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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



"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

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,

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Curriculum Online Mornings. We hope you found these sessions useful in understanding how we support your child's learning and development across the curriculum. The presentation slides are now available on Google Classroom for you to revisit at your convenience.

We would also like to remind families that Google Classroom is a valuable resource for supporting learning at home. Alongside class information and activities, you can access useful resources, including Knowledge Organisers, which provide an overview of the key knowledge and vocabulary your child is learning.

As a Catholic school, our learning extends beyond the academic curriculum. Through Catholic Social Teaching, we encourage our children to understand that we each have a responsibility to contribute positively to our community and to recognise the dignity and value of every person.

It has been wonderful to see our school community putting this into action through participation in events such as our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Next week, we will also begin the Month of the Rosary and continue to develop our understanding of Fair Trade, including the importance of the dignity of the worker and treating everyone with fairness, justice and respect.

Our mission statement reminds us "We are learning to grow and love like Jesus." We want this to be evident not only in what we learn but also in the way we live our lives — through our words, choices and actions, both within school and in the wider community.

We ask all members of our school community to continue to model our Gospel Values by being respectful, kind and courteous towards one another. In doing so, we reinforce the expectations outlined in our Parent Code of Conduct and ensure that our school remains a welcoming, respectful and supportive community for every child, family and member of staff.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to nurture children who not only achieve but who grow in faith, show compassion and make a positive difference to others.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend

Mrs P Bourne
Headteacher

Important Dates



Tuesday 29th September

Coffee Morning – Meet Valuable Services

Wednesday 30th September

St Catherine - Phonics Stay, Play & Learn at 8.40 – 9.10am

Thursday 1st October

St Martin - Phonics Stay, Play & Learn at 8.40 – 9.10am

Fairtrade lemonade stand – KS1 Playground at 2.55pm

Friday 2nd October

Baby & Toddler Group returns at 8.30am – 10.15am

Monday 5th October

St Bernadette-Phonics Stay, Play & Learn at 8.40 – 9.10am

St Faustina own clothes to celebrate feast day

Tuesday 6th October

St Peter – Phonics Stay, Play & Learn at 8.40 – 9.10am

Wednesday 7th October

St Vincent – Phonics Stay, Play & Learn at 8.40 – 9.10am

Thursday 8th October

St Catherine Class Assembly at 9.00am

Tuesday 13th October

Parental Consultations at 3.20 – 5.40pm

Wednesday 14th October

Nursery Stay, Play & Learn

8.30-9.15am (full-time) & 10.30-11.15am (part-time)

Flu Nasal Immunisations (Reception – Year 2)

Thursday 15th October

Parental Consultations at 3.20 – 5.40pm

Friday 16th October

Wear Red Day – Show Racism the Red Card

Monday 19th – Friday 30th October

Half Term

Monday 2nd November

Children return to School

Open Evening for Nursery 2026/27 intake at 5.30pm

Tuesday 3rd November

Individual School Photographs – Kittle Photography

Thursday 5th November

Year 1 visit to Wembley Stadium

Open Evening for Reception 2026/27 intake at 6.00pm

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: Luca & Everly

St Peter: Ella & Adam

St Martin De Porres: Finn & Amelia

St Faustina: Miguel & Nojus

St Catherine Laboure: Lena, Thomas & Molly

St Vincent De Paul: Camilla & Liam

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

October the month of the Rosary

October is a special month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. During the month, the children will learn more about Mary and pray the Rosary together. Our special prayer is the Hail Mary and we encourage families to pray it together at home. You can also explore CAFOD's beautiful Marian resources and images of Mary together as a family.

THE HAIL MARY

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.



Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death.

Amen.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month. Throughout the month, children will have opportunities to celebrate and learn about Black history, culture and achievements through stories, music, art and inspiring people. As a Catholic school, we will also reflect on how we are all created and loved by God and how we can show respect, kindness and dignity to everyone.



Our School Councillors are the voice of our children, sharing their ideas, thoughts and suggestions with the school.

Year 1 – Alaric, Jackson, Sophia & Sophie
Year 2 – Dina, Grace, Thomas & Tristan

ECO COUNCIL

Our Eco Councillors help our school care for the environment and make choices that protect our planet.

Year 1 – Nelly & Roen
Year 2 – Rose & Sami

Handwriting Award

We are delighted to launch our new **Handwriting Award!** This award celebrates children who show care, effort and pride in their handwriting.



A reminder that, apart from registered assistance dogs, dogs are not permitted on school property at any time, including during pickup, drop-off and at special events. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep our school grounds safe and clean.



Mini Vinnies

We are delighted to welcome our new Mini Vinnies. Ayan, Chloe, Jacob, Jaward, Jordan, Luke, Monica, Penny, Serena, Soraya, Theodore and Thomas.

Being a Mini Vinnie means following in the footsteps of Jesus and St Vincent de Paul by showing kindness, love and care for others. Through their motto "See, Think, Do", the children will look for ways to help those in need and make a positive difference in our school, parish and wider community.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on Our Lady of Grace Schools' Federated Governing Board.

This is a valuable opportunity to contribute to the life and future of our school, work alongside staff and governors, and help support our pupils' education and wellbeing. If you are interested in standing for election, please visit the school website (under Newsletters) read the information and complete and return the nomination form. You may also contact the school office for further information about the role.

Closing date: Monday 12th October 2026

Google Classroom

Please check you can access Google Classroom for home learning and knowledge organisers to support learning at school and home. Download the app, switch on notifications and check the stream for regular updates. If

you have any issues, please email:

helpdesk@ologinfants.brent.sch.uk

Prayer Intention Book

As part of our Catholic life and mission, we have introduced a Prayer Intention Book, which is kept in the school front office. Parents and families are warmly invited to come into the front office and write the names of loved ones or anyone they would like our school community to remember in prayer. Please feel welcome to add a name or special intention to the book at any time. Each Wednesday, Fr Michael will bless the Prayer Intention Book and pray for all the intentions that have been shared. We hope this will be a special way for our school and parish community to come together in prayer and support one another.

Macmillan Coffee Morning & Cake Sale

A huge thank you to everyone who helped organise, contributed to and attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning and after school cake sale.

Thanks to everyone's kindness and generosity, we raised an amazing £337.46 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you once again to everyone who played a part in making the event such a success in support of this worthy cause.