

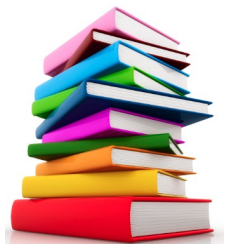
# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

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## World Book Day

On Friday 6th March we all enjoyed sharing our love for reading. Everyone looked amazing, dressed up as their favourite book characters. What a great celebration! A big thank you to the children, parents and carers who supported our Book Fair during the first week in March.



Friday 27th March

Last day of term

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday - 10am

Families are invited to attend a special service of Stations of the Cross at St Edmund's Church.

The service is being led by children from our school.

Monday 13th April

Training Day (children not in school)

Tuesday 14th April

Start of term

Monday 4th May

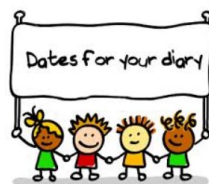
Bank holiday (children not in school)

Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May

Year 6 SATs week - These are statutory assessments and all Year 6 children will be required to in school.

Friday 22nd May

Last day of term



## Church Parish Dates

### HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES



#### 1<sup>st</sup> April

- 12 noon Chrim Mass at Northampton Cathedral.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> April - MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper (Part 1 of the Triduum) at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

#### 03<sup>rd</sup> April- GOOD FRIDAY

- 10:00am Children's Stations of the Cross at St Edmund Campion.
- 3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. (Part 2 of the Triduum) at St Edmund Campion
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's Church

#### 04<sup>th</sup> April - HOLY SATURDAY

- 10:00am Stations of the Cross and the Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.
- 8:30pm Easter Vigil Mass (Part 3 of the Triduum) at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

#### 05<sup>th</sup> April - EASTER SUNDAY

- 9:00am Sung Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.
- 10:30am Sung Mass at St Edmund Campion.

*On Easter Sunday there will be NO 5:30pm Mass at St Edmund Campion.*

Monday 1st June

Start of term

Monday 29th June

Year 6 trip to Go Ape, Salcey Forest

Friday 10th July

Year 6 Activity Afternoon (ice cream van visiting)

Monday 13th July

Year 6 trip to Northampton Active

Wednesday 15th July

Year 6 trip to Lasermaze & Pizza Party

Thursday 16th July

Year 6 End of Year Show at 9.30am KS2 hall

Thursday 16th July

Year 6 Graduation Assembly at 2.00pm KS2 hall

Thursday 16th July

Year 6 Leavers Disco from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Friday 17th July

Whole School Moving On Mass at St Edmund Campion Church at 1.45pm

Friday 17th July

Last day of term

## School Prayer

Prepare us, Lord,  
for the journey of Holy Week.

Let this day remind us of

Your faithfulness

and the hope we have through Christ.

Strengthen our spirits and draw us

closer to You.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus,

Christ your Son,

who lives and reigns with you

in unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, forever and ever.

Amen



We are asking for your support in ensuring our school remains a safe and considerate part of the local community. Recently, we have received concerns regarding parking during drop-off and pick-up times, specifically in Duncan Court and surrounding side roads. We understand that these times are busy and parking is limited, but we must ensure we are respectful to our neighbours. To help maintain positive relations and keep our students safe, please follow these guidelines:

- **Avoid blocking residents:** Ensure you do not park across or overlap any private driveways. Even a "quick drop-off" can prevent a resident from leaving for work or an appointment.
- **Keep junctions clear:** Do not park on the corners of junctions. This reduces visibility for other drivers and makes it dangerous for children to cross.
- **Pavement access:** Please do not park on pavements or grass verges. This forces pedestrians, including those with buggies or wheelchairs, into the road.
- **Zig-zags and yellow lines:** Under no circumstances should vehicles stop on the school "Keep Clear" zig-zags or double yellow lines.
- **Park and Stride:** If possible, please park a short distance away from the school and walk the final few minutes to help reduce congestion directly outside the gates.

Our priority is always the safety of our children, and being a "good neighbour" is a vital part of that. We thank the vast majority of you who already park safely and considerately. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support.



