

NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Nursery and Primary School



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Headteacher Thoughts

On Monday evening, I had the pleasure of attending the Family and Friends of OLOL AGM. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the dedication, hard work, and successes of the events held over the past 12 months. I cannot express enough how much I value the generous time and effort given to support our children.

We are all acutely aware of the financial challenges facing public services, and schools are really feeling the strain. If you have a business that might be interested in sponsoring an event or helping us with outdoor equipment, please do get in touch. Similarly, if your company offers match funding, I would love to hear from you.

On Monday we will be giving out application forms for our new Pupil Leadership Team (PLT). This process involves filling out an application, these are then shortlisted, candidates are interviewed and then give a presentation in assembly. I am hoping the PLT can help me with some spending plans for our playgrounds!

What brings me the greatest joy each day is seeing learning take place in every corner of our school, whether it's the spark of curiosity in a classroom, the teamwork on the playground, or the creativity blossoming in art and music. Working alongside children and witnessing their growth and enthusiasm is both humbling and inspiring.

As the saying goes: *"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."* – William Butler Yeats

Have a great weekend!

Mr D McCann

Celebration of the Word



This week, we focused on the theme of love. We listened to and talked about the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians, and learnt that love means being patient, kind, honest, and forgiving. Together, we thought about how we can show love through our actions every day, whether by helping a friend, using kind words, or showing respect to others. We were reminded that God's love is always with us and never ends. Our mission this week has been to keep these special words in our hearts and to spread love and kindness wherever we go, at school, at home, and in our community.

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Pope Leo's Thought for the Week

Through His cross, Jesus revealed to us the true face of God, His infinite compassion for humanity. He took upon Himself the hatred and violence of the world, to share the lot of all those who are humiliated and oppressed.

LiveSimply

This week let's live simply by choosing kindness. Look for one person each day who might need a smile, a helping hand, or a kind word, and share God's love with them. Small acts of kindness help heal the hurts of the world.

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/>

LOL 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

This week's LOL Shoutouts:

Congratulations to Luke Burke who got his yellow belt in Taekwondo last week!



Well done to Alex who scored a goal in his first ever football match!

Happy Birthday to Harleigh who celebrated his birthday this week!

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And finally, a shoutout to Bruce, one of our amazing Governors who just finished his Camino to Santiago de Compostela. OLOL Community remembered in thought and prayers along the way.



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IS IN THE FINAL DRAW**

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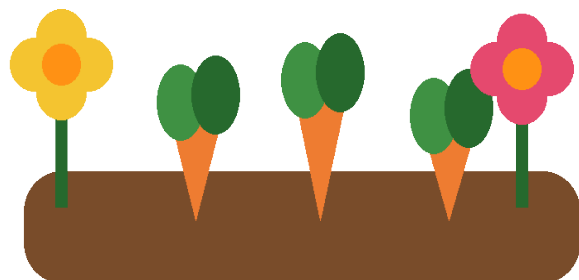
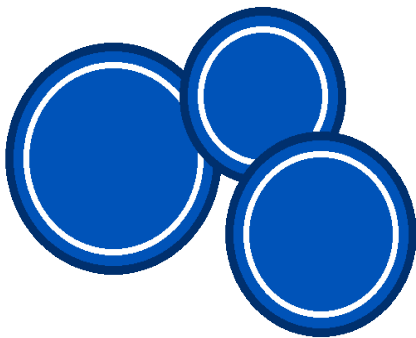
We hope to grow our own vegetables and flowers

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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Managing Morning Transitions



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*Together
we make a
difference* ♥

MANAGING MORNING TRANSITIONS *Workshop*

Practical ideas and strategies to help make mornings calmer,
more positive and a great start to the school day.

THURSDAY
24TH
SEPTEMBER



TIME

9.15am



WHERE?

School Library

All parents and carers welcome.



CALMER
MORNINGS



POSITIVE
TRANSITIONS



PRACTICAL
STRATEGIES



SUPPORTING
EVERY CHILD

Small changes make a big difference! ♥

Hot Chocolate with Mr McCann

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

Bobby Taylor-Orford

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 one small action could make a big difference to our school, our community or our planet, what would you choose to do and why?

I would love to hear your answers!

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Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

Day	Date	Event
Tuesday	22.09.26	Governors Meeting – 4.30pm
Monday	28.09.26	Flu Immunisations – Nursery–YR6

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