NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Nursery and Primary School

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Headteacher Thoughts

As we mark Remembrance Sunday today, we pause to remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict, and all whose lives have been changed by it. Behind every name on a memorial is a person who was loved, a family who grieved and a future that could never unfold. In remembering them, we also reflect on our own responsibility to nurture peace through the kindness, understanding and respect we show one another each day. We pray for all those living with conflict today, especially children and families longing for safety.

To mark Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November, children who belong to Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, Beavers or Rainbows are welcome to wear their organisation's uniform to school. This is a lovely opportunity to recognise their service to the community and join together in remembrance.



We also have some wonderful family news to share. Mrs McLearie gave birth to a gorgeous baby girl, Millie Elizabeth McLearie, on 6th November. We send Mrs McLearie and her family our warmest congratulations and every blessing as they welcome Millie into their lives. May this special time be filled with love, joy and precious moments together.

Please also keep Mrs Walker in your prayers as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her and her family well as they prepare for their new arrival, and we look forward to sharing their happy news in due course.

During Mrs Walker's maternity leave, Mrs Weeks will take on the Level 3 position to provide cover. Once approval has been granted by our Trust, we will appoint two Teaching Assistants to ensure that staffing levels are maintained and our children continue to receive the care and support they need.

As we look ahead to Advent and Christmas, please make a note of the arrangements for our KS2 Carol Concerts:

Monday 14th Dec:
9:15am - Y3 and Y4 parents
2:30pm - Y5 and Y6 parents

Tuesday 15th Dec:
9:15am - Y5 and Y6 parents
2:30pm - Y3 and Y4 parents

Wednesday 16th Dec:
9:15am – Grandparents' Concert (Back by popular request)

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We look forward to welcoming you as our children share the joy and hope of the Christmas story through words and song.

Thank you for your continued support, generosity and care for our school community. In this season of remembrance, may we help our children understand that even the smallest act of kindness can bring comfort and hope to someone else.

With warmest wishes and prayers,

Mr D McCann
Headteacher

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." — Matthew 5:9

Celebration of the Word



This week, after celebrating All Saints and All Souls, we reflected on what it means to be a saint. We thought about the special people in our lives who show kindness, love and faith, and took time to thank them. Our mission was to follow their example and live as God wants us to.



Pope Leo's Thought for the Week

Let us #PrayTogether for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less. Be a part of this prayer: popesprayer.va/praywiththepop… #PrayerIntention @clicktopray_en

LiveSimply

Do something good for somebody else 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/**

OLOL 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@olol.pfcmat.org

We wanted to give shoutout to Joshua & family who have been raising both vital funds and awareness of primary bone cancer over the last year. This week we got a massive thank you from the Bone Cancer Research Trust! Joshua -it was worth standing in the rain cheering and sitting by the side of the pool counting laps thank you 👏



A big shoutout to Luke and his family who have started a new life down under! We will certainly miss Luke and his mummy (Ms Taafe) who was one of our amazing Teaching Assistants in our ASD Provision! We wish them all well!



Primary School Applications

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 Primary School is 15 January 2027.

Healthy Snacks – Happy Breaktimes

A gentle reminder to families to please provide a healthy snack for morning break. We have noticed that some children are choosing items intended as lunchtime treats from their lunchboxes to eat at breaktime.

A piece of fruit, such as an apple, banana or easy-peel orange, or some vegetable sticks, such as cucumber, pepper or carrot, makes a lovely breaktime snack. Packing this separately can help children know what to choose, while keeping their lunch ready for later.

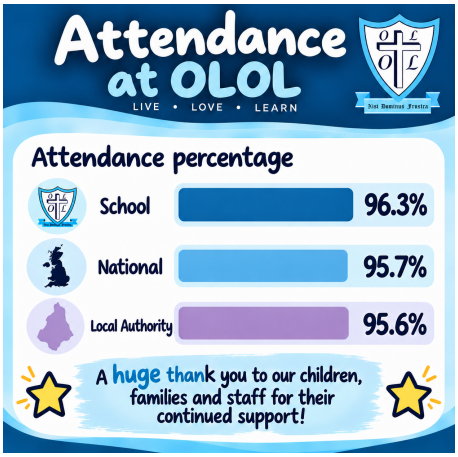
We have also noticed an increase in snack wrappers in our playground. Where possible, please send snacks in a reusable container and remind children to put any rubbish in the bins provided.

Thank you for your support in encouraging healthy habits and helping us keep our playground a clean, welcoming space for everyone.

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Attendance

This week, we hosted our termly attendance meeting with representatives from our trust and the local authority. They were incredibly impressed by our work on attendance and the effort shown by our whole school community. The LA representative particularly commented on how happy the children are and what a credit this is to our school. Thank you for your continued support.



Extreme Reading Challenge

We have loved seeing so many wonderful entries into this year's Extreme Reading Challenge. The judges are picking the winners for each phase on Monday morning so please watch this space!!!!!

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.

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Big Question of the Week!

'Can a small act of kindness really change the world?'

I would love to hear your answers!

Year 4 – Anderton Centre Trip



On Thursday and Friday, children from Year 4 attended their first residential trip with school. For many of the children this was their first experience of sleeping away from home, making a bed and trying different foods. The children pushed themselves out of their comfort zones! They climbed trees, competed in Team Challenges, toasted marshmallows around a campfire and canoed in Rivington Reservoir. The Anderton Centre staff were hugely complimentary about our children which was lovely to hear. I am sure they will have slept well over the weekend. I know I did!!!

Diary Dates

NOVEMBER

Day	Date	Event
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	19.11.26	Year 6 Trip to Western Approaches
Thursday	26.11.26	Year 3 trip to the World Museum
Sunday	29.11.26	Family Mass – First Sunday of Advent

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)
Monday	14.12.26	KS2 Carol Concert 9:15am
Tuesday	15.12.26	KS2 Carol Concert 2:30pm
Wednesday	16.12.26	Carol Concert – Grandparents 9:15am
Thursday	17.11.26	Nursery and Terrific Twos End of Term 3:00pm
Friday	18.12.26	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY; Last Day – 1.30pm Finish
	21.12.26–06.01.27	Christmas Holidays

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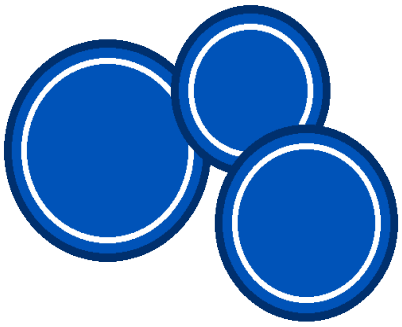
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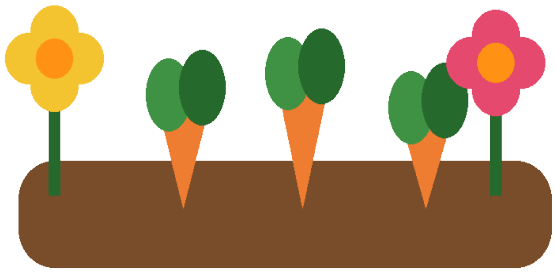
OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL IS IN THE FINAL DRAW

Please support our Eco Group

We hope to grow our own vegetables and flowers

FOR OUR SCHOOL	FOR OUR COMMUNITY
Fresh produce and flowers to use and enjoy in school	Home-grown produce and flowers to share locally





USE YOUR BLUE TOKENS TO VOTE FOR US
in store at Tesco Formby

Every token helps our project grow