

# Our Lady Catholic Primary School

*A Catholic Academy*



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## NEWS

### from the Head

#### Headteacher Mission Statement Awards

Yr R: Lola and Lorena

Yr 1: Norton and Isaac

Yr 2: Holly and Lucas

Yr 3: Alessia and Arnie

Yr 4: Alice and Anthony

Yr 5: Finley and Amelia

Yr 6: Gianluca, Anthony, Adam and Millie

Well done to our winners who made an extra special effort to live out our mission statement this half term.



## Events from this half term

### Alfriston trip

During w/c 11th June our Year 6 pupils visited Alfriston, East Sussex, for a 4 day residential. The children enjoyed a trip to Drusillas zoo, the beach to complete a rock pool study, and a tour of medieval buildings in and around Alfriston village. The trip was a great success and the children were fantastic ambassadors for Our Lady School. I was particularly impressed that everyone managed the 18km of walking each day-well done Year 6! Thanks to Mr Dray, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Kinsella and Miss Davis and Miss Knight who led the trip.

### First Holy Communions

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, we held a prayer service in school to mark those celebrating the sacrament of First Holy Communion. The Year 3 and 4 children offered prayers for those making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June in Hitchin and on previous weekends in Shefford. Well done Year 3. Many thanks to Mrs Sweeny and Mrs Kay for their work in helping the children pray the rosary

### Moving up workshops for Year 6 children

Thanks to Phase, a local charity supporting local schools, for the sessions they completed with our Year 6 pupils in relation to transition to secondary school. They made three visits over the last half term and the children benefitted immensely from talking about the benefits and challenges they face moving school.

### Community Mass at JHN

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July our Year 3 pupils attended a community mass at John Henry Newman School along with other feeder primary schools. It was a lovely event which our Year 3 pupils, Mrs Marinho, Mrs Marcantonio and I enjoyed immensely.

## Holiday homework!

The entrance display on Adoremus has been such a welcoming sight, and strong statement of our Catholic identity, to all who visit and spend the day in our school. In preparation for next academic year, we will be changing the area to reflect the theme of 'God's wonderful creation'. We know that many of you will be visiting lands afar over the summer and so we ask you to collect/bring home anything you could use for a 2D/3D family homework depicting that theme. Again, the finished products will be display in our entrance.

Family homework due in by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.



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## End of Year Results

By now you will have read your child's report and be aware of how much progress they have made over the past year. The staff are extremely proud of all of their achievements and they look forward to another year of success ahead!

By way of end of Key Stage results we achieved the following:

**EYFS: Good Level of Development was met by 83% of children. Herts average was 72%.**

**Yr 1 Phonics Check: 89% passed the check. Herts average was 83%.**

Yr 2 SATs results:

In reading 86% of our pupils met or exceeded the standard and 46% were working at greater depth. The Herts averages were 73% met or exceeded the standard and 31% were working at greater depth.

In writing 70% of our pupils met or exceeded the standard and 16% were working at greater depth. The Herts averages were 70% met or exceeded the standard and 19% were working at greater depth.

In maths 83% of our pupils met or exceeded the standard and 23% were working at greater depth. The Herts averages were 76% met or exceeded the standard and 26% were working at greater depth.

**These are excellent results from the Early Years and KS1 teams and I thank you all as parents for all you have done in supporting your child to achieve their best.**

The Key Stage 2 results are not yet confirmed, and won't be until next term as re-marks and final checks are taking place, but as its stands results are:

In reading 72% of our pupils met or exceeded the standard and 36% were working at greater depth.

In maths 75% of our pupils met or exceeded the standard and 27% were working at greater depth.

In writing 69% of our pupils met or exceeded the standard and 25% were working at greater depth.

Again these are excellent results from our Year 6 cohort and each child should be very proud of their progress. A special mention to Patrick Pond who did not drop a mark in his maths papers. Very well done indeed!

It is important to remember that children have a wide range of talents, which can't all be represented by the SATs papers, and as such we continue to support all of our pupils, however short a time they have been with us, to achieve the very best of their potential. Next year we will continue to drive forward progress across all subjects, through the delivery of a broad and balanced curriculum. Thank you for your continued support of your child's education and the staff in school.