OUR LADY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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REMEMBRANCE DAY:

We came together as a school community on November 11th at 11am for our Remembrance Service, taking time to reflect and remember those who have given their lives in the service of others. Each class shared their beautifully created wreaths, offering a thoughtful and meaningful tribute. Through reflective music, prayers and moments of silence, the children demonstrated great respect and understanding as we remembered those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We were incredibly proud of the reverence and maturity shown by all. Thank you to all parents/carers that were able to join us.



GOSPEL ASSEMBLY:

This week's Gospel Assembly explored the Gospel of Matthew 25:14–30, the Parable of the Talents.

Our Wednesday's Word was **'Talent'**, reminding us of the importance of using our talents to make the world a more joyful place. We reflected on how our talents are gifts from God and we should not bury them.

The children were given a mission:

Recognise your gifts.
Develop your talents.
Share them with others.



TAKE 10 TO READ:

As you may already know, 2026 is the National Year of Reading. As part of our celebrations for this, several classes took part in 'Take 10 to Read'. We are delighted to share that we have helped set a new GUINNESS WORLD RECORD title for the most people reading online in 12 hours! 153,862 participants took part in the event around the world from 92 countries. More than 3,000 schools, libraries and other settings got involved and Our Lady was one of those! Well done to all the children at our school who helped contribute towards this world record. We hope that this initiative will further encourage our pupils, staff and families to read…..and more importantly – to enjoy it!



YEAR 6 BASKETBALL EVENT:

Year 6 enjoyed an exciting basketball event at Stanborough School, where we competed against five other schools. The event was a fantastic team effort, with the boys playing the first half and the girls taking to the court for the second - with both scores combining to give one overall team result. The children worked incredibly hard throughout, demonstrating great strength, determination and sportsmanship. It was brilliant to see everyone supporting one another and working together as one team. Well done, Year 6!



HAVE YOUR SAY ON A PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL FOR WELWYN GARDEN CITY:

Welwyn Garden City is the only part of the borough without a parish/town council. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council wants to know what residents think about creating one. A parish/town council could organise local events, run community projects and provide allotments where there's a local need. The plan is for 15 councillors, and it would be partly funded through a new council tax paid by WGC residents.

There are no right or wrong answers. The council would like to hear from as many people as possible, including parents and carers.

The short survey closes on Sunday 22nd November: https://orlo.uk/uxtvb

Paper copies are also available at Campus East, Welwyn Garden City.

Thank you!

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BIRTHDAYS:



We would like to wish the following children and staff a very happy birthday for this week:

Early years	Olivia, Rayne
Year 1	Zachary
Year 2	Kenechukwu, Keira
Year 3	Emilie
Year 4	Sophia
Year 5	
Year 6	Norita

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

17th November: Parent-Teacher Consultations (3.00pm – 6.00pm)
18th November: Maths Workshop at 2.30pm
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23rd November: Mass for Year 4 and Year 5 children at the Church (9.30am) *Parents/Carers are invited to attend Mass.*

