OUR LADY OF LOURDES NEWS

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Autumn Term **www.lourdes.brent.sch.uk** **Friday 13th November 2026**

Dear Parents & Carers

Remembrance Day



On Wednesday, we held a special Remembrance Day assembly to reflect on and remember all those who have served and sacrificed their lives in times of war and conflict. The children showed great respect and understanding as we observed a two-minute silence to honour those who gave their lives for our freedom.

We also shared some home learning activities to encourage the children to continue reflecting on the importance of Remembrance Day with their families at home. Thank you for your continued support in helping us teach the children about the importance of remembering, respecting and showing gratitude. Please visit your child's class page to view some of their amazing work.

Charity Event

A huge thank you to everyone who home baked or donated cakes and other goodies for the year 2 Cake Sale, and to everyone who waited patiently in the rain to purchase goodies and make generous donations in aid of RNLI and Air Ambulance. All of the staff were overwhelmed by the generosity and good will in the hall that afternoon. They all said that the community atmosphere and support for these wonderful causes was beyond expectation.



As a result of your amazing generosity, **you raised a staggering £300**. Over the course of this academic year, each class will be hosting a charity event – further information to follow on these events. At the end of the academic year, we will divide the final amount between both organisations.



Harvest Collection – A Message from Sufra Food Bank



Dear Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School,

I wanted to write to you to thank you for your harvest donation towards our food bank last week. Your generosity brings vital relief to families facing severe hardship in our community.

Just this month, we've supported over 800 guests at our food bank, over a quarter of them were children. The level of child poverty where we're based is at 58%. It's so heartwarming to see students coming together as a community to support children like them in unfortunate circumstances.



Poverty frequently hides behind ordinary events. A parent becomes ill and can no longer work full-time. A relationship breaks down. A household receives an unexpected bill it simply cannot afford. For families already living close to the edge, events like these can quickly spiral into debt, food and housing insecurity and isolation. Every day we meet people who are making impossible choices between heating and eating, rent and food, travel and basic necessities.

Your support is already at work – helping us provide the food aid our guests urgently need to survive. We deeply appreciate your commitment to our work each harvest season.

Thank you again for standing with us.

Sabina Lichacz

Fundraising and Communications Senior Officer

Sufra NW London



Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Workshop

As many parents were unable to attend the RSE Workshop on Thursday, the session will be run again in the Spring Term.

Permission for School Trips

Please make sure that you give permission for your child to attend class trips. We are not able to take children on trips without parental consent. Failure to provide permission in advance of the trip will result in your child remaining in school, where they will be given work to complete in an alternative classroom.

Pre-Loved Uniform For Sale

Purchasing pre-loved uniform is not only a great way to help the environment by reusing items but it is also a cost effective way to purchase items for you children. We have a number of used / pre-loved school uniform items for sale. Items are charged as follows:-

Branded School Jumper	-	£5
Coloured PE T-Shirts	-	£2
PE tracksuit items	-	£5

PRELOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please enquire at the school office to see if we have the sizes you are looking for.

Names on School Uniform

PLEASE add your child's name on their school uniform. We already have a number of items in lost property with no names on them. If an item has a name on it we will ensure it is returned. Thank you for your support.

📱 Online Safety Workshop – Parents Welcome!

We would like to warmly invite all parents and carers to our **Online Safety Workshop**, hosted by **Mr Hambidge**.

🗓️ **Date:** Thursday 19th November 2026
🕒 **Time:** 3:45pm
📍 **Location:** School Hall

With technology playing such a big part in our children's lives, it is more important than ever to understand how to keep them safe online. During the workshop, we will explore current online safety concerns, popular apps and games, recent changes to online safety laws, and practical tips to help parents protect and support their children in the digital world.

We encourage all parents and carers to come along! Together, we can help our children stay safe, happy and responsible online.

We look forward to seeing you there!

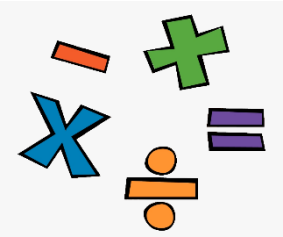
Mr Hambidge
Year 3 Class Teacher and IT Lead

Maths Themed Own Clothes Day: Thursday 19th November

As part of Maths Week, we are inviting everyone to come to school dressed in a maths-inspired outfit on **Thursday 19th November**.

