

Our Lady Catholic Primary School

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NEWS from Mrs Snowball

A warm welcome back to the new academic year. A special welcome to our new families, Reception children and new staff. We hope you will all be very happy here at Our Lady School. The children and staff have all settled well into their new year groups and it has been a delight to see the children enjoying their learning.

It has been a busy few weeks already. Here are some highlights from September & October ...

Community Mass

We started the school year with a wonderful celebration led by Fr Norbert. Thank you to all Parents, Parishioners and Governors that joined us to mark the beginning of a new school year.



Catholic Social Teaching – Care for Creation

This half term our Catholic Social Teaching focus is 'Care for Creation'. The children are thinking about the role they play in looking after God's world and everyone in it.



'We are stewards of the earth'

House points so far.....

Fisher - 1249

Campion – 1077

Alban – 983

More – 789

Well done to everyone who has earned house points this half term.

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Meet our new Chaplaincy Team



Meet our new House Captains



Pupil Leader Roles

Congratulations to all of our new pupil leaders across the school. Our new School Council, Eco Council, Sports leaders, Bronze ambassadors, Chaplaincy team and House captains have been carefully selected by the pupils to represent our school and work together with school leaders on various different projects and initiatives. They are all wearing their new leader badges with pride and we are confident they will be excellent role models.

Parent workshops & Consultations

Thank you to all those who attended. These were a great opportunity for parents to meet the class teacher, hear more about the term ahead, find out how your child has settled into their new year group and know how you can support your child with their learning. All presentations and curriculum maps will be added to the class pages on the website.

Parent phonics workshop

Thank you to all the parents who attended and were looking for ways to support their child at home with reading and phonics!



Sporting events

Congratulations to our Netball and Football teams this half term. They have represented the school in many sporting events and done us all proud. They have shown great sportsmanship and team work as well as show off their excellent skills.



Rosary Challenge

During the month of October all children took part in the Mark 10 Mission Rosary Challenge. The Chaplaincy Team helped each child make their own Rosary beads and they used them to pray the Rosary each day as they reflected on the Mysteries.

We came together as a whole school to send 1600 Hail Mary's to the people in Israel who are suffering during this time of conflict and who have lost loved ones. We hope they take the strength and support from Our Lady during this sad time.



Hitchin Pantry

Thank you to everyone who has been busy donating supplies this half term for the Hitchin Pantry. The school and eco council will be supporting the Hitchin Pantry with the school council visiting them on Friday to help set the Pantry up!

The donation station will still be in action for the next half term so please keep donating what you can.



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Key dates for parents for the half term ahead

23rd-27th October	Half term
30th October	PTA calendar photos
31st October	PTA calendar photos
31st October	YR Height/Weight measuring & Hearing checks
November 2023 events	
Date	What?
1 st November	All Saints Day – Class liturgy
1 st November	YR Height/Weight measuring & Hearing checks
3rd November	Parent coffee information morning
10th November	PTA Quiz night
13th November	Individual school photos
13th November	Remembrance Service
14 th November	Admissions evening 7pm
23rd November	Non-Uniform day for the PTA
24th November	Occasional Day
December 2023 events	
Date	What?
1st December	Advent service
4th December	PTA meeting
7th December	Christmas jumper day
8th December	PTA Christmas fair 3:15pm
12th December	Reception Nativity dress rehearsal at Our Lady Church
13th December	Reception Nativity 11am at Our Lady Church
14th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9:30am
19th December	Christmas dinner
20th December	End of term (1:30pm finish)

