

NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Nursery and Primary School



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Headteacher Thoughts

We come to the end of another busy and exciting week at Our Lady of Lourdes. This is the time of year when families begin making important decisions about which Primary School to choose for their child. It has been a privilege this week to welcome many prospective parents into our beautiful school. The overwhelming feedback has been how calm and purposeful our school feels, a sentiment that is wonderful to hear.

Whenever possible, I like to conduct tours during the school day. This allows visitors to see the reality of everyday life at Our Lady of Lourdes, something I am deeply proud of.

This week we also shortlisted and interviewed candidates for our Pupil Leadership Team. The standard of interview was phenomenal, and I was left with no option but to bring all the candidates through to the presentation stage. The girls will present to school and then in a separate assembly the boys will present to school. I wish them all the very best of luck. Not that they need it!

October (yes, I know, we are in October already!!!) is traditionally the month of the Holy Rosary, a special time when Catholics turn to Mary, the mother of Jesus, to help us grow closer to her Son. Prayer gives us time to pause, thank God for our blessings, share our worries and remember those who need our love and support. Through the Rosary, we reflect on the lives of Jesus and Mary and learn to follow their example of faith, kindness and love. This month, we invite each family to spend a few quiet minutes praying together each week. Children could choose someone to pray for and say a Hail Mary together, making this a small but meaningful part of family life.

On Friday we held our first fundraising event of the year, our Welcome Disco! It was a great success, and the behaviour of our children was superb. Great dancing, great singing and lots of sweat!!!!

Next week try to think about how your family can share God's love? A kind word, a helping hand or a quiet prayer can make a beautiful difference.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr D McCann



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Celebration of the Word

This week, we focused on the theme of forgiveness. We listened to Matthew 18:21-22, where Jesus teaches us that we should forgive others again and again, not just a few times. We spent time thinking about people we may need to forgive in our class, at home, around the world, and even ourselves. Our mission this week is to show forgiveness to others, remembering that God always forgives us and calls us to do the same.

Pope Leo's Thought for the Week

The month of October calls us to pray the #HolyRosary more fervently, asking in particular for an end to wars and the attainment of peace.

LiveSimply

Pray a decade of the Rosary together as a family and dedicate it to people affected by war and conflict.



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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/>

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

This week's LOL Shoutouts:

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.

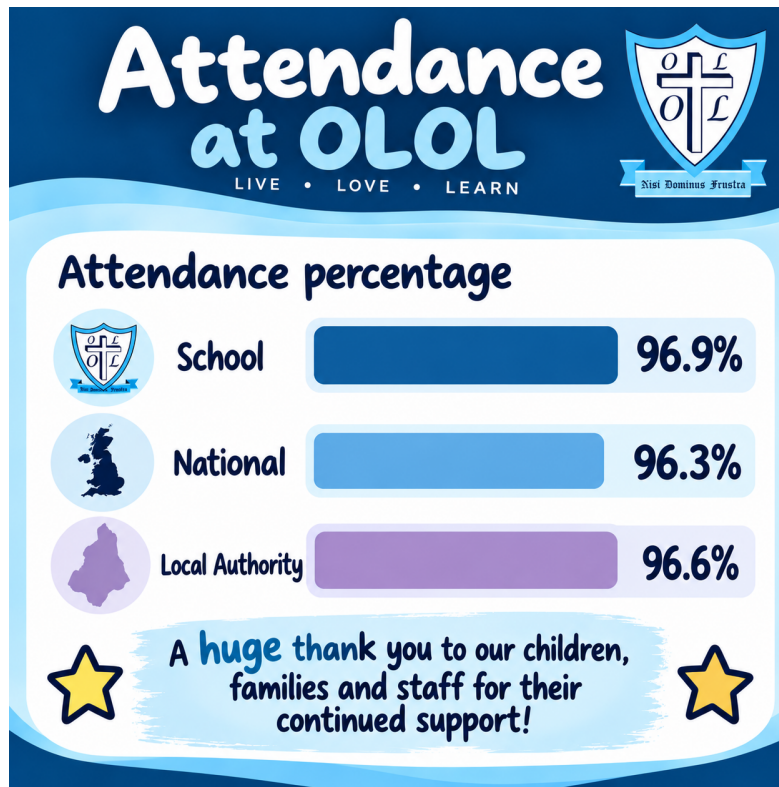
<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/childrens-services/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-or-secondary-school-in-september-2027/>

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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Attendance



World Mental Health Day

Next Friday, 9th October, OLOL will be taking part in #HelloYellow in support of YoungMinds and World Mental Health Day.

