OUR LADY OF LOURDES NEWS

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Autumn Term **www.lourdes.brent.sch.uk** **Friday 11th September 2026**

Dear Parents & Carers

Curriculum & Expectation Meetings

Please make a note of the day and time for your Curriculum & Expectations meeting. This is an opportunity to meet with, and hear from your child's class teacher about the expectations for this academic year. Please note; individual children will not be discussed during this meeting. If you wish to discuss any concerns relating to your child, please contact the school office to arrange a separate meeting.

Year 6 Secondary School Transfers – Pupils in Year 5 and 6

So that you do not miss out on important information shared at open evenings, we strongly advise you to visit the websites of secondary schools that you are considering for your child's secondary education.

Closing date for Secondary School Applications is: Friday 30 October 2026

Autumn Term Dates

- Curriculum & Expectations Meeting - Monday 14th September at 3:45pm - Reception, Years 1 & 2
- Curriculum & Expectation Meeting - Wednesday 16th September at 3:45pm - Years 3 & 4
- Curriculum & Expectations Meeting - Thursday 17th September at 3.45pm - Years 5 & 6 (Year 6 will rename to SATs & Transition Meeting)
- Year 6 trip to National Army museum - Wednesday 23rd September
- Year 2 trip to The National Gallery – Thursday 22nd October
- **Half Term – Monday 26th October to Friday 6th November**
- Pupils return to school on **Monday 9th November**

Harvest Collection



As part of our commitment to the Catholic values of charity, community, and the dignity of every person, we are pleased to announce the start of our annual Harvest Festival Food Collection at Our Lady of Lourdes School. This tradition allows us to live out our Catholic Social Teachings by helping those in need and demonstrating our faith in action.

We will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items, including canned vegetables, pasta, rice, cereals, soups, and other long-lasting items. Donations can be brought to school from Monday 14th September until Friday 16th October and all contributions, big or small, are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and generosity in making this tradition meaningful and impactful.

A Community of Readers: Book of the Week

Starting today, each week a member of school staff will recommend a book which they have enjoyed reading. Mr Reid will make sure that there are several copies in the Library and we would love to hear from pupils who have read a staff pick! Scroll to the end of the newsletter to read this week's review from Mrs Kent.

Virtues Reflection Sheets - Reminder



Virtues Reflection Sheets are used to encourage pupils to discuss with you the behaviour they have demonstrated in school, and in doing so provide you with information about their behaviour. The sheet requires that you sign to acknowledge that you have discussed the matter with your child. We therefore request that when Virtues Reflection Sheets are sent home with your child that you spend some time discussing the alternative choices that they could have made. We also request that you sign and return the sheet the following day. Please note that if your child receives three forms over the course of one-half term you will be required to attend a meeting with the Phase Leader. In addition, should the forms not be signed and returned the school will be inviting you in for a meeting to discuss this further with you.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

DfE National Average Attendance Figures– 95%



Our Lady of Lourdes Attendance Figure currently 92.4%. Unfortunately, this is significantly below the National Average. Please ensure that you are sending your child to school every day.

Polite Reminder

The school will no longer authorise any absence requests other than for exceptional and emergency circumstances. Emergency requests that require travel will only be authorised if the date of booking is provided. We do not require the travel tickets as this only shows the date of travel.

Absence - Every Day Counts

% Attendance	No of Missed Days	Missed Learning
100% attendance	0 days missed	No learning missed
97% attendance	5 days missed	A week's learning missed
94% attendance	12 days missed	2 weeks and 2 days learning missed
90% attendance	19 days missed	3 weeks and 4 days learning missed
85% attendance	30 days missed	6 weeks of learning missed
80% attendance	40 days missed	8 weeks of learning missed

Birthday Celebrations



Birthday Treats – Please do not send food items into school to be shared with pupils. All treats are to be handed out by parents at the end of the school day. Please note the school is unable to give out information regarding pupil numbers, names and information regarding pupil allergies.

If you would like to provide a treat for the class, please donate an age-appropriate book to either your child's class library, or for the whole school library. This can be signed by your child and will be a healthier option and a lasting legacy to their class and the school

Invitations: A polite reminder that we do not permit pupils to hand out birthday invitations during the school day. The reason for this is to avoid unnecessary upset for those pupils who may not receive one. Therefore, if pupils come to school with their invitations, they will be returned to the parents who can distribute them at the end of the school day.

