



9 September 2026

Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School Newsletter

Welcome to our Newsletter. This Newsletter is also available on our School Website www.ololbury.stoccat.org.uk

Our website is new and it contains all the statutory information for our school. Please note that paper copies of the Newsletter or anything on our website is available from the School Office.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 8 September: 10.15am – Bury Music Service demonstration assembly
Wednesday 9 September: 9.00am – Karen Ryder (Drama Club) demonstration assembly
Monday 14 September: Extra Curricular Activities to start
Thursday 17 September: Year 5 Playleader training
Wednesday 22 September: 9.00am Mad Science assembly
Friday 25 September: 9.00am – Coffee Morning in support of Bury Cancer Support Centre – *everyone welcome*
Wednesday 30 September: 9.00am – John Hunt photos – *all children to come to school in their full uniform*
Friday 2 October: CAFOD Family Fast day – Harvest appeal
Tuesday 6 October: 9.00am – Stay and Pray for Year 5 – *parents welcome*
Tuesday 6 October: Reception 2027 Open Day
Wednesday 7 October: Reception 2027 Open Day
Thursday 8 October: Reception 2027 Open Day
Friday 9 October: Reception 2027 Open Day
Friday 9 October: Year 5 Class charity event to support Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary
Monday 13 October: 9.00am – Year 6 Stay and Pray – *parents welcome*
Wednesday 14 October: Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 20 October: 3.30-6.30pm – Parents evening
Friday 23 October: 3.15pm School closes for half term
Tuesday 3 November: School reopens

Message from Mrs Davies

We have had an amazing start to the new school year. Our new reception children have settled in beautifully and have really enjoyed the support from their Year 6 Special Friends. The whole school have been excellent in their learning, attitudes and behaviour – it has been a great start!

This Friday will be our first Celebration assembly of the year. This year we are reintroducing houses into school. Every child has been allocated one of four houses - Lourdes, Walsingham, Knock or Fatima. During this term, the children will learn about the houses and they will get to know their house captain. During the year, there will be occasions when the children will come together as a house, including weekly celebration assemblies and sports day. All of the staff have also been allocated a house. Reintroducing our houses gives children another opportunity to be part of a group with children from different year groups and to learn the significance of each house name.

Many thanks to all of our parents and carers for your continued support this week.



Ollies Before and After School Club

Ollies has moved from the school hall to the portacabins at the back of school. In the mornings, the side gate will be closed but there will be a bell to press which will alert Ollies that you are there and someone will come to let you in. In the evenings, the gate will be closed until 4.30pm. If you come to collect your child before then, please press the door bell on the wall to the right of the gate. We have a temporary bell but a new one will be installed shortly.

Extra-Curricular activities

The sign up form link for the Extra Curricular clubs has been sent out on Monday. Clubs will start week beginning 14 September except Computing Club which will not start until after half term. We have had a huge response for bookings and as some of the clubs have restricted numbers. If your child does not get a place they will go on a waiting list. Text messages will be sent home to let you know if your child has a place prior to the clubs starting. The office will try to contact everyone by Friday this week.

This week we had Bury Music Service come in to showcase music lessons which will be during school time if you sign your child up, and Karen Ryder (Drama) came into school to do assemblies and the children have been sent home with leaflets from both if their class/age are eligible to join. To sign up for the taster sessions with Bury Music Service the details are on the sheet sent home and if you then decide to go ahead with lessons in school you would pay for these directly to Bury Music Service. The leaflet from Karen Ryder gives details of how to sign up for her Drama Club which will be on Thursday's after school and also bookings should be made directly to her by using the information which has been sent home. If your child has lost a leaflet, I have spare in the office.

School Grid

In the changeover of SchoolGrid we have had a few parents who have had difficulties, logging in or booking school lunches. Under the Trust the facility to pay by Direct Debit is no longer available. Lunches will need to be paid for at the time of booking or credit applied. Please could you check that you have completed your child's dietary requirements in SchoolGrid as some of the information did not transfer over and to make sure it is up to date this needs to be done as soon as possible. Children who have allergies may then only be offered a restricted menu. If you are still encountering any login problems please could you email the school office on office@ololbury.stoccat.org.uk

School Email Address

Please note that our old email address is only being monitored sporadically. Please use our new email address from now on which is office@olol.stoccat.org.uk to make sure that we see your emails promptly.

