

NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Nursery and Primary School



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Headteacher Thoughts

This week we appointed our new Pupil Leadership Team. Hearing the presentations last Friday from our candidates for Head Boy and Head Girl was so inspiring. Every candidate presented beautifully, speaking with confidence, thoughtfulness and a real desire to make a difference to our school. Standing before others and asking for their support takes courage, and every child who put themselves forward should feel very proud.

The votes were close, reflecting the strength of all our candidates. I was particularly proud of how graciously those who were not elected handled their disappointment. It is never easy when something matters so much to you, but their maturity and generosity towards others showed resilience in action.

These elections are about much more than choosing who wears a badge. Children need to know that their voices matter and that their ideas can help shape our school. Taking part gives them the opportunity to witness and live out the fundamental British value of democracy: listening to different views, making an informed choice and respecting the outcome.

Congratulations to our new Head Boy and Head Girl and their Deputies, and a heartfelt well done to every candidate. You have all contributed something valuable to our school.

There is just one more week until the half term holiday! We are nearly there! Remember the children finish on **THURSDAY 22nd**!

I wish all our children and families a lovely weekend.

Mr D McCann



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Celebration of the Word

This week, we focused on the special prayer, the Our Father. We listened carefully to each part of the prayer and explored what the words mean. We discussed the messages within and reflected on how they made us feel. We learned that God is the Father of everyone and that we can always trust Him to love, care for, and look after us.



Pope Leo's Thought for the Week

Prayer becomes effective when it reaches out to others. The charity born of the Holy Spirit is God's love poured into our hearts: a love that takes shape in a commitment to life and service. This love must become the goal, the way, and the meaning of our lives.

LiveSimply

Show love through your actions this 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@lolol.pfcmat.org

Shoutout to Nelly, Emily and Noah who served for Archbishop John last Sunday at St Joseph's. Also, to Albus, Fintan, Maria Grazia, Mariana, Lucas, Matilda, Heidi, Evelyn, Maeve, Lucy and Joshua who presented Archbishop John with a beautiful handmade card and bunch of flowers to thank him for visiting the parish.



Happy 8th Birthday to Daniel!!!

A shoutout to Amelia 🏊💖 Amelia was awarded Most Improved Swimmer of the Month for September, which is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of all her hard work, determination and dedication. She has also recently been recognised by Leyland Barracudas Swimming Club and successfully passed their swimming trials! We are incredibly proud of how far she has come, the confidence she has gained and the effort she continues to put into something she absolutely loves! 🌟💖

High School Applications

It is an important decision for many families when considering which schools to apply for when your child is starting school in reception or transferring to secondary school Year 7 from primary school Year 6. Sefton Council has prepared information which provides parents/carers with lots of helpful and important information to guide you through the school admissions process. Please click on the link below.

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/childrens-services/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-or-secondary-school-in-september-2027/>

Closing date for applications to start Secondary School is 31 October 2026.

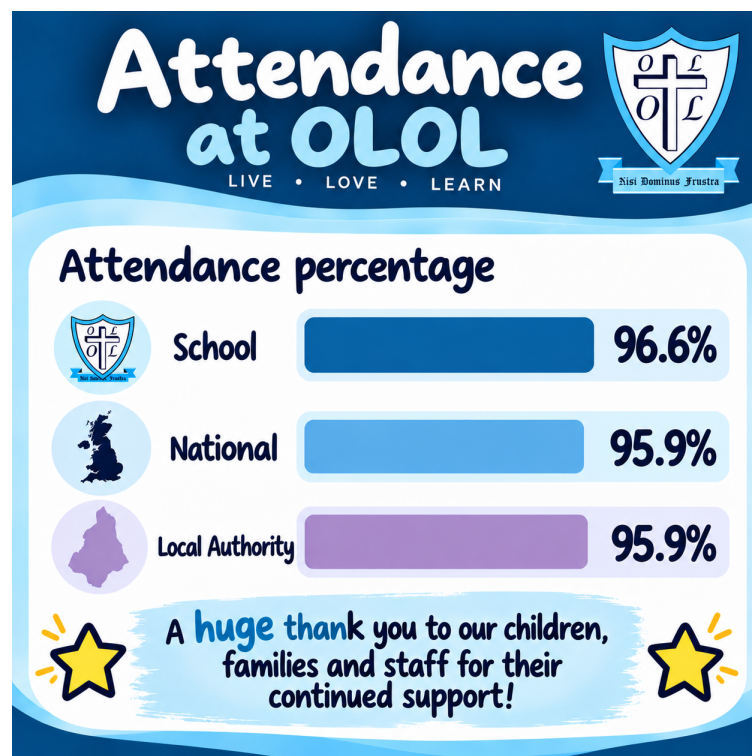
Closing date for applications to start Primary School is 15 January 2027.

