

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

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27th March 2026

Dear Parents,

It is the end of a short but very busy term. It is amazing the shorter the term is the more tiring it seems and I think the children are more than ready for a break.

Firstly, a huge well done to our wonderful Sports Committee and to Mr Weatherill for organising an absolutely amazing Sponsored Run in aid of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. The whole school - staff included! - rose to the challenge, and together we ran the equivalent of over 19 marathons, totalling an incredible 840km! To put that into perspective, that's far enough to reach Northern Italy *as the crow flies!* It was a fantastic effort from everyone and a joyful event full of energy, smiles and community spirit. Overall, we have raised **£3457.80**. That is **£613** in the Easter Egg Raffle, **£1234.80** sponsorship for the marathon and **£1610** online. Mr Weatherill has been absolutely overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you so much.

A heartfelt thank you to Father Roy and Father Miriek, who joined us on Tuesday to lead our school Reconciliation Service and hear confessions. It was a beautiful liturgy, and it is really lovely to be able to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school. Thank you to Federica for all of her help planning and supporting us in our faith journey.

The highlight for me this week was accompanying Year 4 to the theatre on the tube on Wednesday. What a day! It was an unforgettable trip to London to see the musical **Matilda**. The children were enthralled - and the staff were equally impressed! I have to be honest it was the best musical I've ever been to see. We are so lucky to have London on our doorstep and as we only have to pay for the adults' transport on the tube it really makes sense to take advantage. Watch this space for many more exciting trips.



Finally, congratulations to our girls' football team on an excellent season. The team has made huge progress, improving week after week. They finished 5th out of 9 schools overall and ended the season in style with a 2–0 victory in their final match! A fantastic team effort.

Please remember to encourage your children to read and use Timestable Rockstars or Numbots over Easter.

Have a lovely Easter and we will see you on Tuesday 14th April,

Mr Holdsworth

Attendance

Your school's 2018 to 2019 attendance (pre-pandemic)	97.7%
Your school's attendance baseline improvement expectation	97.5%
Your school's attendance in 2024 to 2025	97.4%
Your school's current attendance	97.1%
Similar schools upper quartile attendance 2024 to 2025	96.2%
Median attendance for all similar schools in 2024 to 2025	95.8%
Local authority average (primary)	95.1%
National average (primary)	94.9%

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.**

Roblox

[Parents should monitor children 24/7 on Roblox, says developer - BBC News](#)

I thought I'd share with you the report on BBC yesterday about Roblox. It is really important that parents always monitor their children's online activity. I personally don't let my children use Roblox because I know that it is a program where children are often approached by people they don't know. I think the above article says it all.

Please remember with all technology, it isn't children using the technology that is the problem, it is children using the technology without their parents

Accelerated Reader

The children who are already above their target and are higher than 85% in their quizzes are:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rose	Aariv	Jessica	Harish	Keera	Tamsin
Mika	Theresa	Reuben	Sofia	Alvin	Sienna-Rose
Thea	Mayra	Joseph	Evie	Alyssa	Evie
Zoe	Manny	Alex	Arty	James	Giovanni
Patrick	Filip	Rex	Rory	Michael C	Donnie
Ambrose	Margot	Pola	Amelia	Malwina	Dominik
	Freddie	Maksim	Ruby	Aoife	Elizabeth
	Zac	Oliver	Josephine	Renske	Rory
	Joseph P	Rory	Ann	Adam	Grace
	Bettie	Ayla	Juno	Joseph	Liam
	Gaia	Sofia	Elena	Cuthbert	Simeon
	Julian	Noelia	Francesca	Mason	Eleanor
		Varun	Thomas	Misha	Jude
		Robyn	Allison	Victoria	Arthur
		Harvey	Roberto	Hansini	Jacob
		Robin	Zachary	Cat Cat	Erica
		Tosia	Arthur	Elise	Karo
			Ralph	Xavier	Jaeda
			Niamh	Antra	Shanaya
			Olivia	Sharvil	Aliza
			Caolan	Annie	Thomas
			Eugenie	Catherine	Bianca
			Martha	Klara	Hansika
			Genevieve	Hanna	Erin
			Daisy	Nikolay	Olive
			Jan	Minchun	Hugo
			Alex		Emilio
			Nathan		
			Mason		



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

Rust	Iron	Tin	Brass	Copper	Steel	Chrome
	Julian	Zac	George	George		Mika
	Gabriele	Julian	Julian			
			Daphne			
			Alessandro			
Glass	Tungsten	Aluminium	Kevlar	Carbon Fibre	Titanium	Bronze
Theresa	Theresa	Theresa				
Silver	Gold	Platinum	Daimond			
			Manny			



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		
	Harrish		
	Peregrine		
	Daisy		
	Coalan		

Gratitude Assembly Certificates

Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 2	Maisie, Mindy
Year 3	Antonio, Charlie
Year 4	Martha, Nathan
Year 5	Adam, Cat Cat, Mason, Misha
Year 6	Nathan, Stash

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olscheshambois Well done to these 3 young ladies who played in the inaugural Chess Cup Roses competition for St Joan of Arc this afternoon @stjoape #OLSalumni #OLSsport
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olscheshambois The end of a brilliant girl's football season. The team really has got better and better as the season went on. We finished 5th out of 9 overall and won our last game 2-0. #OLSGirlpower #OLSSport
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Rosey Chan • Truth and Reconciliation (Solo Piano Version) ...

olscheshambois A big thank you to Father Roy and Father Miriek for coming to lead our Reconciliation Service and hearing confessions earlier in the week #OLSChaplaincy #OLS Lent
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Holy Week Masses

Maundy Thursday, 28th March - Mass of the Lord's Supper:

5pm - Our Lady's

6pm – Immaculate Heart of Mary

7.30pm - St. Aidan's

8pm – St Columba's

Good Friday, 29th March - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion:

3pm - St. Aidan's

3pm – Immaculate Heart of Mary

3pm – St Columba's

5pm - Our Lady's

Holy Saturday, 30th March:

Easter Vigil Mass - 6.30pm - Our Lady's

Easter Vigil Mass – 8pm – St Columba's

Easter Vigil Mass - 8.30pm - St. Aidan's

Easter Sunday, 31st March:

9am - Our Lady's

9am – St Columba's

11am – Immaculate Heart of Mary

11.15am - St. Aidan's

12 Noon – St Columba's – Mass in Polish