

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Nursery and Primary School



DATE: 11th September 2026

NEWSLETTER

Celebration of the Word

During Celebration of the Word, children come together to listen, reflect, and respond - helping them to deepen their faith and make meaningful connections between Gospel values and everyday life at school.

At the start of this new school year, the children have been reflecting on our school mission statement, "Live, Love, Learn." Through daily prayer and scripture, including John 15:12, Matthew 16:24, and Psalm 32:8, they have explored what it means to live like Jesus, love like Jesus, and learn like Jesus. These reflections have encouraged them to consider how they can follow Jesus' example in their words, actions and learning throughout the year.



Pope Leo's Thought for the Week

We face moments when holding things inside can slowly consume us. Jesus teaches us not to be afraid to cry out, as long as our cry is sincere, humble, and directed to the Father. A cry is never pointless, if it is born of love. And it is never ignored, if it is entrusted to God. It is one way to continue to believe that another world is possible.

LiveSimply

Place a simple jar, basket, or box somewhere central at home. Provide scraps of paper and pens. Encourage every family member to write down worries, hopes, or "cries of the heart" during the week.

Weekly Gospel Resource for Families



Looking for a quick, creative way to explore the Sunday Gospel with your child? Deacon Justin Malewezi provides fantastic, free weekly resources including:

- 🕒 1-minute video homilies created especially for children
- 🖨️ Free printable activity worksheets to colour, solve, and discuss

Take a minute to watch and print out this week's activity sheet at:

👉 <https://malewezi.com/childrenshomilies/>

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LOLO Shoutouts

If your child or your family have done something you are proud of outside of school and you would like us to give them a 'Shoutout' please send an email to school with details by lunchtime each Thursday to be included in the Newsletter. The school admin email address is:

admin@lol.pfcmat.org

Keeping our children safe!

During drop off and pick up times, please remember that no adults are allowed into school. No matter how innocent the message or intention may be, we can't allow anyone into school. Please work with us by following this rule and help us keep your children as safe as possible.

Hot Chocolate with Mr McCann

The child nominated this week for getting it right and going above and beyond is:

Iris Leonard

First Holy Communion 2027

Fr Atli has decided to change the way First Holy Communion preparation takes place. Preparation will no longer take place in school but will be monthly on Saturdays 11am-12 Noon. If your child is in Year 3 (or older) please email birkdalecatholics@rcaol.org.uk to register to make their First Holy Communion in 2027.

Big Question of the Week!

If animals could talk, would humans treat them differently? Why or why not?

I would love to hear your answers!

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

Day	Date	Event
Tuesday	01.09.26	INSET DAY
Wednesday	02.09.26	Children Return to School
Wednesday	09.09.26	YR1 and 2 Meet The Teacher
Thursday	10.09.26	YR3 Meet The Teacher
Tuesday	15.09.26	YR4 Meet The Teacher
Wednesday	16.09.26	YR5 Meet The Teacher
Thursday	17.09.26	YR6 Meet The Teacher
Tuesday	22.09.26	Governors Meeting – 4.30pm
Monday	28.09.26	Flu Immunisations – Nursery–YR6

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OCTOBER

Day	Date	Event
Thursday	08.10.26	Christ the King to talk to YR5 & YR6
Wednesday	21.10.26	YR4 Chester Trip
Friday	23.10.26	INSET DAY
	26.10.26–30.10.26	Half Term Holiday

NOVEMBER

Day	Date	Event
Wednesday	04.11.26	YR5 Bikeability
Thursday– Friday	05.11.26–06.11.26	YR4 Anderton Trip
Wednesday	11.11.26	TEMPEST PHOTOS – Individuals and Families
Tuesday	17.11.26	Governors Meeting – 4.30pm

DECEMBER

Day	Date	Event
Wednesday– Friday	02.12.26–04.12.26	ROBINWOOD – Year 6
Tuesday	08.12.26	YR1 & 2 Nativity
Wednesday	09.12.26	EYFS Nativity – 10.00am and 2.00pm
Tuesday	15.12.26	Carol Concert – Grandparents
Friday	18.12.26	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY; Last Day – 1.30pm Finish
	21.12.26–06.01.27	Christmas Holidays