Get creative and think about how you could incorporate maths into what you wear. You could include:

- Numbers or mathematical symbols.
- Shapes and patterns.
- Geometrical designs.
- Symmetry or repeating patterns.
- Let's see how creative we can be and celebrate all things maths!



Please remember: no football kits.

We look forward to seeing your maths inspired outfits.

Mr Likosso
Year 5 Class Teacher & Maths Lead

After School Club – Dates closed in December

Please note that the After School Club will be closed on the following dates in December:-



- Thursday 3rd – Christmas Fair
- Friday 4th – Staff Event
- Friday 18th – Last day of term

Kindly ensure that arrangements are made for your child to be collected at 3:30pm on these dates. Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs S. Sharyf
School Business Manager

Creating a Community of Readers – Book of the Week

At the end of the newsletter is this week's recommded book choice by Ms Nobrega.

Booking Clubs in Advance

Please remember that you must top up your child's account before booking into our Morning and After School clubs. It is also extremely important that you then book your child into the club **IN ADVANCE**. There are a limited number of spaces in each club so please do not drop or leave your child at either club without booking them in as this can lead to safeguarding issues.

Please also note that if you book your child into After School club after 3pm you must call the school office to advise them. The register is printed each day at 3pm and bookings made after 3pm will not be listed. Thank you for your continued support.

Applying for a place at OLOL – Reception Class for September 2027 start

If you wish to apply for a place in our Reception class from September 2027 you must apply via the London Borough of Brent – www.brent.gov.uk/admissions. You should also complete our Supplmentary Information Form (SIF) and provide a copy of the child's baptismal certificate. SIF form's are availble from the school office.

Closing date for Primary School applications is: Friday 15th January 2027

Autumn Term Dates

- Parents Evening – Autumn Term Target Setting - Tuesday 17th November from 3:30 - 6:00pm. Please ensure that you booked an appointment on Arbor.
- Maths Themed Own Clothes Day - Thursday 19th November
- Online Safety Workshop – Thursday 19th November at 3.45 in the school hall
- PSA Christmas Fair Planning Meeting – 20th November at 8.30am in school
- School Photographer – Friday 20th November - individual photos. All pupils to wear correct winter uniform e.g; school shirt and tie.
- Year 4 theme dress up day - North America – Wednesday 25th November
- Year 5 theatre trip to Matilda – Wednesday 25th November
- FGB Meeting - Wednesday 25th November
- RNLI Parents' Coffee Morning - Thursday 26th November at 9am
- Year 3 trip to Westminster Cathedral Advent Service – Wednesday 2nd December
- Year 4 Class Liturgy – Wednesday 2nd December at 2pm – School Chapel
- Year 6 theatre trip to The Lion King – Wednesday 2nd December
- Christmas Fair – Christmas Fair – Thursday 3rd December
- Year 6 Christmas Carols at Victoria Care Home - Wednesday 9th December at 10am
- Year 4 theatre trip to The Snowman – Wednesday 9th December
- EYFS / KS1 Nativity to Parents - Friday 11th December 9:30am / 2pm
- Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- KS2 Carol Service - Thursday 17th December at 2pm at Five Precious Wounds
- **End of Term - Friday 18th December at 3:30pm**

Winter School Uniform

Pupils are to return to school on Monday 9th November in their correct Winter school uniform. For full details, please see information listed below, or our Uniform Policy on our school website www.lourdes.brent.sch.uk

To ensure that all of our pupils return in the correct school uniform, particularly hats, gloves, scarves and ear muffs please see the uniform list below.

Thank you for adhering to our School Uniform Policy.

KS1 & KS2 Winter Uniform	
Boys	**Girls**
Royal blue official school jumper*	Royal blue official school jumper*
Official school tie*	Official school tie*
Grey school trousers	Grey school pinafore or skirt or trousers
Black or Grey socks	Black or grey socks or tights
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 colour coat 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)
Ear Muffs - plain black or navy	Ear Muffs - plain black or navy
Plain black or navy gloves	Plain black or navy gloves
	Head scarf or covering - school blue

PLEASE NOTE POLO TOPS ARE NOT PART OF THE WINTER UNIFORM.

