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London Borough of Brent

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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We are learning to grow and love like Jesus

Our Catholic Life and Mission at OLOG Infants



"I do not tell you to forgive seven times but seventy-seven times"

Please see the attached link for the newsletter at St Marys & St Andrew's Church
<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/dollishill/newsletters-2/>

Dear Families,

A very warm welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children and their families. It has been wonderful to see all the children return happy, refreshed and ready for another wonderful year of learning. We are so excited to begin the new school year together and look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

As we start the new term, we would like to remind everyone of a few important routines:

Start of the School Day

- The school gates will open at 8.25am.
- Gates will close promptly at 8.30am, so please ensure your child arrives in good time.
- For safeguarding reasons, children must not be left unattended before the gates open or at the end of the school day. Please remain with your child until they are safely handed over to a member of staff.

Mobile Phones

We kindly ask parents and carers to avoid using mobile phones whilst on the school site wherever possible. This helps us to maintain a safe, welcoming environment and ensures that everyone's attention remains focused on the children.

Uniform

Please refer to our school uniform policy for full details.

A few reminders:

- Summer uniform may continue to be worn during the warmer weather up until the October half term.
- Black waterproof trainers should be worn.
- Please choose plain black trainers with no logos.
- Velcro-fastening trainers to help children become more independent.

Every day, children should bring:

- Book bag.
- A clearly labelled water bottle.

Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs P Bourne
Headteacher

Important Dates

Monday 21st September
Reception - Curriculum Meeting at 8.30am – School Hall
Tuesday 22nd September
Year 2 - Curriculum Meeting at 8.30am – School Hall
Wednesday 23rd September
Year 1 - Curriculum Meeting at 8.30am – School Hall
Thursday 24th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning at 8.30am – School Hall
After School Cake Sale
Wednesday 30th September
St Catherine - Phonics Stay, Play & Learn at 8.40 – 9.10am
Thursday 1st October
St Vincent - Phonics Stay, Play & Learn at 8.40 – 9.10am
Friday 2nd October
Baby & Toddler Group returns at 8.30am – 10.15am
School Hall
Monday 5th October
St Bernadette-Phonics Stay, Play & Learn at 8.40 – 9.10am
Tuesday 6th October
St Peter – Phonics Stay, Play & Learn at 8.40 – 9.10am
Wednesday 7th October
Year 1 Litter Pick at Gladstone Park
Thursday 8th October
St Catherine Class Assembly at 9.00am
Tuesday 13th October
Parental Consultations at 3.20 – 5.40pm
Thursday 15th October
Parental Consultations at 3.20 – 5.40pm
Monday 19th – Friday 30th October
Half Term
Monday 2nd November
Children return to School



Please look out for the Autumn Term School Event Calendar, which will be emailed to families next week.

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person (parent or staff) have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school safeguarding team.

Mrs P Bourne	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs P Geraghty	Designated Deputy Safeguarding Lead

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a duty to discuss the issue with Social Services to seek further advice. This is the statutory obligation of all schools.

For any matters concerning safeguarding outside of school hours or during the holidays please contact

Brent Family Front Door

Office hours (Mon – Fri 9am - 5pm): Call 020 8937 4300 (option 1)

Outside office hours: Call the emergency duty team on 020 8863 5250.



Stars of the Week

The following children have received stars of the week for following our school learning behaviours

St Bernadette: Yasmin

St Peter: Sena

St Martin De Porres: Jody

St Faustina: Miguel

St Catherine Laboure: Lena

St Vincent De Paul: Tristan

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Infant School QR Code



Please scan QR code to visit our School website for lots of information and photo galleries

A Reminder About Term Time Absence

Please be reminded that leave of absence for children during term time will not be authorised. Time away from school results in missed learning opportunities and can have an impact on children's progress and achievement. Please see the information provided by Brent Council regarding attendance expectations and fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absences.

https://www.brent.gov.uk/education-schools-and-learning/attendance-and-exclusions/school-attendance-and-absence?utm_source=chatgpt.com#whatisexpected

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance and punctuality are vital. Missing time from school or arriving late affects children's learning, confidence and progress.

