

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

A Place of Learning -  
A Community of Christ

Faith  
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Love

17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Dear Parents,**

I hope you had a wonderful and joyous Easter. It is a fabulous time of year. A time of renewal and a time to remember that Jesus defeated death for us all. On Monday, all of the staff joined staff from all over St Thomas Catholic Academy Trust for a day exploring our common mission and values. This involved music, drama and talks from the likes of David Wells and Harry Clarke. I would definitely recommend watching the documentary about Harry meeting the Pope:

[Harry Clark Goes to Rome - BBC iPlayer](#)

If you have any older teenage children, it is great to watch with them. It was really good for my children to see that it is quite normal to question whether you are Catholic enough or going to church enough etc.

It has been lovely having the children back this week. They have really settled back into their learning well. The highlight of the week was Mr S bringing in his beehive to teach the reception children all about bee keeping on Tuesday. They loved dressing up as bees and in the bee keeping kit.

Have a great weekend,  
God bless,  
Mr Holdsworth



## Attendance

Attendance %	Impact over 1 school year	Impact over 5 school years	Impact over whole school life (Nursery – Year 13)
100%	0 days missed	0 days missed	0 days missed
96%	8 days missed	$\frac{1}{4}$ year learning lost	$\frac{3}{4}$ year learning lost
90%	19 days missed	$\frac{1}{2}$ year learning lost	$1\frac{1}{2}$ years learning lost
85%	28 days missed	$\frac{3}{4}$ year learning lost	$2\frac{1}{4}$ years learning lost
80%	38 days missed	1 year learning lost	3 years learning lost

This is Our Lady's School, attendance improvement ladder set by the DFE as of last half term. Our actual attendance has improved further to 97.3%. I would love to beat the 97.5% target that they have set for us and I know together we really can achieve this. We really are lucky to have parents who know the value of school and the difference it makes for their children's future. Normally we buy ice-creams at the end of the year for the two classes with the best attendance but **if we hit that 97.5% target I will make sure we get every child an ice-cream.**



The following children have been awarded a Numbots certificate in the last week.

Rust	Iron	Tin	Brass	Copper	Steel	Chrome
<b>Philip G</b>		<b>Thea K</b>	<b>Rose D</b>	<b>Julian W</b>	<b>Julian W</b>	<b>Joseph P</b>
<b>Rufus K</b>				<b>Rose D</b>	<b>Lucia J</b>	<b>Julian W</b>
<b>James B</b>				<b>Patrick P</b>		<b>Luke J</b>
<b>Evie O</b>				<b>Alessandro B</b>		
Glass	Tungsten	Aluminium	Kevlar	Carbon Fibre	Titanium	Bronze
<b>Joseph P</b>	<b>Joseph P</b>	<b>Joseph P</b>	<b>Julian W</b>			
<b>Julian W</b>	<b>Julian W</b>	<b>Julian W</b>				
Silver	Gold	Platinum	Daimond			

It is great seeing some of the Reception children getting certificates already as they only got their passwords yesterday



These children have gone green in Times Table RockStars which means they know all of their times table facts. New children this week in bold:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Alex	Sofia	Joseph	Elizabeth
Lorenzo	Arthur	Alysa	Eleanor
Varun	Rory	James	Arthur
Rory	Ruby	Szymon	Jaeda
	Josephine	Malwina	Karo
	Ann	Adam	Aliza
	Francesca	Michael F	Emilio
	Thomas	Hansini	Divine
	Zoe	Cat Cat	Florence
	Niamh	Klara	Jude
	Olivia	Hanna	Hugo
	Jan	Misha	Tamsin
	Nathan	Sharvil	Sienna Rose
	Allison	Alise	Dominik
	Mason	Antra	Hansika
	Artie	Minchun	Stash
	Genevieve	<b>Victoria</b>	<b>Donnie</b>
	Harrish		
	Peregrine		
	Daisy		
	Coalan		

# #OLS Learning



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 **olscheshambois** The pupil leadership team have organised a lovely shared meal as we reflect on their achievements over the last term #OLSPupilLeadership

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**olscheshambois** Reception enjoyed learning all about bees today. Thank you Mr S for teaching us all about Bee Keeping! 🐝  
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