebrate Holy Week together as a school community. During this week, we remember the last week of Jesus' life, leading up to his Crucifixion on Good Friday and the huge celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Lenten preparations began at the school with our morning reflections, which have been well attended throughout the term. I would just like to thank all of those who attended these reflections in order to strengthen their relationship with God in this busy Lenten period of preparation.

The Stations of the Cross:

On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 5 class treated us to a very special assembly that helped us to share in Jesus' Passion and death as a whole school community. The children looked at each station carefully and produced a short reflection as one of the main people who were involved in Jesus' journey towards crucifixion.

This very special presentation was the central focus of our Lenten preparations and allowed us the chance to reflect on specific events from Christ's last day on Earth. Thank you Year 5! It was a beautiful service.



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Easter Masses:

I would very much encourage all families to attend the Easter masses and services over the Easter weekend. The services in our local churches are as follows:

Good Friday <i>(3rd April)</i>	10.00am:	Stations of the Cross	St. Bonaventure
	12.00pm	Children's Stations	Our Lady's
	<i>Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion:</i>		
	3.00pm:	St. Bonaventure and Holy Family	
	7.00pm:	Our Lady's	
Holy Saturday <i>(4th April)</i>	10.00am:	Confessions at St. Bonaventure	
	4.00pm:	Polish Blessing of Food at Our Lady's	
	8.30pm:	Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter at Our Lady's	
Easter Sunday <i>(5th April)</i>	9.00am:	Easter Mass at St. Bonaventure	
	10.30am:	Easter Mass at Holy Family	
	12.00pm:	Easter Mass at Our Lady's	

Spring Term Reports:



Your child's report for the spring term should have been sent home with your child earlier today. Please do share and celebrate their achievements with them – they have all been working so hard throughout this busy term. Inside the envelope, there will be two printed copies of the report. One copy is for you to keep, and the other copy is for you to write a parent comment in the box at the bottom of the report, which you can send back into the office after

the Easter holidays. Please feel free to send back any comments via email as we greatly appreciate your feedback! Please also note that, in line with updated guidance, we no longer report a Greater Depth Standard (GDS) for Science or Religious Education (RE).

Staffing Update:



Goodbye Mrs Guszpil

As you are aware from my previous letter, Mrs Guszpil will be leaving us at the end of April. It has been a privilege to have Mrs Guszpil as a valued member of our team in her time at our school. On behalf of the staff, governors, parents and pupils, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Guszpil for her contribution to the life of the school. We wish her every success and happiness in her future endeavours.



Farewell for now, Mrs Weaver:

I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Mrs Weaver, our Year 2 teacher, who is expecting her second child in the next couple of weeks. We wish Mrs Weaver the very best of luck as she begins her maternity leave in the Easter holidays. We are all eagerly looking forward to hearing her exciting news as soon as it happens! On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank Mrs Weaver for the hard work that she has put into supporting the children at our school and we look forward to welcoming her back next year. Good luck!

Welcome Miss Ashley:

We are delighted to welcome Miss Eleanor Ashley, who will be joining our staff team as the Year 3 class teacher on 1st May. Miss Ashley brings a wealth of experience from a range of settings, along with creativity and a strong commitment to providing stability for the children and we are looking forward to welcoming her to our school very shortly. I am sure you will join me and the whole school community in extending a warm welcome to Miss Ashley when she joins our team.

