OUR LADY OF LOURDES NEWS

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Autumn Term **www.lourdes.brent.sch.uk** **Friday 18th September 2026**

Dear Parents & Carers

Curriculum & Expectation Meetings

Thank you to all parents who attended the Curriculum & Expectations meetings this week. Some year groups were very well represented by parents, and others had limited numbers of parents attend. The purpose of these meetings is to provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, and find out how to access all the important information you will need to support your child over the course of the year.

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 30th October 2026

Certificate of Catholic Practice

If you are applying to a school that requires a Certificate of Catholic Practice you will need to make an appointment to speak with your Parish Priest at the church you regularly attend mass. For parishioners who attend Five Precious Wounds, please contact the presbytery on 020 8965 3313 to arrange a meeting with Fr William or Fr Stephen.

Key Stage 1 – Learning In Action





Over the summer year 1 began their exciting journey exploring the key themes of their class book. The children were encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to bring the 'Space' theme to life…. they certainly achieved this! Well done, Year 1 you have set a very high standard for this year.

Year 2 have been exploring their Science topic Animals Including Humans. The children used their knowledge to create fantastic projects at home. These projects highlight year 2's curiosity, creativity and growing independence and how they are now thinking like scientists and historians.

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to support your child in creating such wonderful work.

Creating a Community of Readers – Book of the Week

Last week, Mrs Kent recommended "The Wreck of the Zanzibar," by Michael Morpurgo. Several copies have been borrowed from the library and Mrs Kent is looking forward to hearing from pupils once they have finished the book. Scroll to the end of newsletter to discover who has recommended a book this week and ask Mr Reid for help if you would like to find it in the library next week.

New Academic Year Reminders

Autumn Term Dates

- Year 6 trip to National Army museum - Wednesday 23rd September
- Year 2 trip to The National Gallery – Thursday 22nd October
- Caterpillars, Nursery & Reception Class Stay & Play - Friday 9th October from 8.45am to 9.30am
- RSE Parent Workshop – Thursday 15th October at 3.30pm
- **Half Term – Monday 26th October to Friday 6th November**
- Pupils return to school on **Monday 9th November**

DfE National Average Attendance Figures – 95%

Our Lady of Lourdes attendance figure is currently 93.6%. 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.



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

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.

Years 5 & 6 – permission for students to walk home alone

Students in years 5 and 6 are allowed to leave school at the end of the school day unaccompanied with the permission of their primary parental guardian. Please complete this form if you agree to allow your child to walk home alone - Y5 & Y6 permission form.

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.

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.

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) 

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

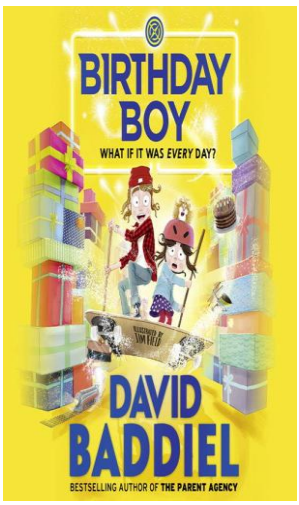
First Day Spring Term:	**Tuesday 5th January 2027**
Half Term	*Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027*
Last Day of Term for pupils:	**Thursday 25th March 2027 (School Closes 3:30pm)**
Easter Holidays:	*Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027*

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)**

Book of the Week - Birthday Boy by David Baddiel



My son did not read for pleasure only what he was required to read in school and then this book was suggested to him. It has a nice type size and short chapters which made it easier to read. It is about a boy called Sam who is really, really excited about his 11th birthday. He was excited about the presents, the party, the cake, everything. Then he wished upon a star that every day could be his birthday and woke up the next day to find that his wish had come true. He can't believe it and thinks up crazy adventures for each day. Then things start to go wrong and it turns out having your birthday every single day isn't as much fun as he thought. Can Sam fix things and make it go back to normal? Sometimes you have to be careful what you wish for!

This book was full of funny adventures and crazy birthday ideas along with life lessons learned along the way. There are a number of other books by the author, but this one was always my son's favourite and that's why I love it too! *Mrs Elliott*

Attendance Winners



Reception – St Bernadette

97%



Achievements







Alice Batista Ferreira	Reception
Maya Santos Higa	Year 1
Jadrien Furtado	Year 2
Zaakai Gayle	Year 3
Harley Everett	Year 4
Jazmine Neves Macedo	Year 5
Reshnavi Muraliganan	Year 6



OUR LADY OF VIRTUES



Love of Learning Responsible Citizenship	Anaya Anthony-Nicholas Sydel Fernandes	St Bernadette – Reception
Perseverance	Daborah Berhane	St Peter - Year 1
Love of Learning	Alek Gomes Bernecki	St Paul – Year 2
Love of Learning	Karari Brome	St Matthew – Year 3
Commitment	Hawa Kamara	St Mark – Year 4
Sense of Humour	Ezra Kimani	St Luke – Year 5
Determination	Samuel Mensah	St John – Year 6



KS1 Class Of The Week	Year 1
KS2 Class Of The Week	Year 3