



OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Easter – yes, as Fr. Stephen reminded us at mass this morning, we are still in the eight days of Easter - welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely and refreshing Easter holiday. It's wonderful to see the children return to school and hopefully the sunshine will return with them!

### **Attendance**

I'd like to continue to highlight the importance of regular attendance. Currently, our school's attendance stands at 94.5%, which is also the national average. However, our target remains at 97%. Every day in school counts and consistent attendance is key to your child's learning and development. Thank you for working with us to ensure that your children are in school whenever possible. Going forward, in addition to our whole school year to date attendance, we will also send you year group attendance data.

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	93.5%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	90.6%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	80%

Well done Year 1 – keep up the great work!

### **Marathon Mums**

Our four incredible Marathon Mums are at it again this Sunday – taking part in the London Marathon, with the aim of raising £1000 for our school! (They are currently at £970 – let's see if we can push it to smash their target!) They have already completed the Brighton Half Marathon, but still have a gargantuan effort to complete all of the events they have signed up for:

April - TCS London Marathon

May - 3 Peaks Challenge

June - BHF London to Brighton Bike Ride

August - Brighton and Hove Triathlon

September - Vitality London 10,000

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Please consider if you are able to support these heroic women by donating the price of a cup of coffee. Here is a link to their Just Giving page. Every penny counts!.

[Crowdfunding to support our amazing children at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School. on JustGiving](#)

Next week, in PE lessons with Mr Hoad, the children will be taking part in the mini-London marathon, where we will be aiming for the children to run, jog or walk 2 miles, or as far as they're able to. In Reception and KS1, they will do this collectively, working together as a class to achieve the 2 mile target.

### **PTFA Urgent help needed**

As many of you know, the PTFA does amazing things for our school—raising vital funds and bringing so much joy to our children. It thrives thanks to the support of a group of dedicated volunteers, and to keep things moving forward, we now need a little extra help.

### **We need a new Treasurer**

Jo Sice has done a fantastic job in this role, but her term is coming to an end. We're now looking for someone to step into her shoes. The good news? Jo has put in place streamlined systems and processes, making the role very manageable. You don't need to be an accountant or have a finance background—Jo will provide a full handover and is more than happy to talk through what's involved. In her own words: "It's completely manageable and pretty straightforward these days."

We also need a few more active helpers

Hannah has worked tirelessly to lead the PTFA, drive new initiatives, and help the school in so many meaningful ways—thank you, Hannah, for all you've done.

She's been supported by some key people, including Jeremy, our Parent Link Governor, who is now focusing his time on exciting, soon-to-be-announced career-related initiatives. With that in mind, we're looking for a few enthusiastic parents to join the team and help Hannah continue the amazing work.

### **Why your involvement matters**

The PTFA plays a vital role—not just in terms of fundraising, but also in bringing joy, enrichment, and a real sense of community to our school. Over the past year alone, with the PTFA's support, we've achieved fantastic things like:

A fully stocked, brand new library

iPads to enhance learning in the classroom

The incredible development of School in the Wood

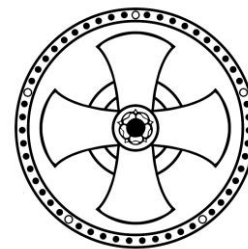
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We all want the best for our children, and the PTFA is a huge part of making that happen. That's why it's so important for people to get involved. It's easy to spot what could be better—but lasting change only comes when we roll up our sleeves and take part. Whether it's stepping into a role or simply helping out here and there, your contribution makes a real difference.

If you're interested in becoming Treasurer or joining as a helper, please reach out to me. Let's keep the PTFA thriving and continue making our school the amazing place it is.

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Y3 trip to Brighton Museum

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Y6 Bake Off

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May @ OLOL Church First Holy Communion

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Children's Parade

**MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY – BANK HOLIDAY**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 11am – VE Day memorial service on The Green

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Y5 residential trip

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day – (am = EYFS/ KS1 – pm = KS2)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Reserve sports day

### Pope Francis

As we continue to mourn the loss of Pope Francis, we remember his incredible legacy of faith, compassion, and service to others. His leadership touched the lives of millions around the world, and his example of humility and love for the poor, the marginalized, and the environment will inspire us for years to come.

In this time of reflection, we invite you to join us in prayer for the soul of Pope Francis and for the future of the Church:

Prayer for Pope Francis

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace.  
Amen.

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Let us also pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the Church enters a new chapter. May we all continue to follow the example of Pope Francis by living lives filled with love, service, and compassion toward one another.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers during this time of transition for the Catholic community.

Anita Philbrook