Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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7th September

Dear parents,

It has been another great week at Our Lady and St John's. We started the week by waving goodbye to our lovely Year 5's as they headed off on their residential trip! They returned on Wednesday afternoon after having an amazing time but very tired!

Our Nursery children joined this week and they are settling so well– welcome to our new families. I have also been super impressed by Reception for completing their first full week in school –well done. Thank you to Vivien's Dad who painted the Reception classroom as it looks so smart.

Our Celebration Assembly where we share who the 'Stars of the week' are and the class with the best attendance will now be on Fridays and due to Mass today the first one will be the 18th September 2026.

The badges have arrived for the Year 6 roles and responsibilities (they had been delivered to the wrong school) so we will announce those next week—Year 6 have been very patient!

Please take a look at the dates and make a note of the Meet the teacher meeting for your child's class. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, **Mrs Kelliher**

Important Dates

Monday 14th September
8:50 Yr4 Meet the teacher meeting

Tuesday 15th September
8:50 Yr1 Meet the teacher meeting

Wednesday 16th September
8:50 Yr3 Meet the teacher meeting

Friday 18th September
8:50 Yr6 Meet the teacher/Transfer to secondary school information/residential meeting

Monday 21st September
- **Book fair all week**
- **8:50** Yr5 Meet the teacher meeting
- Yr6 Height & weight checks

Tuesday 22nd September
8:50 Yr2 Meet the teacher meeting

Wednesday 23rd September
8:50 Reception Reading & Phonics Workshop

Friday 25th September
- **Languages Day**

Wednesday 30th September
8:50 Y1 Reading & Phonics Workshop

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's designated safeguarding officer: Mrs Kelliher or in her absence the deputy safeguarding officer Mrs Sheehan. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with their line manager, Mrs Kelliher to seek further advice.

We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies of some pupils and staff, please ensure no nut or peanut products are brought into school.

RE and Catholic Life News

Beginning of Term Mass

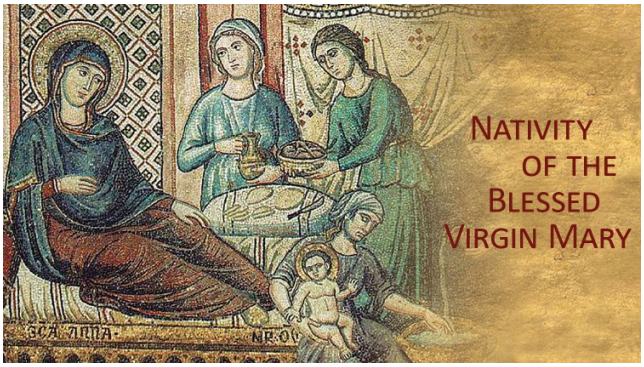
We celebrated our first whole school mass this week, led by Year 6. Thank you to all the pupils who read so beautifully, to our altar servers from years 5 & 6, to Mrs. Poterachi for playing the music and to Fr. Gerard for celebrating mass for us. A huge thank you to all our children for participating so prayerfully in the mass and it was lovely to see our parents join too– a beautiful way to start our school year.





This Sunday is Education Sunday which was the focus at our staff prayer time before school today. We reflected on how thankful we are to God for our vocation of Education and our wonderful school community. This Sunday please spend some time praying and giving thanks for everyone who serves in Education.

Tuesday was the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Mary's Birthday). In School each teacher led a Celebration of the Word to remind us that her birth brought joy to the whole world because she was chosen to be the mother of Jesus. We asked Mary to guide us closer to her son.



RE Homework - Prayer Life

As part of our ongoing prayer life in school, it is wonderful to hear about how children reflect and pray at home. It was incredibly moving to hear the children speak openly and proudly about their family prayer traditions, as well as prayer areas they use.

Children in KS2, also showed great pride with their newly decorated Prayer Journals' too. Soon, they will be using these in school.

Homework like this is a vital part of helping children build empathy, celebrate diversity and feel a sense of belonging, within our school and parish community.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us foster an inclusive and prayerful environment.

Year 5—PGL

Year 5 has their residential trip earlier this week and despite a rainy Tuesday the children had an amazing time.

The children were so fortunate to have experienced so many activities:
3G Swing, Campfire, Orienteering, Fencing, Zip Wire to name but a few.

The children were superb and came back a little tired, to say the least.

A big thank you to Mrs Sheehan, Mrs Chalker-Hayes, & Ms Ryan for making this trip possible.











Curriculum Meetings

The Curriculum meetings for each class will take place over the next couple of weeks. This will enable you to see your child's classroom, meet your child's new teacher and hear about the curriculum they will be following.

Please see diary dates for timings.

All information will be uploaded to Google Classroom.

European Languages Day at OLSJ

We will be celebrating European Languages day on

Friday 25th September.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for our children to explore the diverse range of countries, cultures and languages in Europe.

Each class will look at a specific country and will take part in a variety of activities to celebrate its language and culture. They will also enjoy a French breakfast.

Children will be invited to come to school dressed in the colours of the country that their class will be studying.

We ask for a contribution of £2.50 to be made via Parentmail. Funds raised will go towards musical instruments for the nursery and storage for new instruments which have been ordered for Key Stages 1 and 2.

The countries for the different year groups are as follows:

Nursery and Reception	Ireland	
Year 1	Spain	
Year 2	Portugal	
Year 3	Greece	
Year 4 and 5	Sweden	
Year 6	British Sign Language	



Dear parents,

At OLSJ we use a platform/app called Google classroom to set homework, send pictures and to send messages/reminders to parents/carers.

You can access Google Classroom on your phone and/or a laptop/chrome book.

Once you have downloaded the app or searched for the website, you will be asked to login.

All children have a login for Google classroom - it will look something like this:

email: tfrmt671.313@gs.stjohnrc.hounslow.sch.uk

password: flower4

Children in Years 1-6 will have this login & password stuck into their reading record books. Children in Nursery & Reception will be given their login details from their class teacher.

Once you have logged in you will be asked to join or decline your child's class dashboard. Here you will see messages on the stream tab and homework instructions on the classwork tab.

Homework will be completed in your child's homework book

If you are having problems logging into Google classroom or you are experiencing any problems please let me know or speak with your child's class teacher.

Regards

Mrs. Sheehan