Reasons to be Thankful:

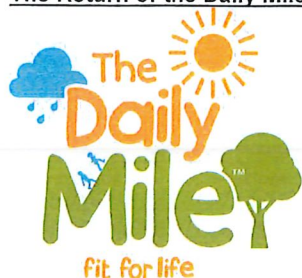


Being prepared to think of others, of course, is a particular strength of Our Lady Catholic Primary School. Raising money for charity is something that our children and staff do readily and willingly. This sense of community is something very special about our school and we remain forever indebted to our very generous school community – especially in these challenging financial times. We have collected the following in recent months:

- As part of our Harvest celebrations, we had numerous food items and toiletries donated for our local food bank (in October 2025).
- We raised £107 during Anti-Bullying Week for Odd Socks Day (in November 2025).
- £407 was raised for Children in Need (in November 2025).
- Year 5 raised £560 for Young Minds by participating in a sponsored Fun Run.
- £126 was raised for 'Save the Children' on Christmas Jumper Day (December 2025).
- £280 was raised in the EYFS Nativity, which will be used for resources in the EYFS.
- We raised £460 at the Year 6 Christmas Fair to raise funds to purchase new Chromebooks for the school (December 2025).
- £116 was raised for Place2Be (a children's mental health charity) during Children's Mental Health Week (February 2026).
- £157 was raised for Red Nose Day (March 2026).

We are ever so grateful to our families for coming together to support all these worthwhile charities. Thank you!

The Return of the Daily Mile!



Now that the weather is improving, we are delighted to announce the return of the Daily Mile. It is recommended that children should be doing 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Therefore, we will once again be offering children and parents the chance to participate in the Daily Mile each morning at 8.40am (weather dependent) starting from next term. Children, staff and parents can choose to either run or jog at their own pace, for just 10-15 minutes every day, outside with their friends. Taking part in regular physical activity has lots of benefits for children's physical health, mental health and wellbeing, and their learning. So come along and join in the fun with your children. Please note that this will be **voluntary** and you can choose whether you would like to participate or not...but it would be good to see as many of you there as possible!

School Performance:



We are delighted to announce that this summer's School Production will be taking place for parents and carers on both **Tuesday 7th July** at 1.45pm and **Wednesday 8th July** at 6.00pm. The children will all be able to watch a performance earlier in the school day so that we can maximise the invitation to as many parents as possible for the two performances. Please come and join us for this exciting event – the final time that our wonderful Year 6 children will be performing together as a class! The performance will be a ticket-only affair, with more information to follow next term.

Summer Piano Concert:



We would like to welcome the parents and carers of our budding musicians to come and watch our grand Summer Piano Concert, which will be taking place in the school hall on **Wednesday 15th July**. Mrs Ameryk has been working hard, teaching the children how to develop their piano-playing skills and the children are very excited to show you how far they have all come. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the children's musical achievements in a very enjoyable and relaxing way. We cannot wait! All are welcome!

PTA Meeting:



We would like to invite all available parents and carers to attend our next PTA meeting, which will take place on **Friday 8th May** at 9.00am. We are hoping to recruit new members to bolster our PTA and work together to make our school a better environment for our children to learn. We are looking for a PTA who are keen to raise extra funds through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events, and much, much more. If you think you can make a difference, please come along to the school on the 8th May. Tea and coffee (and a biscuit or two!) will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Birthdays in April:



We are delighted to share with you the names of the children and staff who will be celebrating their birthdays in April (including throughout the Easter holidays). We hope you all enjoy your special day with friends and family.

EYFS	Vinnie, AJ, Julia and Lottie
Year 1	Freddie and Adam
Year 2	Arabella and Albie
Year 3	Aiden and Susie
Year 4	Marley
Year 5	Cara, Preslava, Ralitsa, Manuel and Henry
Year 6	
Staff	Mrs Blass and Mrs Foster

And Finally...



I would like to thank our children for their continued hard work during this spring term. Each child has contributed to the school's continuing journey of improvement and they should feel very proud of what they have achieved. They can look forward now to a well-deserved rest over the Easter holidays so that they can return refreshed and recharged for the onset of the summer term – hopefully having had one or two Easter eggs along the way!

I am sure that you would also like to join with me in thanking all of the staff for their continued hard work and commitment to the children of this school. Our dedicated team put so much into making this school what it is – and work hard to provide the very best educational experiences for each and every child in the school community! Thank you!