Zero Tolerance of Intimidating and Aggressive Behaviour towards any member of our school community:



Please be aware that abusive, intimidating, threatening or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated in our school. **It is also completely inappropriate for parents to approach other parents or pupils to address issues that have happened in school – Please do not do this! We have a very clear Complaints Policy that must be followed.**

For further information please see our Dealing with Unacceptable Behaviour By Parents/Visitors on School Premises Policy on our school website. This policy outlines the action the school will take when such incidents occur.

Jewellery

In line with our policy,pupils are allowed to wear watches and gold or silver plain stud earrings. For Health and Safety reasons please do not send your child to school wearing hooped earrings or any form of neck chain or bracelet.

Parents in Partnership

Parents and schools must work in partnership and therefore should you have any concerns about your child's academic progress, or overall wellbeing please ensure that you follow our procedures to **make an appointment to speak to us here at school**. Your first point of contact should always be your child's class teacher. If you arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher and are unable to attend, please ensure that you contact the school.

Please note that should you have any queries or minor concerns, the Headteacher and other members of SLT are available at the start and end of the school day. However, requests for formal meetings are by appointment only. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SAFEGUARDING & SAFETY NOTICES.

ENTERING WESLEY ROAD

Wesley Road is now open for vehicle access for residents. Therefore, we must request that you use the pedestrian pathways when approaching the school.

To ensure the safety of our school community please refrain from walking down the centre of the road. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

WALKING HOME FROM SCHOOL

If you require your child to walk home unaccompanied or with another minor you must provide this information, including the name of the accompaning minor**, in writing to the school. Pupils will not be released without this information.**

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please be reminded that we are a Nut-Free School. This means all forms of nuts and products that contain nuts in any form must not be sent into school. Please be vigilant when sending food items into school as, for some individuals, contact with nuts can be life-threatening. Please ensure the school holds updated medical information on your child. If your child requires a Epi-pen please ensure you have supplied the school with one.

THE DANGERS OF GRAPES, CHERRY TOMATOES AND OTHER SMALL FRUIT ITEMS

Whole grapes, cherry tomatoes and other small fruit items **are a choking hazard**! If you are sending grapes or cherry tomatoes in as part of your child's packed lunch please ensure that you have sliced them in half or quarters. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

MEDICAL NEEDS

Please ensue that you notify the school of any updated medical needs for your child. It is vital that you notify us immediately of any changes. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

.Online Safety Reminders

We take the safety of our pupils very seriously both in and out of school. In order for us to assist you in keeping your child safe online we have put together the following informaton. This can also be found on our school website and by scanning this QR Code



Our **very clear advice** is as follows:

- Do not give children under 10 a smart phone.
- Be clear on your reasons for giving your child a smart phone – would a standard mobile phone without internet access suffice for your child's needs?
- Monitor your child's mobile phone and other device activity at the end of each day.
- Remove all devices from your child at bed time and give them a book to read inappropriate messaging and use of your child's mobile phone. Set strong privacy settings on all devices from your child at bed time and give them a book to read.
- Monitor all WhatsApp, texts and social media activity. Mobile phones are registered to you as the adult; therefore you may be held responsible for all inappropriate activity on your child's mobile devices.
- Regularly check your child's Google search history
- Set Strong Privacy Settings on devices.
- Be aware of the recommended ages for games your child is playing e.g. Roblox. Know who your child is talking to when playing the game.

Please not that the NSPCC have reported that children as young as 5 years of age have social media accounts. Please note that it is illegal for children under the age of 13 years to have their own social media accounts (X, Instragram, Facebook, WhatsApp, TikTok). To ensure your child's safety at home please monitor their activity on phones, electronic devices and social media platforms.

Mobile Phones

Pupils in Year 5 & 6 who walk to school unaccompanied are permitted to bring mobile phones to school. Once in school these phones are locked away in the office for safe keeping and are handed out to pupils at the end of the day. Please note that pupils in Year 4 and below are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school.