We're inviting all of our children and staff to wear something yellow to school – whether that's a yellow T-shirt, jumper, socks, hair accessory or even a splash of yellow! 🧡

#HelloYellow is all about showing children and young people that how they feel matters and they are not alone. It's also a great opportunity for us to encourage positive conversations about mental health and wellbeing across our school community.

🧡 Wear something yellow – Friday 9th October

💬 Talk about mental health and wellbeing

who wish to can make a donation to support YoungMinds

YOUNGMINDS

Hello Yellow

💰 Families

In addition to this, we have two special assemblies next week. On Monday 5th October, Andrew from Sefton Young Carers is going to lead an assembly all about their service and how they support Young Carers.

On Thursday 8th October, we will have an assembly to introduce the day led by Ellie, our Mental Health Support Team Practitioner all about mental health and wellbeing.

Together, we can turn OLOL yellow and show our children that it's always okay to talk about how we feel. 🧡

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Grantham Road – Appeal for Information

A local resident has reported damage to their parked van on Grantham Road following an incident at approximately 8.45am on Wednesday 23 September. A witness reported seeing a silver/grey or champagne-coloured Kia, with a registration beginning SA68, make contact with the van and leave the scene. We appreciate that this was a busy morning with very poor weather. If you witnessed the incident, have relevant dashcam footage or believe you may have been involved, please contact the school office so we can help pass information to the resident. Thank you for your support and consideration for our neighbours.

Hot Chocolate with Mr McCann

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

Lochlan Irvine

Emma Jardine Torres

Poppy Dreher

Emily Farrell

Shriyan Puthenpurackal



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 10 October 2026

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 13 October 2026

Tuesday 10 November 2026

Tuesday 8 December 2026

Tuesday 12 January 2027

Tuesday 9 February 2027

Tuesday 15 March 2027

Tuesday 20 April 2027

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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!

Why is it important that everyone follows the same rules, even the most successful teams?

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](#).

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

Day	Date	Event
Tuesday	06.10.26	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop for 3DS
Thursday	08.10.26	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop for 3C
Thursday	08.10.26	Christ the King to talk to YR5 & YR6
Friday	09.10.26	Hello Yellow Day – Wear something yellow
Friday	16.10.26	Dare To Be Different Day (Friends and Family of OLOL)
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
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

Live, Love, Learn



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Day	Date	Event
Tuesday	08.12.26	YR1 & 2 Nativity
Wednesday	09.12.26	EYFS Nativity – 10.00am and 2.00pm
TBC	TBC	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

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

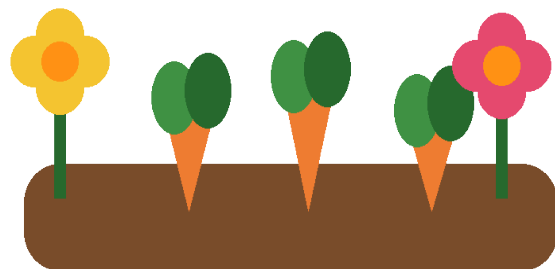
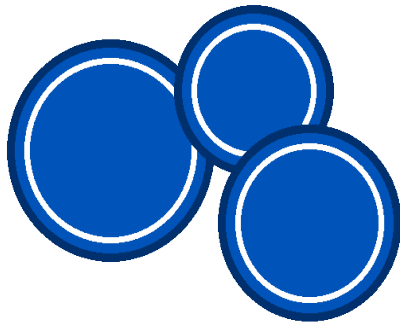
We hope to grow our own vegetables and flowers

FOR OUR SCHOOL

Fresh produce and flowers to use
and enjoy in school

FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Home-grown produce and
flowers to share locally



USE YOUR BLUE TOKENS TO VOTE FOR US
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Every token helps our project grow