Finally, I would also like to thank our fantastically supportive parents and carers. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful parent community and it is by working together that we will be able to ensure that our children enjoy their time at our school, make good progress and leave us as responsible, well-qualified, mature young people, ready to make a valued contribution to society. You should all feel very proud of your children – we certainly are!

May this Easter season be one of great blessings and graces for the community of Our Lady's and may the peace of Christ, our Lord, fill each of us and those we love in the coming days, and throughout the Easter season. Remember that our new term begins on **Monday 13th April** and we look forward to seeing all of our children return refreshed and eager to learn in the summer term. I hope you all have a happy, holy and peaceful Easter.

With very best wishes,

Richard Curry

Alone we can do
so little; together
we can do so much



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DATES FOR THE DIARY (SUMMER 2026)

APRIL 2026	
13 th	Term starts – children back at school
16 th	National Offer Day for primary schools
w/c 20 th	Curriculum information to be emailed to parents
21 st	Phonics Screening Parent Information Meeting (9.00am) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
21 st	Year 4 trip to Whipsnade Zoo
23 rd	St. George's Day
23 rd	Chaplaincy team visit to John Henry Newman School
27 th	Year 1 and Year 2 Mass at Church (9.30am) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
30 th	EYFS trip to Radlett Theatre

MAY 2026	
1 st	Morning Reflections begin in hall for Month of Mary (8.40am) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
3 rd	First Holy Communion Mass at Our Lady's Church (12.00pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
4 th	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
8 th	VE Day
8 th	PTA Meeting (9am)
w/c 11 th	KS2 SATs Week
13 th	Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima Assembly (2.50pm)
17 th	First Holy Communion Mass at Our Lady's Church (12.00pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
18 th	EYFS and Year 6 Mass at Church (9.30am) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
20 th	Year 6 Residential Trip Parent Information Meeting (3.30pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
22 nd	Whole School Sports Day (9.am to 12pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
24 th	Pentecost Sunday
w/c 25 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY

JUNE 2026	
w/c 1 st	Hinduism Week (as part of our 'Other Faiths Week in RE')
1 st	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check period begins
2 nd	Class photos being taken
5 th	Reserve Sports Day (9.am to 12pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
5 th	World Environment Day
6 th	Anniversary of D-Day
7 th	First Holy Communion Mass at Our Lady's Church (12.00pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>

7 th - 10 th	Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill
8 th - 12 th	Year 1 Phonics screening takes place this week
9 th	Taster Day at John Henry Newman School for Year 5
9 th	Year 2 'Life in a Medieval Castle' Workshop
15 th	Year 4 and Year 5 Mass at Church (9.30am) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
15 th	Refugee Week Assembly (2.15pm)
16 th	Parent-Teacher Consultations (3pm to 6pm)
18 th	Parent-Teacher Consultations (3pm to 6pm)
21 st	Fathers' Day
22 nd	Windrush Day
23 rd	Governor Day at Our Lady's School
24 th	'Stay and Play' session for new Reception parents (9am – 10am)
30 th	Year 3 Holy Communion Celebration Mass (2pm in the school) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>

JULY 2026	
6 th	Year 6 Dress Rehearsal (1.45pm)
7 th	Year 6 School Performance (1.45pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
8 th	Year 6 School Performance (6.00pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
9 th	Transition Morning (children meet new teachers for next year)
9 th	Year 6 Transition Day across Herts
9 th	'Stay and Play' session for new Reception parents (10am – 11am)
13 th	EYFS Graduation (9.15am) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
13 th	EYFS Disco (3.15pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
14 th	Year 6 Leavers' Trip
15 th	Summer Piano Concert (9.15am) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
15 th	Year 6 Leavers' Mass (1.45pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
16 th	Feast Day of Our Lady of Aylesford Assembly (2.50pm)
17 th	End of Year Assembly (9.30am)
17 th	END OF TERM (School closes at 1.00pm)

Please note that events may be subject to change. If this happens, you will be informed as soon as possible.