Bury Cancer Support Centre Coffee Morning

On Friday 25 September at 9.00am we will be hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of Bury Cancer Support Centre. Please bring your families and friends to support this event. Please see poster below.



Our Lady of Lourdes
Love, learn and grow

Our Lady of Lourdes
RC Primary School,
Rudgewick Drive,
Bury BL8 1YA

invites you to a

COFFEE MORNING

Friday 25th September
at 9am

In Support Of

**APPEAL
FOR DONATIONS OF CAKES PLEASE**

www.justgiving/campaign/supportthefutureofburycancersupportcentre

Easyfundraising for OLOL

Previously our PTA had set up an Easyfundraising account for us. We have recently taken this over and are going to continue trying to raise funds for school for all the little extras that enhance the learning and school environment for our children. This means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our Easyfundraising page at to sign up :- <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/ourladyoflourdesrcpsbury/1DBKLI/c2s/hV0t4Q7p/CE953/facebook/>

Thank you so much! We have already had some new families signed up since last week



Wednesday Word

If any of our families do not have access to the Wednesday Word leaflet and would like to see a copy and share it with your children please use the link below:-

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Follow us on Instagram

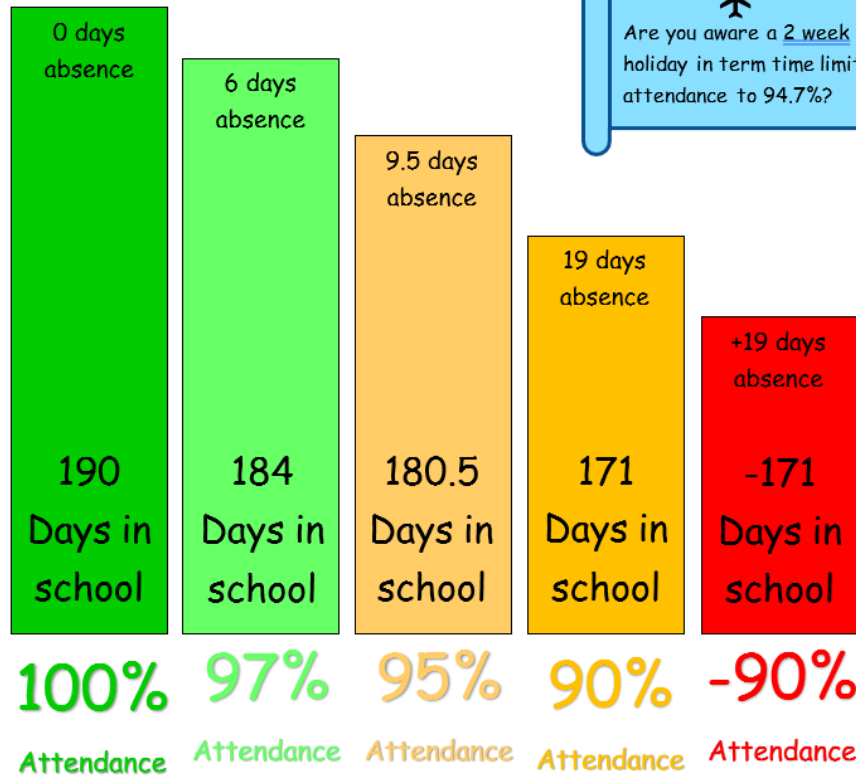
School now have an Instagram account. You can follow us using **ololburycps**

Attendance

Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School firmly believes that **Great Achievement** can only happen if we have **Great Attendance**. Recently attendance has begun to decline... let us aim for 100% attendance! Below you will see this week's attendance figure for each class. Who is this week's winner?

Class 1	81.25%
Class 2	96.88%
Class 3	96.88%
Year 5	88.46%
Year 6	93.97%

Good attendance at Our Lady of Lourdes RCPS means being in school at least 97% of the time (184 - 190 days)



✈️
Are you aware a 2 week holiday in term time limits attendance to 94.7%?

Excellent attendance
Best chances of success

Below expected and starting to cause concern
Less chance of success
Intervention required

Serious Concern
Persistent Absence
Seriously limits success
Local authority intervention

If you need to share information regarding an absence or need any support, please contact the school office or Miss Dean.

To Love, Learn and Grow attend school on time, every day