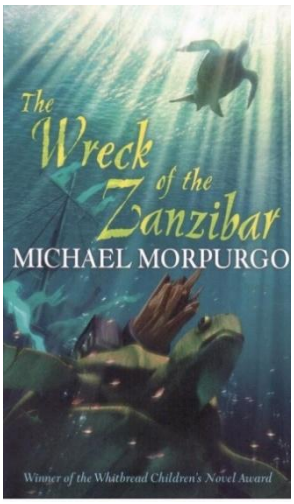
Book of the Week

Wreck of the Zanzibar by Michael Morpurgo

I read this book with my first ever class in Year Five several years and schools ago. I loved how it inspired the whole class to keep reading; they wanted to know more about the story of Laura, who was told that she wasn't allowed to ride on the gig (a special boat) because she was a girl. Although the book is set in the early 1900's, we

were all inspired by Laura's determination and bravery! I also enjoyed reading about the Isles of Scilly, where the book is set. The story includes adventure and mystery. There are several copies in our Library.

Please let me know if you read it and enjoy it too! *Mrs Kent*



Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Ms Halpin

Our Lady of Lourdes School Uniform Reminder

Thank you for adhering to our School Uniform Policy. For all information on our summer uniform, and what to prepare for the autumn term, please visit our website www.lourdes.brent.sch.uk

KS1 & KS2 Summer Uniform	
Boys	**Girls**
Royal blue official school jumper or cardigan * 	**Royal blue official school jumper or cardigan *** 
School Grey school trousers or smart tailored shorts  	**School Grey knee length skirt, pinafore or smart tailored shorts**  
Black or Grey socks	**White ankle or knee length socks**
Black sensible shoes (No tassels, logos, coloured laces etc) 	**Black sensible shoes** (No tassels, logos, coloured laces etc) 
Official school coat* or plain navy/black coat (No other coats or jacket is permissible) 	**Official school coat* or plain navy/black coat** (No other coats or jacket is permissible) 
Our Lady of Lourdes hat* (No other colour hats/scarves are permissible) 	**Our Lady of Lourdes hat*** (No other colour hats/scarves are permissible) 
KS1 & KS2 PE Kits	
All Year Navy blue PE tracksuit*  	**Navy Blue Shorts can be worn in summer months** 
Black plimsolls/Plain Black Trainers (No logos) 	**Black plimsolls /Plain Black Trainers** (No logos) 

Achievements







Tolorunju Olufunke Koyenikan	Reception
Andile Jayden Moyo Mathole	Year 1
Elijah Santos	Year 2
Ava Bond	Year 3
Kiyarna Richards	Year 4
Leon Rosol	Year 5
Isabeau Officer	Year 6



OUR LADY OF VIRTUES



Love of Learning	Leon Clottey	St Bernadette – Reception
Love of Learning	Emmanuel Sesay, Miss Conway	St Peter - Year 1
Determination	Delana Aranos	St Paul – Year 2
Sense of Humour	Ethan Nortey- Adom	St Matthew – Year 3
Maturity	Bellissa Osei, Harley Everett, Mr.Coranti	St Mark – Year 4
Love of Learning	Eloise Lee	St Luke – Year 5
Love of Learning	Leo Harriette & Ishmael Kamara	St John – Year 6



KS1 Class of The Week	Year 2
KS2 Class of The Week	Year 4

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Term and Holiday Dates for 2026 - 2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026

68 Days

First Day of Term for pupils:	**Wednesday 2nd September 2026**
Half Term	*Monday 26th October to Friday 6th November 2026*
Last Day of Term for pupils:	**Friday 18th December 2026 (School Closes 3:30pm)**

SPRING TERM 2027

53 Days

First Day Spring Term:	**Tuesday 5th January 2027**
Half Term	*Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027*
Last Day of Term for pupils:	**Thursday 25th March 2027 (School Closes 3:30pm)**
Easter Holidays:	*Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027*

SUMMER TERM 2027

69 days

First Day Summer Term:	**Monday 12th April 2027**
Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 3rd May 2027
Half Term:	*Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027*
Last Day of Term for pupils:	**Friday 23rd July 2027 (School Closes 3:30pm)**

Attendance Winners



Year 3 – St Matthew

96.9%

