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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

Wednesday 30 September: 9.00am – John Hunt photos – *all children to come to school in their full uniform*
Thursday 1 October: Mad Science Assembly
Friday 2 October: CAFOD Family Fast day – Harvest appeal
Monday 5 October: Year 5 Class charity event to support Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary – bring your toy animal to school for a donation to Bleakholt
Tuesday 6 October: 9.00am – Stay and Pray for Year 5 – Parents and Carers welcome
Tuesday 6 October: Reception 2027 Open Day
Wednesday 7 October: Reception 2027 Open Day
Wednesday 7 October: One Day Creative workshops for Black History Month - £2 contribution
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
Tuesday 13 October: 9.00am – Year 6 Stay and Pray – *Parents and Carers welcome*
Wednesday 14 October: Flu vaccinations
Tuesday 20 October: 3.30-6.30pm – Parents evening
Friday 23 October: Come to school dressed in the colour of your house – Lourdes = blue / Fatima = red / Walsingham = yellow / Knock = green
Friday 23 October: 3.15pm School closes for half term
Tuesday 3 November: School reopens
Monday 9 November: Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 9 November: 3.15pm -Art Exhibition in the hall -*Parents and Carers welcome*
Tuesday 10 November: 5.00 – 7.00pm – Reception Open Evening
Thursday 12 November: Wellbeing Ambassadors trip
Friday 13 November: Class One class charity – Children in Need
Monday 16 November: Anti-Bullying Week - Odd socks Day
Monday 23 November: Two weeks of Swimming lessons
Tuesday 24 November: 9.00am – Class 3 Stay and Pray – *Parents and Carers welcome*

Message from Mrs Davies

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning last Friday in aid of Bury Cancer Support Centre. From the cakes that were donated, to the cakes that were bought and to the raffle – every penny counts and we are so grateful for your support. We raised £384 for this great charity.

Today is photo day where all children have had their individual photos taken. We have also had our pupil group photos taken: The GIFT Team; Playground leaders; Pupil Voice and Wellbeing Ambassadors. These photos will be displayed in the hall so everyone can recognise the children who carry out a pupil leadership role in school. Next week we have the first of our Class Stay and Pray sessions, starting with the Year 5 children. I look forward to welcoming parents and carers to join the children in the prayer and liturgy. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Harvest Appeal next week – Pupil Voice

Pupil Voice are running a Harvest Appeal next week. They are appealing for non-perishable food such as tinned food, Rice, Pasta, Jars etc with a reasonable date on them. They will be donated to Brandlesholme Foodbank. Any items you wish to donate can be brought into school any day next week **from Monday 5th to Friday 9th October** and Miss Dean will have a supermarket trolley on the playground for donated items to be put into in the mornings. Pupil Voice very much hope that the children will want to join in with their Harvest Appeal and even if they just donate one item this would be very much appreciated. Thank you for your support

St Francis of Assisi Feast Day

As a school, we will be celebrating St Francis of Assisi Feast day on **Monday 5th October**. On this day, The GIFT Team will be leading our prayer and liturgy in the Ark (on the playground) and we will be giving thanks for all of our pets and the animals in the world. **Please can you send in a photo of your pets via Seesaw so we can include them in this special celebration.**

Year 5 Class Charity Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary

On **Monday 5th October**, the Year 5 children are inviting children to bring into school their favourite animal teddy to spend the day in school. Year 5 are asking for a donation towards their class charity, Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary. This is a wonderful charity that the Year 5 children have chosen to support.

Year 5 Stay and Pray

On **Tuesday 6 October**, *the Year 5 children will be leading a Prayer and Liturgy and inviting their families to join them for this special stay and pray session.* We look forward to welcoming the Year 5 parents and carers.

Black History Month Workshops

October is Black History Month and to celebrate this special month, we have invited **One Day Creative** into school next Wednesday 7th October to work with each class, to learn about important people in Black History such as Nelson Mandela as well as events from the past that have influenced the lives of others. School money will be open to ask for a contribution towards the workshops. **We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2 for this event.** Thank you for your support.

EYFS Open Days

We have a number of opportunities for parents and carers to visit our Early Years provision in readiness for school applications for September 2027. Please spread the word if you know anyone who is looking for a place for next September. Everyone is welcome!

Unauthorised Absences

Attached to this newsletter is a letter with updated information on unauthorised absences and managing attendance. Please read the updates carefully and the changes implemented with regards to fines.

OCTOBER SPORTS CAMP!

 **Monday 26th – Wednesday 28th October 2026**

 **Venue: Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School**

★ Get ready for three action-packed days of fun, friendship and fantastic sporting activities!

 Bring your bikes and scooters and enjoy exciting outdoor adventures with friends.

 Take part in a huge range of activities, including:

- Football
- Tennis
- Dodgeball
- Cricket
- Athletics
- Nerf Wars

Open to all children from Reception to Year 6.

Whether your child loves sport, enjoys trying something new or simply wants to have fun during the holidays, there will be something for everyone!

