



Diocese of Westminster
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



At different times in our lives, we and our children receive many special invitations. However, the most important invitation of all comes to us from God in this week's Gospel.

Throughout the Bible, the joy of a wedding feast is used to show just how much God loves us.

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,

As we approach the October half term, it is important that you meet with your child's class teacher for your child's parental consultation. Meetings will take place on Tuesday 13th October or Thursday 15th October.

Please ensure that you have logged on to Scopay via www.scopay.com/login and booked an appointment if you have not already done so. Please note that some parent consultations have already taken place.

During the consultation, your child's teacher will share their next steps for learning and provide guidance on how you can support your child's learning at home.

Please also ensure you can access Google Classroom and for children in Reception and Key Stage 1, the Phonic Room they have been allocated. If you are unable to access either, please email your child's year group team:

Nursery: nursery@ologinfants.brent.sch.uk

Reception: reception@ologinfants.brent.sch.uk

Year 1: year1@ologinfants.brent.sch.uk

Year 2: year2@ologinfants.brent.sch.uk

The Phonic Room provides families with valuable resources to support children in developing the essential skills they need to become confident readers. Regular practice at home is important.

Once children have mastered their phonics skills, they should continue to develop fluency by reading every day. We encourage families to read with their children and also read to them, creating a special time together while developing vocabulary, comprehension and a love of reading.

Libraries are a fantastic free resource. Families can borrow up to 10 books for free and libraries offer a range of wonderful events and activities during the holidays, at weekends and after school.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you and your family a wonderful week.

Mrs P Bourne
Headteacher

Important Dates

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

Thursday 12th November

St Vincent's Class Assembly at 9.00am

Monday 16th November

Odd Socks Day - Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 20th November

Flu Nasal Immunisations (2nd visit)

Monday 23rd November

Year 2 Transition Meeting at 9.00am (OLOG Infants Hall)

Baby & Toddler Group

Baby and Toddler Group runs up to and including

Friday 4th December this term.

8.30am – 10.15am.

Contact Details

Please email helpdesk@ologinfants.brent.sch.uk if your contact number, email address, home address or emergency contact details change, so we can keep your child's records up to date.

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: **Khaled & Matthew**

St Peter: **Annya & Fischer**

St Martin De Porres: **Leo & Victoria**

St Faustina: **Arykah & Ezekiel**

St Catherine Laboure: **Liv**

St Vincent De Paul: **Anjaeyce & Yannis**

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Infant School QR Code



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

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.

Wear Red on Friday 16th October

We are proud to support Show Racism the Red Card's Wear Red Day, promoting kindness, respect and equality. Children are invited to wear red and donate using the QR code below. All donations will support the charity's work educating young people about racism and how to challenge it.



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.

Fair Trade

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching focus on Caring for Creation, our children explored how everyday choices, such as buying Fairtrade products, can make a positive difference to people and the planet. They put their learning into action by making banana bread, oat chocolate cookies and strawberry and original lemonade for our Fairtrade sale. Together, they raised a wonderful £160.55 for Brent Fairtrade, showing how caring for creation means caring for one another too.

Nursery & Reception 2027 Open Evenings

Prospective families with children starting Nursery or Reception in September 2027 are warmly invited to visit our school and discover more about our Nursery and Reception provision.

Nursery: Monday 2nd November at 5.30pm

Reception: Thursday 5th November at 6.00pm

Stay Connected with Met Engage

Met Engage is a free Metropolitan Police platform offering local updates, crime prevention advice and neighbourhood news. Residents are encouraged to sign up and stay informed.

You may sign up via: <https://www.metengage.co.uk/>

Parking

Please do not park in front of the school gates, as this area is an emergency exit. We also kindly ask that you do not block residents' driveways.

Mini Vinnies Harvest Celebration

As part of our Harvest celebration, our wonderful Mini Vinnies helped collect food donations for Brent Foodbank, supporting local families in need. Thank you to all our families for your generosity in helping us "Grow and love like Jesus."

Prayer Intention Book

As part of our Catholic life and mission, families are warmly invited to add prayer intentions for loved ones to our Prayer Intention Book in the school front office.

Health information for Families

As we enter the colder months, we would like to remind families to be aware of the signs and symptoms of Strep A. Please look out for:

- A high temperature or fever
- A sore throat or difficulty swallowing
- Swollen glands in the neck
- A red, rough rash
- Headache, nausea or vomiting
- Feeling tired or generally unwell

Winter Uniform Reminder

A reminder that winter uniform should be worn when children return after the half term on Monday 2nd November. From this date, summer dresses and PE shorts should no longer be worn. Please also ensure coats are navy or black and trainers are black, Velcro and waterproof.



ParentPay

Thank you for your patience as we transition to ParentPay. We appreciate your support during this change.

Individual School Photographs

Individual photographs will take place on Tuesday 3rd November.

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