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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.com Our website is full of lots of important information so please take a look and learn lots of things about our wonderful School. Please note that paper copies of the Newsletter or anything on our website is available from the School Office.

Dates for the diary

Monday 19th January: Week 2 of 2

Wednesday 21st January: 9.30am – Read Write Inc Parent phonics session for Reception and Year 1 children

Thursday 22nd January: 9.30am - Read Write Inc Parent phonics session for Reception and Year 1 children

Thursday 22nd January: 9.30am: 3.45pm and repeat session at 5.00pm Parent information session for Read, Write Inc – Reception and Year 1 parents welcome

Friday 23rd January: 9.30am - Read Write Inc Parent phonics session for Reception and Year 1 children

Monday 26th January: Week 1 of 2

Friday 30th January: 4.00pm Netball Rally at Philips High School

Monday 2nd February: Week 2 of 2

Tuesday 3rd February: AM – Indoor Athletics Competition at Castle Leisure Centre

Monday 9th February: Week 1 of 2

Tuesday 10th February: Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 10th February: Year 5 Class assembly – parents and carers welcome

Wednesday 11th February: Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day

Wednesday 11th February: 6.30 – 7.00pm – Safer Internet Day Parent Information session – everyone welcome

Thursday 12th February: Young Voices Concert at Co-op Live for the choir

Thursday 12th February: Afternoon – Reception, Come and Learn with us session for parents

Friday 13th February: International Book Giving Day (14th) Bring a book to school to swap with a friend

Friday 13th February: 3.15pm School closes

Monday 23rd February: School reopens Week 2 of 2

Monday 23rd February: Year 3 Swimming Lessons everyday this week 1.00 – 2.00pm

Tuesday 24th February – Friday 27th February: Scholastic Book Fair this week

Friday 27th February: Orchard Class Charity for Bury Hospice

Monday 2nd March: Week 1 of 2

Monday 2nd March: 8.55am – Year 3 Prayer and Liturgy – Parents and Carers welcome

Monday 2nd March: Year 4 Swimming Lessons everyday this week 1.00 – 2.00pm

Wednesday 4th March: 7.00pm Parents meeting at Guardian Angels' Church for children making their First Holy Communion this year (Year 3)

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day

Friday 6th March: Dance Workshop in school

Saturday 7th March: 5.30pm – Presentation of children undertaking the Sacramental Programme

Sunday 8th March: 9.15am - Presentation of children undertaking the Sacramental Programme

Monday 9th March: Week 2 of 2

Monday 9th March: 8.55am – Prayer and Liturgy led by Class 2 – Parents and Carers welcome

Message from Mrs Davies

We've had a really busy week this last week with lots of fantastic learning and enrichment in the curriculum. Last Thursday, our Year 5 children had a wonderful time in their Viking Workshop; Year 3 had a great day of creativity through the Music and Mayhem workshop with Factory International.

Last Friday Dr Bike came to school to carry out checks on the children's bikes. We had an incredible 39 bikes that kept Dr Bike busy all day!

This week we are welcoming our Parents and Carers of Reception and Year 1 for our Phonics Parents Sessions. We are hoping this will help parents and carers to understand how phonics and early reading is taught in school.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for their continued support with homework, reading and attendance, working in partnership with you is essential in your child's educational journey.

Parent Phonics Sessions

This week, Mrs Booth has organised parent phonics sessions for children in **Reception and Year 1**. There are three optional morning sessions that you are invited to, to observe how phonics is taught in school.

These sessions are:

Wednesday 21st January @ 9.30am

Thursday 22nd January @ 9.30am

Friday 23rd January @ 9.30am or 5.00pm

Also on Thursday 22nd January, parents and carers are invited to a parent information session at either 3.45 or 5.00pm where Mrs Booth will explain the phonics scheme in more detail and talk about how you can support your children at home with early reading.

We look forward to welcoming you to school.

MP Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to the children who entered James Frith's Christmas card competition last term. Mr Frith wrote to these children to congratulate them on taking part in the competition and he sent certificates to them. Noah M was awarded a certificate for coming first place within our school – well done Noah! Well done also to Caleb (Yr 4), Clara (Yr 5), Elysia (Yr 4) and Charlotte (Yr 4) who were awarded certificates!

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 10th February is Safer Internet Day. Year 5 will be leading an assembly on this day at 8.55am for the whole school to teach them about being safe online. Parents and Carers of Year 5 children are welcome to join us.

Safer internet is part of our Computing Curriculum and this day is a special day to raise awareness of keeping safe online. Throughout the day, children will be taking part in extra lessons on Esafety.

On Wednesday 11th February at 6.30 – 7.00pm, Miss Dean will be leading a parent information session on keeping children safe online. All parents and carers are welcome to attend this session.

Sacramental Programme 2026

Children in Year 3 will be invited to undertake the Sacramental Programme in the coming months. To make your First Holy Communion, children need to be baptised Roman Catholic. Letters will be sent out through Church over the next few weeks but we wanted to highlight some key dates for those children taking part in the programme.

Wednesday 4th March @ 7.00pm -Parents Information meeting at Guardian Angels' Church



Saturday 7th March at 5.30pm and Sunday 8th March at 9.15am - Presentation of children in Mass at Guardian Angels' Church

Sunday 12th July - First Holy Communions

For children who are not baptised in Year 3 and are wanting to be baptised and make their First Holy Communion, please contact the school office for further information.

For children in Year 4, 5 or 6 who haven't made their First Holy Communion but would like to, please can parents contact the School Office for further information.

We are looking forward to working with you and your children in preparing your children for their First Holy Communion.

WOW Badge Design Competition

We have sent a poster out in the email with the Newsletter for the "Walk The Walk Challenge". If your child would like to take part please could all entries be given to Miss Heywood by 17th February to be included in the competition.

School Meal Service Survey

Bury Catering Service has sent a link for arents and children to take part in a survey regarding school meals if you wish to complete this the link is

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ODG3s8CYC0SHZY1kZKjtgpvIxpFMb9NDku3jazBHzQ9UQkMxSVc0QkE5TzBFsFI3MVU5Q0pKVURSSi4u>

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 **ololburyrcps**

Award winners

	Mission Award	Rights Respecting Schools Award	Special Mention Award
Class 1	Sofia	Joshua	Lucia
Class 2	Leighton	Novah	Maisie
Year 3	Emily	Harry	Rosalei
Year 4	Charlotte	Noah C	Oliver
Year 5	Emily	Hannah	Eryn
Year 6	Katiesha	Zachary	Erin
Headteachers Award	Stanley (Year 3)		

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	96.00%
Class 2	96.45%
Year 3	98.26%
Year 4	95.38%
Year 5	95.16%
Year 6	95.71%