Places fill quickly and are often oversubscribed, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

For bookings and further information please contact me at:

tkempcoaching@outlook.com

Arbor

We have started our transition for communications and payments to transfer to Arbor. We have sent an email out to you all with information leaflets showing how to sign up. ***This will not go live until after October Half Term*** holidays and we will be sending further information out regarding this nearer the time. **We have noticed that quite a few parents have not yet tried to login please could you do this as soon as possible.**

We can see that some of you have already signed up and logged in and requested some changes to you records. Please bear with us as we work through these as they all need to be authorised. If you are having difficulties signing up, or did not receive the email it may be because we have an incorrect record currently of your email address or telephone number so please let us know by emailing the office on office@ololbury.stoccat.org.uk The Trust has told us that if you



already use Arbor for a sibling at another school you would need to have separate passwords for the different schools but would be able to see them both in one app.

Arbor works differently within the app and will send messages to both parents. We have noticed that we do not have email addresses for quite a few Dad's we are going to set up a form and will be sending a link out over the next few days for you to give us email address for either parent if we only have one. Arbor will not allow the same email address for both parents. If you wish to be included please watch out for the email with a link to let us have any email addresses we do not have on record.

We would ask that you try to sign yourself up so that when it gets nearer to our going live date you will not have an issue accessing any emails and app messages we send out. Once we switch over Teachers2Parents and School Money in the Eduspot App will go. SchoolGrid will carry on as we are already set up for this now. If any parents are still having issues with SchoolGrid please could you let us know by email.

Lost Property

The Lost Property box is full on the playground! If your child has lost a coat or jumper or cardigan, please check the box on the playground. Thankyou for your continued support.

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**

Award winners

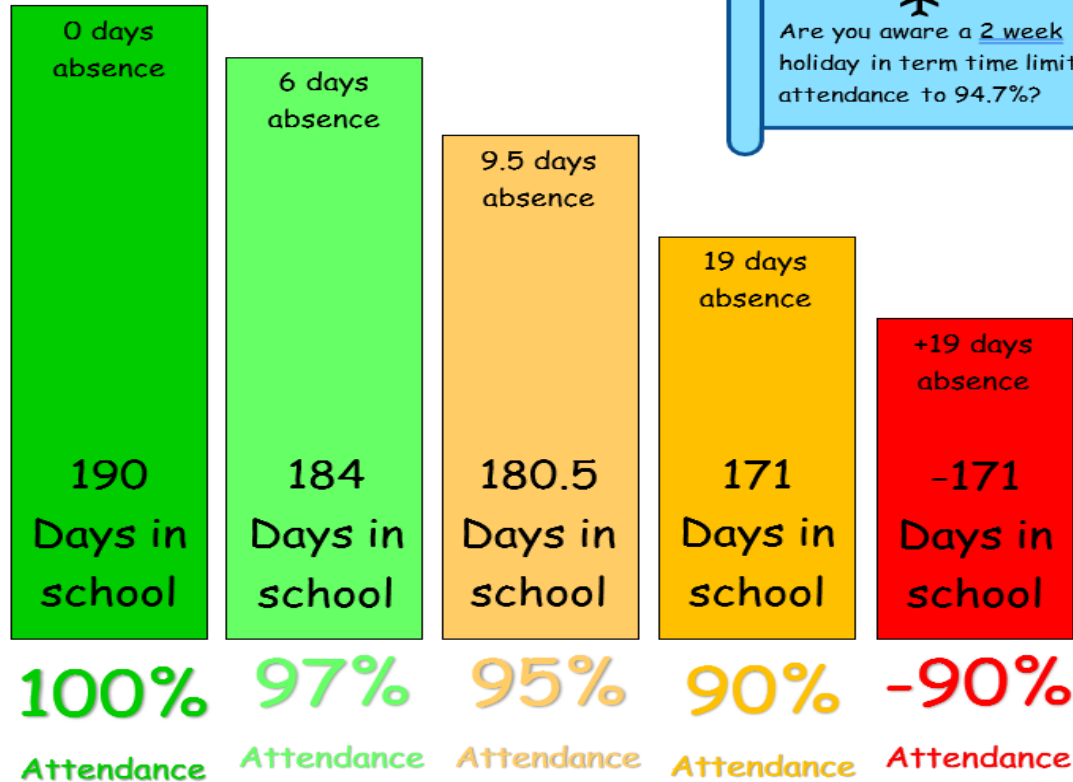
	Mission Award	Rights Respecting Schools Award	Special Mention Award
Class 1	Kyze	Jessie	Skyla
Class 2	Joshua	Cora	Stanley
Class 3	Alexander	Mikolaj	Esmae
Year 5	Adam	Thea	Caleb
Year 6	Jim	Isaac	Arlo
Headteachers Award	Stanley (Year 5)		
Lunchtime Award	Arthur (Year 5)		

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	91.67%
Class 2	96.88%
Class 3	92.19%
Year 5	98.11%
Year 6	95.86%

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



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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