



### HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019!

**Mission Statement Awards**  
Well done to all the winners this half term!

**Year R:** Ameya and Mercy

**Year 1:** Joseph and Jaxon

**Year 2:** Luke and Evie

**Year 3:** Tilly and Jack

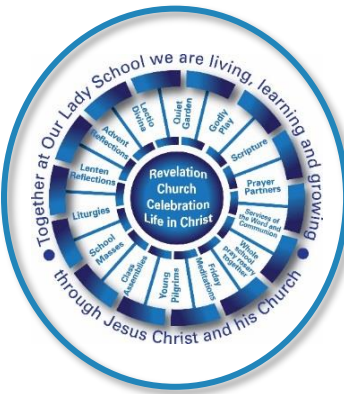
**Year 4:** Esme and Christopher

**Year 5:** Finlay and

**Year 6:** George N and Brenda

**Staff:** Mrs Gaunt, Mrs Gerrard and Miss Shannon

- January**
  - 2019 was kicked off with a whole school wellbeing week. Each class learnt about brain breaks, different emotions and the importance of regulating emotions.
- February**
  - The Chaplaincy team were busy leading class liturgies and spreading the word of God. We held class masses to help us reflect during Lent.
- March**
  - The whole school raised awareness for mental health with our mental health dance!
- April**
  - Lenten Games were a great success with yet more money being raised for the Kanyike Project!
- May**
  - The school had an **OUTSTANDING R.E inspection!**
- June**
  - Fantastic results were published for EYFS, Phonics and end of Key Stage One and Two.
- July**
  - The school shone at our annual open evening!
- September**
  - The year began with a fantastic new Reception class and some new members of the teaching staff joining us.
- October**
  - Class assemblies displayed how amazing our children all are and how much they had learnt since the start of the year.
- November**
  - Arts week was a huge success! We learnt all about different cultures, countries and had many parents come in to support this!
- December**
  - KS1 and Reception showed us they were ready for Broadway with their amazing Nativities.



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## Key dates for the spring term

6<sup>th</sup> January - INSET, school closed

7<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school

21<sup>st</sup> January - Y2 & Y6 Parent SATS workshops

24<sup>th</sup> January- E-Safety workshops

7<sup>th</sup> February - Dress down day for children's mental health

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> February - Parent consultations

14<sup>th</sup> February - Family Friday afternoon

For more dates please see the diary dates section of the website

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## Our Lady PTA

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA who have been tirelessly fundraising for the school this term! We have been spoilt with events including the Christmas fair, Christmas movie night and the disco!



The PTA have raised a massive **£2000** during the autumn term! We would also like to thank all the parents that attend the events, it would not be possible without your continued support.

## School Attendance

Congratulations to all children who received 100% attendance certificates for this term. We are delighted whole school attendance remains very high at 97.5%.

The expected target for each individual child is 96% and where children are below that across two terms, it is classed as persistence absenteeism. Moving forward, we have been advised by the Local Authority that we should be issuing penalty letters as per our attendance policy and in line with DFE guidance to all schools.

**A reminder that registers close at 9am and children arriving later than that will be marked as late.**

## Twitter account

A reminder to follow us on twitter @OurLady-Hitchin and keep up to date on a daily basis with what's going on in school. Thanks to Miss Davis who does such a good job of posting our news!



From everyone  
at Our Lady's we  
wish you all a  
very happy  
Christmas and a  
fantastic New  
Year.