



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

Spring 1 2026 Reception Class Newsletter

Class Teacher: Mrs Wilsker

Welcome

Happy New Year and welcome back to term 3! I hope you've enjoyed the break and are ready for another fun and exciting term.

We would like to say a huge thank you for all of our Christmas gifts. It is very much appreciated.

Uniform and belongings

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS

It is advisable to bring in spare clothes for your child as your child will engage in messy play experiences as part of the EYFS curriculum.

Topic: Marvellous Machines

This interest-led project teaches children about the technology that is part of their daily lives and how machines help us. The project gives children the opportunity to build and create marvellous machines.

We will also be observing how machines make things for us. We are going to start with making some yummy popcorn.



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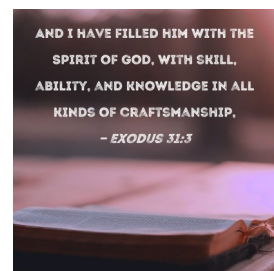
Our first unit this term: Christmas

Children will learn about the story of Christmas, the focus being the birth of Jesus in the stable and the

shepherd visitors.

Our second unit this term: Baptism

Children will be introduced to some important symbols and Baptismal candle. If your child has been baptised, we would love to see photos of their Baptism.



English– The Naughty Bus

Our story this term links to our topic of Marvellous Machines. We will be looking at a bus in London and the journey that it will go on. We will be focusing on using our sounds to write words. We will begin to write short sentences about places in London.

Mathematics

We will continue with our journey of subitising (seeing the quantity without counting). We will also look at the part-part whole relations e.g. seeing that 5 can be made of 3 and 2. A key focus will be partitioning 5 (splitting it into parts) and considering the missing parts; the children will be encouraged to visualise numbers within 5 and to work out how many are hidden when they know the whole number in a set.



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Phonics



All children in Reception and KS1 have been assessed and allocated phonic groups. This means your child may be taught by a different adult for phonics. Phonics

happens daily and lasts for half an hour. Each lesson begins with speedy sounds, blending and reading.

Reading at home

You may notice your child bringing home a blending book, or ditty sheet or Read Write Inc. coloured reading book this term. Please continue to support your child at home in this area as it will help them build confidence in sound recognition, blending new words and gaining a love of reading. It is lovely to see the children excited about the books they have read and confident when asked questions about the storyline.

As a whole school approach to reading we ask families to read together at least 4 times during the week.

Tapestry

We continue to log your child's learning on tapestry. Give our posts a 'like' or 'comment' as we love to get feedback on the experiences your child engages with

at school.

School Rules

At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary school, our whole school rules are — **Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe**— these rules guide our behaviour and interactions, creating an environment where everyone can thrive. But what do they mean?

BE READY— Our body and brain are prepared to start learning. We pay attention to what is happening around us.

BE RESPECTFUL— We treat people the way we would like to be treated. We use kind words and actions.

BE SAFE— We use our bodies and equipment in the right way to keep ourselves and others safe.

Our Core Values

Human dignity: respecting the uniqueness of each person.

Compassion: giving support and understanding to one another.

Justice: acting with integrity, respecting the rights of all

Quality: always seeking to improve our knowledge and standards

Advocacy: striving to create a community characterised by harmony and collaboration

Lunches

Please remember to order your child's lunch online. If you are having any difficulties with this please go to the office.

When packing your child's lunch box, can I please kindly ask that you don't pack an egg sandwich or a hard boiled egg for example. We do have a child with a severe allergy to egg in the class.



We are also a nut free school. Chocolate spread contains nuts, please check the labelling before putting it in sandwiches.

P.E

P.E will still be on a **Tuesday**. Please remember to come to school in P.E kits.

Resources

If you have any out of date pulses or pasta that you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

We are also in need of picnic blankets.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's learning journey.

Best wishes for the term ahead.

Mrs. Wilsker

