



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

*"A place of learning – A community of Christ"*

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16th July 2021

Dear Parents,

We are at the end of another school year. It hasn't been the "normal" school year that I was yearning for but it is one where we have had many successes. I am extremely grateful to all the staff, who have shown tremendous resilience, and who have supported my vision of keeping things as normal as possible for the children. I would also like to thank all of you for your support this year. Without your patience and understanding this could have been a whole lot harder. Thank you!

There were two really big highlights this week. Firstly, as promised, we had our Reception Christmas Nativity on Monday in front of a socially distanced audience. I know you were all wondering why we didn't have a late start on Monday, but there was no way I was going to let a football match get in the way of Reception performing live. They were absolutely fantastic! In fact, the extra two terms practise made it probably the best Nativity I've seen.


Also, this week, we had our Year 6 Leavers' Mass. It was a beautiful occasion and a lovely way to mark the end of their time at Our Lady's school. They are right at the start of their lives and their faith journey. However, I hope they will remember that the secret to true happiness is to put other people before yourself and to look after the most vulnerable in our society. They have been a pleasure to work with and I look forward to hearing all about their progress in the future.

Finally, today we are saying goodbye to Mrs King and wish her a very happy and long retirement. As I said in my previous newsletter she will be a real loss. She has an amazing understanding of the importance of structure and routine for very young children and is one of the reasons why the children settle so well at Our Lady's. I will be eternally grateful for the fact that she was the Reception teacher for all four of my children. We have prepared a little tribute to Mrs King and hope you all enjoy it:

[Mrs King Tribute](#)

Have a lovely summer.

God bless,

M. Hold 

### Maths Activity Booklets

We have uploaded some maths activity booklets onto the school website under curriculum. They are clearly named by year groups. So, if you would like your child to keep up with some of their maths work, these may be useful.

### RESB Wild Challenge

Below is a link for the RSPB Wild Challenge which you may wish to do with your children.

### [Wild Challenge Family Activities - The RSPB](#)

### The Frances Taylor Cup

This is an award which is voted for by the school staff at the end of the year. It is awarded to a Year 6 child who during their time at Our Lady's, has been particularly helpful, polite and cheerful. It is meant to be a very prestigious award and I hope it has become something the children are really proud of receiving.

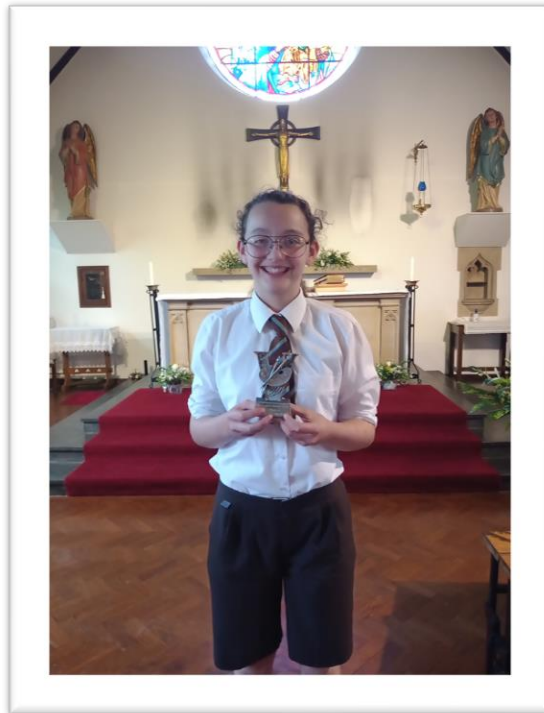
The award is named after Frances Taylor who was the Foundress of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, which is the order of nuns who founded the school. Frances Taylor had a real passion for the education of young and old alike. While schooling wasn't obligatory in the late nineteenth century, she was constantly on the lookout for ways of making education available, particularly to children who were economically disadvantaged. She sought to empower people and to help them recognise their own special God - given gifts. I know she would have approved of this award.

This year's winner is **Maria Holdsworth**.



## The Mrs Rough Art Cup

Last year the Our Lady's Trust introduced an award in memory of Mrs Rough. It is for a Year 6 child who has shown particular aptitude and excellence in Art. Art was something that was extremely important to Mrs Rough and I know she would be delighted to hear this year's award goes to **Lauren Lister**.



## Bucks Music Festival - Virtually

This week our school choir were meant to be performing at the Royal Albert Hall with the Bucks Music Service. Unfortunately, this hasn't been possible. However, they did take part in a virtual recording of the song, **Sing One Song**, which had been written specially for the event. We are really pleased with the result which I hope you all enjoy.

<https://youtu.be/nzrsFZkHQwE>

## Attendance

Normally, we get an ice-cream van for the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 class with the best attendance. However, this year has been a bit different. For the first time ever we have had to tell children to stay away if they felt a bit under the weather for obvious reasons. It has been a difficult year so I thought it was only fair if all the children had an ice cream.

We did, however, award our annual box of Maltesers to children with 100% attendance. It is great to see that in spite of the pandemic, we still have 40 children which is a fifth of the children with 100% attendance. Congratulations to all these children. I cannot emphasise how impressive and important this is as the best indicator to children's academic success in school is their attendance.

### Reception

**Joseph Holdsworth**

### Year 1

**Tamsin Adams**

**Donnie Baugh**

**Dominik Bielecki**

**Rory Buckley**

**Stan Czarnecki**

**Jude Gamble-Kempe**

**Nathan Kelly**

**Hugo White**

### Year 2

**Elodie Clews**

**Ben Davis**

**Michael Moore**

**Adam Szulc**

### Year 3

**Eward Clarkson**

**Xavier Gamble-Kempe**

**James Kehoe**

**Alasdair Watts**

### Year 4

**Wiktor Bielecki**

**Autumn Buckley**

**Ewan Davis**

**Lucy Grindley**

**Thomas Holdsworth**

**Nuala McCarthy**

**Sai Polamarasetty**

**Amelia Qasam**

**Ula Wojtowicz**

**Julek Zieliulewicz**

### Year 5

**Charlie Chlebeczek**

**Bella Dance**

**Abigail Elson**

**Amelia Marzenta**

**Massimo Pomaro-**

**Burton**

**Mirella Walker**

### Year 6

**Emma Fahey**

**Maria Holdsworth**

**Kimberley Ortiz**

**Tommaso Pisano**

**Achille Scagliola**

**Barnaby Watts**

**Filip Zieliulewicz**

## Accelerated Reader

Top readers this term

Words Read	
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>7,141,130</b> words
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>5,179,109</b> words
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>4,218,748</b> words
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>3,224,989</b> words

Children who are reading above their target and have scored above 85% in the quizzes:

### Year 3

Pierce  
Edward  
Tosia  
Ellie  
Matilda  
Kome  
Lena  
Stella  
Sabrina  
Harry  
Luna  
Alasdair

Finlay  
Lily  
Louis  
Lucy  
Cliff  
Thomas  
Alex  
Albert  
Esther  
Ula

### Year 5

Buddy  
Charlie  
Abigail  
Ruby  
Jessica  
Florence  
Valeria

George  
Callen

### Year 6

Sarah  
Olivia  
Maria  
Gabriel  
Louis  
Malachi  
Kimberly  
Aidan S  
Aoife  
Lucy

### Year 4

Harry  
Wiktor