There is no entitlement in law for students to take time off during the term to go on holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure or recreation. Education is vital in securing the very best future for children and this is impacted by prolonged absence. Children only attend school for 190 out of 365 days. There are 175 days a year which parents/carers can use for any activities other than school.

Term Dates for the academic year 2026-27 are available on our website. Please see the link below:

www.ologinfants.org.uk/News/School-Term-Dates/

EVERY DAY AND EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Important Information About Payments & Activities

We do apologise that we have been unable to use our new payment provider, ParentPay. There have been technical issues which we are still awaiting to be resolved by ParentPay. No payments can currently be made. We are agreeing our Busy Bees registers manually, so please bear with us if there are any discrepancies. Our after school activities will not commence until ParentPay is up and running.

Thank you for your patience.

Green Flag with Distinction 2026



A huge thank you to Miss Galligan for her hard work in helping our school achieve this fantastic award and for supporting our environmental work across the school. We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded the Eco-Schools Award with Distinction

This is a fantastic achievement and recognises the hard work of our children, staff and wider school community in making our school a more environmentally friendly place. The Eco-Schools programme celebrates schools that take meaningful action to care for our planet, from reducing waste and recycling to protecting nature and encouraging children to think about sustainability.

Receiving Distinction means we have demonstrated a particularly strong commitment to environmental learning and positive action. We are incredibly proud of our children for helping to make a difference and for showing that even small actions can have a big impact.

Well done to everyone who has played a part and a very special thank you to Miss Galligan for helping to lead the way.

Online Safety



Please take a moment to read the poster attached with this newsletter and think before you post. With images increasingly able to be copied, shared and altered using AI, a few simple steps can help protect your child's privacy and safety online.

Emergency Contact Details

Please ensure that we have three emergency contacts on your child's school record. This is important so that we can reach someone promptly if we need to contact you in an emergency.

Please notify the school straight away if your contact details, address, or emergency contacts change, so that we can keep our records up to date. Please notify us at: helpdesk@ologinfants.brent.sch.uk

Healthy Schools London: Sleep Matters

As part of our commitment to Healthy Schools London, we are continuing to promote the healthy habits that support our children's wellbeing, development and learning.

Sleep is one of the most important things parents and carers can do to support their child's education. Children aged 3–5 years should generally get around 10–13 hours of sleep each night, while children aged 6–7 years need around 9–12 hours. Getting enough quality sleep helps children to concentrate, manage their emotions, remember what they have learnt and feel ready to learn each day.

We strongly encourage families to establish a consistent bedtime and morning routine, with the same sleep and wake times each day where possible. A calm wind-down period and avoiding screens before bedtime will also help children settle and sleep well.

By making sleep a priority at home, parents and carers are helping their children arrive at school rested, focused and ready to learn. Thank you for working with us to develop healthy habits that help our children to thrive.

Operation Encompass

As part of our ongoing commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, our school is part of Operation Encompass. This safeguarding initiative enables schools to provide timely and appropriate support to children who may have experienced or been affected by domestic abuse, helping to ensure that they receive the care they need as quickly as possible. Should you have any questions about Operation Encompass, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Bourne or Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Geraghty.



Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school. For the safety of all our pupils and staff, foods containing nuts must not be brought into school at any time, including for school events. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our school community safe.

Absence Reporting

Please contact us by 8.00am if your child is unwell and unable to attend school. You should update us each day your child is absent.

Email: helpdesk@ologinfants.brent.sch.uk

Telephone: 0208 450 6757

Baby & Toddler Group

Baby and Toddler Group will return on Friday 2nd October at 8.30am to 10.15am. Sessions will run every Friday during term time.