



Our Lady Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

September 2026

Beginning of Term Mass:

What a wonderful way to begin our new term! A heartfelt thank you to Canon Norbert, for celebrating our Beginning of Term Mass with us. It was a beautiful opportunity for our school community to come together in prayer and to ask for God's guidance and blessings for the year ahead.

The children read, sang and participated beautifully, helping to make the celebration a very special one. A particular thank you to Canon Norbert for blessing our class crosses, which will serve as a special reminder in each classroom of our faith and of Jesus' presence with us throughout the school year.

Thank you also to all the parents and carers who were able to join us. We are so grateful for your continued support and for the wonderful partnership between home, school and parish.



Rocksteady: The Band is Back!

We are delighted to welcome Rocksteady Music School back. The bands are coming along brilliantly in our very own School of Rock! If your child would like to join, please speak to the school office, as spaces are still available.

***'It is really fun and I love doing it.'* (Jamie Y4)**

***'I like playing the guitar as it's my favourite instrument.'* (Kamahl Y2)**



International Day of Democracy!

On Tuesday 15th September, we were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Welwyn Hatfield, Cllr. Siewniak, back to our school as it was International Day of Democracy. He spoke to the children about his important work within the council and shared his own journey into politics.

The children had the opportunity to learn more about democracy, leadership and how young people can make a positive difference in their communities.

It was an inspiring and engaging session that encouraged our children to think about their own voices, responsibilities and how they can become the leaders of the future.



Year 6 - Sporting Opportunities:

Year 6 were fortunate to take part in a fantastic sporting afternoon at Stanborough School. They enjoyed a range of activities, including football, multi-sports, basketball and archery!

***'We participated in a range of activities, such as football. We loved it because we got to experience sport at secondary school. They also taught us to play fairly and with good sportsmanship.'* (Rei, Y6)**



Year 6 have also enjoyed meeting their buddies and look forward to developing this special relationship throughout the year.

Gospel Assembly: Key theme - CHANGE

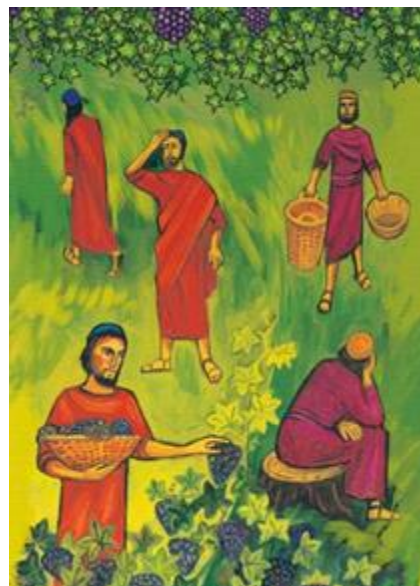
This week, our Gospel Assembly focused on Matthew 21:28–32, the Parable of the Two Sons.

Our Wednesday Word was 'Change'. We reflected on which son had done the right thing and how others had ignored the words of John the Baptist. We gave the children a simple mission: choose one helpful action and do it today.

A WORD FROM THE SAINTS:

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

St John Henry Newman



Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham

On Thursday 24th September, our Chaplaincy Team led a beautiful assembly exploring the story of Our Lady of Walsingham. They shared reflections, joined together in singing and spent time in prayer, learning more about this special place of pilgrimage and its significance in our faith.

It was wonderful to see the Chaplaincy Team lead the reflection with such reverence and confidence.



Secondary School Transfer – A note to Year 6 parents/carers

If you would like Fr Norbert to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for secondary school transfer, he will be available on:

- Monday 28th September, 4.00–6.30pm
- Monday 5th October, 4.00–6.30pm
- Monday 19th October, 4.00–6.30pm

There is a green form at the back of each church. Please complete it and bring it with you to the meeting.

Please ring Jacqui to make an appointment – 01707 323234

BIRTHDAYS:

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 7th October - Our Lady of the Rosary Assembly
- 10th October - Year 6 retreat to Aylesford Priory
- 10th October - World Mental Health Day Assembly (9.30am)
- 13th October - Cycle to School Week
- 23rd October - Black History Month (2pm)