Over the last two weeks, pupil representatives from all twelve schools which make up the Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Academies Trust (OLICAT) have met with the Trust's CEO, Catherine Burnham in our first "Pupil Board". The idea is for the Pupil Board to mirror the Board of Directors who are responsible for the Trust - pupils can share their experience, skills and ideas to help the Trust to support our schools as well as possible.

The first meeting of the Pupil Board gave pupils the opportunity to contribute their ideas to the Trust-wide IT Strategy, as well as considering how to raise money to support our Trust charity, Mary's Meals. We discussed how pupils can benefit more widely from Trust life, for example by visiting each other's schools, and we thought about some important topics for the pupil board to think about in the future, including mental health and wellbeing, Artificial Intelligence and the importance of clubs and trips to enrich pupils' experiences of school. The Pupil Board will meet again next term.



Joseph and Abena from Class 5MS represented our school.

## Attendance

Whole school attendance - 93.51%

Top attendance goes to:

**1st: Class 3TO**

**2nd: Class 5MS**

**3rd: Class 4SB**

It is a legal requirement for your children to be in school every day.





On Monday 23rd March, EYFS enjoyed a wonderful Teddy Bears' Picnic filled with fun and creativity. In the morning, the children made sandwiches and cakes, created bear masks, had their faces painted, and played with their own teddy bears. They took part in imaginative role play, including picnics and doctor surgeries to care for their bears.

In the afternoon, the children gathered in the forest for a special teddy bears' picnic, sang songs, played hide and seek, and had a fantastic day full of fun and learning.





On Tuesday 17th of March the children came to school dressed in purple (the colour of Lent) and/or green (the colour for Saint Patrick). All of the children walked the school grounds and the money raised is going to a family in Bangladesh to help them with their farming and growing food. We raised **£125.12!** Many thanks to all of you for your generous donations!



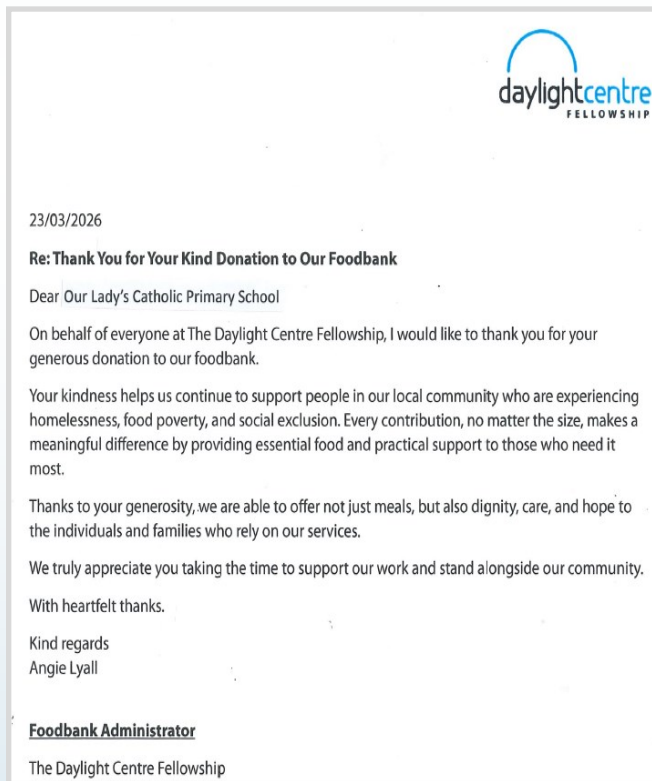
Year 3 enjoyed a wonderful day exploring Chester House and learning about the Roman settlement that was there. They made their own clay oil pots, explored real Roman artefacts and learnt how to write in Latin!



# Food Bank Appeal

We were very proud to send our wonderful offering of hope to others, following our recent food bank appeal. All the donations will help those in our community who are struggling to provide the basics for their families. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who took time to respond to our appeal in such a generous, thoughtful way. The children in 5MS collected a remarkable contribution!

We would like to share the kind thank you letter below with our families.



## Holiday and After School Club

[Lask](#) is one of our after school clubs offering wrap-around care; check out their website for **holiday clubs, breakfast club and after school club**.

Further details can be found on our website Parent Information page in [Wrap-around Care](#).



**We wish all our families a happy Easter**