

NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Nursery and Primary School



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Headteacher Thoughts

As we come to the end of another productive week, I am reminded every day of the warmth and strength that shines through our school community. Like many schools across the country, we are navigating challenges, whether that's adapting to new expectations, balancing resources, or ensuring we meet the diverse needs of our children. At times, the weight of these challenges can feel heavy, but here in our school we do not face them alone.

Our faith teaches us that with unity, resilience, and trust in God's guidance, no obstacle is too great. Each day I see staff going above and beyond, families supporting one another, and children showing kindness and courage. This spirit of togetherness is what makes our school so special.

As we move forward, let us continue to hold one another in prayer and work hand in hand. Together we will not only overcome difficulties but also help our children to flourish academically, socially, and spiritually.

Thank you, as always, for your unwavering support. May we continue to walk forward in faith, hope, and love.

Warm regards,

Mr D McCann



Celebration of the Word

This week, our theme was peace. Through Matthew's Gospel, we reflected on Jesus' words, "Blessed are the peacemakers." We explored what it means to be a peacemaker in our school, at home and within our community, thinking about the importance of kindness, understanding and forgiveness. The children shared ways they can help create peaceful relationships with others and reflected on how they can bring more peace into their daily lives. We were reminded that we are all called to follow Jesus' example by spreading peace through our words and actions.



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Pope Leo's Thought for the Week

The Church does not exist for herself, but to lead every person to an encounter with the Lord. It is therefore not enough to ask whether an activity is well organized, well attended, or has been running for many years. We must ask whether it truly leads people to Christ and brings the Gospel into contact with the concrete realities of people's lives.

LiveSimply

Share this Sunday's gospel with your family.

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 Reuben who scored two goals at the weekend in his first ever football match! Get him signed up for Liverpool FC!!!!

Congratulations to Lochlan who celebrated his birthday on Monday! I hope you had a lovely day.

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IS IN THE FINAL DRAW**

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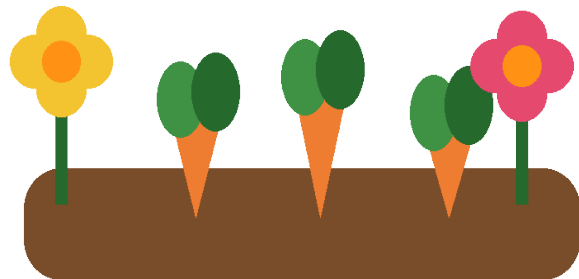
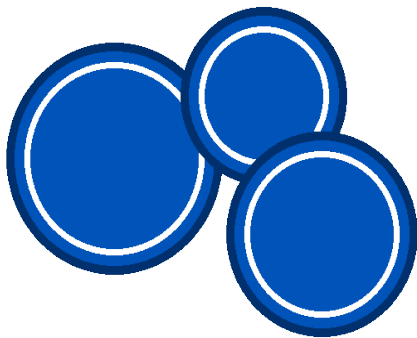
We hope to grow our own vegetables and flowers

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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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.

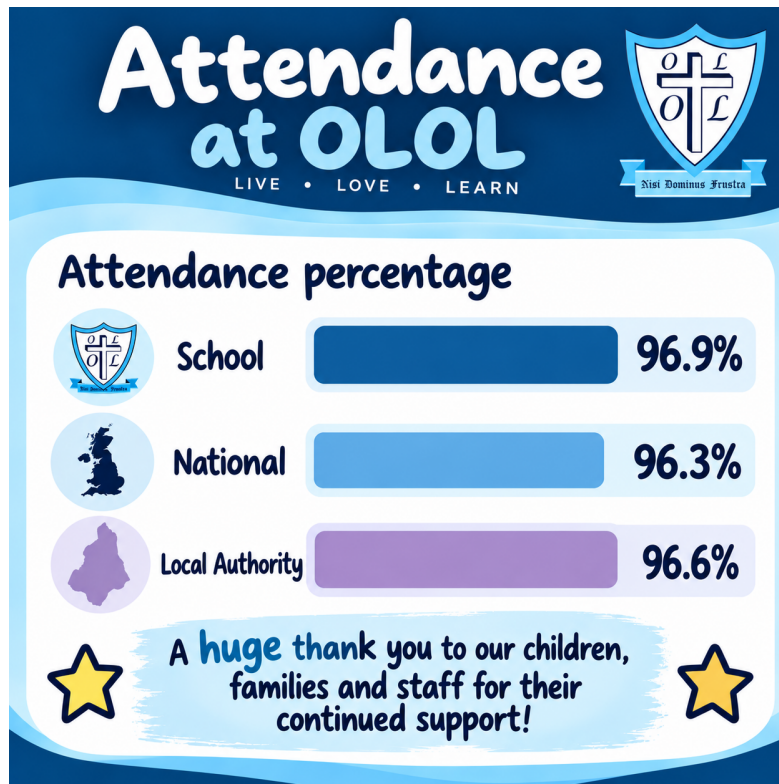
<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/childrens-services/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-or-secondary-school-in-september-2027/>

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



Food Wastage

We are having to stop and challenge children increasingly who are trying to throw their lunches in the bin, particularly their sandwiches. Lunchtime staff are instructed to get children to take home what they do not eat so you as parents or carers can see how much they have eaten in school or what they don't like to eat.

Congratulations Christ the King

I was delighted to receive a letter from Archbishop John Sherrington this week with the wonderful news that Christ the King Catholic High School will be getting a new school building. This is an exciting moment for the whole school community and a tremendous investment in the future of our young people. We give thanks to everyone whose support has helped achieve this.

Hot Chocolate with Mr McCann

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

Evie Lloyd
Poppy Dreher
Emily Farrell
Shriyan Puthenpurackal
Delilah Bayliff
Hewie Fairhurst



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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 26 September 2026

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 29 September 2026

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

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!

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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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

SEPTEMBER

Day	Date	Event
Monday	28.09.26	Flu Immunisations – Nursery–YR6

OCTOBER

Day	Date	Event
Friday	02.10.26	Welcome Disco (See poster)
Thursday	08.10.26	Christ the King to talk to YR5 & YR6
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

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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School Disco

★ **Friday 2nd October** ★

★  ★ Infants 3:15–4:00pm £5 entry – includes a goody bag	★  ★ Years 3 & 4 4:15–5:15pm £2 entry – tuck shop available	★  ★ Years 5 & 6 5:30–6:30pm £2 entry – tuck shop available
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Children may wear their own clothes to school on Friday

Live, Love, Learn