DfE National Average Attendance Figures – 95%

Our Lady of Lourdes Attendance Figure currently 96.7%. Congratulations! We have now reached above national average for attendance. Thank you for your continued support in sending your child to school every day.



Absence Recording

Please remember that you must call the school **BEFORE 8.30am** on each day your child is absent from school. Please call 020 8961 5037, select option 1 and leave a message clearly stating your child's name, class, the reason for their absence and their expected date of return. Thank you.

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.

What is the impact on my child if they are absent, or regularly late for school?

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

Punctuality /Lateness – Every Minute Counts

Arrival time	Hours Missed	Missed Learning
Always on Time	No hours missed	No learning missed
5 minutes late every day	15 hours of learning missed	3 days learning missed
10 minutes late every day	32 hours missed	6.5 days learning missed
20 minutes late every day	65 hours missed	13 days learning missed
30 minutes late every day	95 hours missed	19 days learning missed

Mobile Phones

Pupils in years 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.

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.

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.

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.

Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Ms Halpin

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Term and Holiday Dates for 2026 - 2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026

69 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

55 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

71 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 16th July 2027 (School Closes 3:30pm)**

PSA

Parent and Staff Association



Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching. Please remember to send in your donations:-

Caterpillars, Nursery, Reception Year 1 - small raffle prizes, such as games, chocolates, arts & crafts.

Years 2, 3, and 4 - bottles of wine for the tombola, adults kindly bring these to the school office.

Years 5 and 6 - toiletries such as bath and body products, aftershave/perfume box sets.

EVERY CHILD - **A Christmas Jar** - Please fill and decorate jam jars with general party bag fillings approximately £1 in value. For example: small sweets, toys or stationery then decorate them (Christmas themed). These are always really popular so the more you can fill and bring in, the better.

Please send your donation to school by **Friday 27th November.**

Cultural Food Table

This is one of our most popular tables. If you would like to provide a tempting feast for all to enjoy, please contact the school office with your name, and the food item you will be providing on the day of the Christmas Fair.

Help on the day

We will need lots of parent volunteers to help run each stall. A sign-up sheet will be sent out after shortly, please give up a little bit of your time to help make the event a huge success.



Raffle Tickets

Each child received a book of raffle tickets to sell in advance of the Christmas Fair. Please support your child in selling the tickets that they bring home. Tickets will also be on sale after school and at the Christmas Fair.

Raffle Prizes and Donations

We are contacting local business to ask for donations for our raffle. If you work for a company that might be willing to donate a prize, please let the school office know. We can prove the fundraising letter if needed.

Alternatively, if you have anything at home that we could use as a raffle prize please hand it into the school office. Please note that it must be brand new, unopened and in perfect condition.

Our next planning meeting will be on Friday 20th November at 8.30am in school. Please come along and help us plan and prepare, there is a lot to do and we need lots of help and support.

Thank you for your continued support – **The OLO PSA**

Book of the Week – Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

Chosen by Miss Nobrega



I really enjoyed reading Kensuke's Kingdom and highly recommended it for pupils from Year 4 to Year 6. An inspirational, adventurous story, full of twists and turns. Michael, his parents and Stella Artois go on a sea voyage and face many challenges ahead! Every chapter is full of suspense, making it impossible to guess what will happen next, making you curious and engaged reading. Who is Kensuke? Now, if you really want to find out, then you must read Kensuke's Kingdom book!

Achievements







Chloe Andressa Costa Rodrigues	Reception
Maria Liliana Pagaduan	Year 1
Kieran Kelly	Year 2
Mariella Ouattara	Year 4
David Berhane	Year 5
Bobbi Foster-Turnbull	Year 6



OUR LADY OF VIRTUES



Independence	Chosen-Paris Fong-Woo	St Bernadette – Reception
Independence	Miles Everett	St Peter - Year 1
Friendship	Mia Dias	St Paul – Year 2
Determination	Maria Luiza Soares Cardoso	St Mark – Year 4
Determination	Freya Mudimbi-Sampaio	St Luke – Year 5
Attentiveness & Respect	Julia Guzzardi	St John – Year 6



KS1 Class Of The Week	Year 1
KS2 Class Of The Week	Year 4 & Year 6