



Our Lady Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

September 2025

MASS:

What a wonderful way to start our term! A heartfelt thank you to Canon Norbert, Father Jose and Father Javier for celebrating our beginning of term Mass. The children read and sang beautifully. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us and for the support you continue to give the children.



ROCKSTEADY MUSIC SCHOOL:

We are delighted to welcome Rocksteady Music School. The bands are coming along nicely in our very own School of Rock. If you would like to join, please speak to the office as we still have available spaces.



WELCOME DEPUTY MAYOR!

We welcomed Mr Siewniak to our school on Monday 15th September to share with us all the important work that he does. He spoke to the children about democracy and inspired our future leaders.



A Peek into our classrooms....

EYFS:

We have had a busy week in Early Years! We have learning a song for our class assembly: 'He's Got the Whole World in his Hands.' We have also been developing our mark making skills and learning different strategies to help us count small groups accurately.



YEAR 1:

In Year 1 Drawing Club, we explored the story 'Shark in the Park!' After reading, the children unleashed their creativity by designing their own sharks, parks, and imagining what they might spot through a telescope. Their artwork was full of imagination and fun!

In maths, the children have been practising their subitising skills up to 10, becoming quicker at recognising numbers without counting. They have also been exploring different ways to represent numbers around the classroom using objects. In RE, the children enjoyed retelling the story of Creation, thinking carefully about the wonderful world around us. The children have worked hard and enjoyed their learning this week. The children have also been learning about colour in art, mixing shades and painting a colour wheel, which they found very enjoyable.



YEAR 2:

Year 2 have been learning about nouns and adjectives in English. We have also been exploring a range of micro - habitats in our Jubilee Garden. We found lots of spiders and ants in the bushes and a slug under a log.



YEAR 3:

Year 3 have been taking part in 'Celebration of the Word', where they have chosen prayers and reflected together on their meaning.

Through these special moments, the children have been growing in their faith, becoming closer to God, and learning how prayer can guide and strengthen them in their daily lives.



YEAR 4:

Year 4 have been busy exploring their creativity in art lessons this term. The children have been developing their painting skills, learning how to use tints and shades to add depth and bring their work to life.

They have also experimented with creating a sense of three dimensions and thinking carefully about composition to plan their artwork.

The results have been fantastic, and the class are very proud of the pieces they have produced!



YEAR 5:

In maths, Year 5 have been developing a secure understanding of place value. Through practical activities, reasoning challenges and partner discussions, pupils have built confidence in working with larger numbers. They are becoming skilled at explaining their thinking and applying strategies to solve problems.



YEAR 6:

Year 6 were lucky enough to take part in a fantastic sporting afternoon at Stanborough School. They took part in a number of activities, ranging from football, multi-sports and archery! In english, we have been enjoying 'The Arrival', writing descriptions, designing new animals and thinking about how you would feel having to leave your home country. This has been very thought-provoking for us and we have said prayers to help those people who still today are having to leave their homes.

We have also enjoyed meeting our buddies and look forward to building this special relationship.



OPAL UPDATE:

We continue on our OPAL journey. The children have access to so many things to play with at lunchtimes but this can lead to a lot of mess. We know that the children are making so many special memories with their friends.

We ask going forward that **ALL children** have spare shoes for the field and a spare change of clothes in their bag. Without this, the children are getting very muddy and uncomfortable in the afternoons.

Thank you for your support with this. We want the children to continue to be able to explore all that OPAL has to offer, including the all-time favourite - jumping in muddy puddles!

We would also like to take this opportunity to ask for the following donations to enhance our area further:

- Water Play toys such as plastic jugs, cups and funnels.
- Any tents you may have – even if they are torn!
- Pots of flowers that we can use to enhance our sensory area so anything smelly would be great.

GOOD NEWS:

We are delighted to announce that Miss Pearce has had a beautiful baby boy.

Cruz Joseph Preddie was born on the 23rd July, at 3.47am, weighing 6.9lb.

I know you will join us in saying a prayer thanking God for his safe arrival and wishing Miss Pearce and family well.

We look forward to more updates and hope that Miss Pearce enjoys this special time.



SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER:

Parents/carers together with their child are asked to make an appointment to meet Fr. Norbert at Our Lady's Church for him to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for Secondary School transfer. He will be available: Monday 29th September 5.00 - 6.30pm, Tuesday 30th September 4.00 - 6.00pm, Monday 13th October 4.00 - 6.00pm, Tuesday 14th October 4.00 - 6.00pm and Monday 20th October 4.00 - 6.00pm. There is a blue parish form at the back of each church. This should be filled in and brought to the meeting. Please wait in church until called. To make an appointment, please ring Jacqui, our Parish Administrator, on 01707 323234. If you do not understand the system or if English is not your first language, Fr. Norbert is happy to help. However, he will not be able to sign the certificates before/after Mass.

FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Registration for children for First Confession and First Holy Communion will be in Our Lady's Church on Wednesday 15th October at 6pm. Parents/carers are asked to come with the children (at least in Year 3). The meeting will last 45 minutes.

BIRTHDAYS:

We would like to wish the following children and staff a very happy birthday for the month of September and October



Early years	Zoe, Elijah, Sofia, Oscar, Samuel, Amelia, Archer,
Year 1	Albie, Louie
Year 2	Joshua, Dominic, Arianna
Year 3	Ellie, Ariana, Mila, Luke, Sophie, Jaxon,
Year 4	Ethan, Daniel-Sean, Victor
Year 5	Harry, Maya, Emerald, Zion, Roma, Simon
Year 6	Noah, Philip, Sean, Alimatu, Kiera, Ethan, Jake,
Staff	Miss McDonald, Mrs Valentine

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 1st October - Black History Month
- 7th October - Our Lady of the Rosary Assembly
- 10th October - Year 6 retreat to Alyesford Priory
- 10th October - World Mental Health Day Assembly
- 13th October - Cycle to School Week