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Celebrating 90 Years of Our Lady of Lourdes

This year marks a very special milestone as Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Nursery & Primary School celebrates its 90th birthday! Since opening in 1936, our school has been at the heart of the community, helping generations of children to *Live, Love and Learn*. To mark this wonderful occasion, we have a special day of celebrations planned, bringing together our school's past, present and future. **On Thursday 22nd October**, children will be exploring our school's history, discovering what school life was like in years gone by and creating special artwork reflecting 90 years of faith, friendship and learning. We are particularly excited to welcome former pupils and staff back into school to share their memories and stories with our children. Year 6 will use these interviews to create a special commemorative memory book, capturing some of the wonderful experiences that have shaped our school. Our celebrations will also include a special **Mass at 2:00pm**, bringing our school community together to give thanks for 90 wonderful years. From our youngest children in Nursery to our oldest pupils in Year 6, everyone will play a part in celebrating this important milestone. We look forward to sharing photographs, memories and highlights from our celebrations with you!

Attendance



Extreme Reading Challenge

It's back!!!! Our yearly October half-term tradition of holding an Extreme Reading Challenge is almost upon us! There will be more details in next week's newsletter, but this is just to give you time to get your planning heads on! We love seeing your pictures and I love taking the children out to pick a book of their choice as a prize!

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First Holy Communion 2027

Greetings from church!

Thank you for signing up for the first holy Communion Preparation.

The preparation takes place monthly on Saturdays/Tuesdays.

Please choose to attend either Saturday or Tuesday. (If you miss the Saturday, you could come on the following Tuesday).

Each session will last about 45 minutes and no longer than an hour. You are welcome to stay with your child/children.

We look forward to welcoming you.

With my best wishes,

Fr Atli

The dates are as follows:

At St Joseph's 11am – 12 Noon

Saturday 7 November 2026

Saturday 5 December 2026

Saturday 9 January 2027

Saturday 6 February 2027

Saturday 13 March 2027

Saturday 17 April 2027

For those who cannot make Saturday mornings:

St Joseph's 6pm – 7pm

Tuesday 10 November 2026

Tuesday 8 December 2026

Tuesday 12 January 2027

Tuesday 9 February 2027

Tuesday 15 March 2027

Tuesday 20 April 2027

Date of First Reconciliation: Saturday 20 March (Group 1 at 11am, Group 2 at 12 Noon)

First Holy Communion Mass: 8 May and if numbers warrant a second Mass also 15 May.

Big Question of the Week!

Is too much of a good thing a bad thing?

I would love to hear your answers!

Books Alive

Stories are coming to life in Southport this October half-term! **Books Alive!** runs from **24–31 October 2026**, with a free week of activities for families and young readers. Follow *The Jolly Postman* Trail through the town centre, explore the Festival of Stories at The Atkinson and Southport Library, and discover book-themed events at venues across town. The full programme will be announced soon at [Visit Southport](#).

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Diary Dates

OCTOBER

Day	Date	Event
Wednesday	21.10.26	YR4 Chester Trip
Thursday	22.10.26	Celebration Mass for our 90 th Anniversary
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
Friday	13.11.26	Non-Uniform Day (Friends and Family of OLOL)
Tuesday	17.11.26	Governors Meeting – 4.30pm
Thursday	26.11.26	Year 3 trip to the World Museum

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
Friday	11.12.26	Christmas Disco (Friends and Family of OLOL)
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

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WE NEED YOUR BLUE TOKENS!

TESCO BLUE TOKENS

Do you shop at Tesco in Formby?

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL IS IN THE FINAL DRAW

Please support our Eco Group

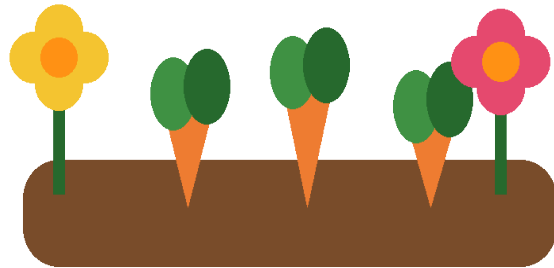
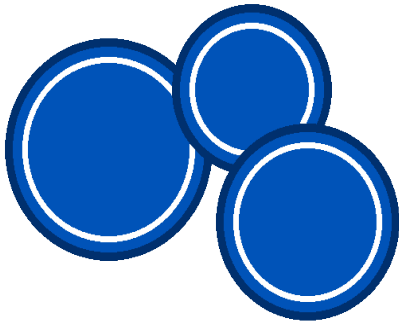
We hope to grow our own vegetables and flowers

FOR OUR SCHOOL

Fresh produce and flowers to use
and enjoy in school

FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Home-grown produce and
flowers to share locally



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Every token helps our project grow