

# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## EYFS Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2026



The children will be learning to count through games and songs. We will be sorting objects according to shape, size and colour. We will also be encouraging children to use mathematical language through play such as 'more, less, fewer, big and small. We will be learning to recognise and order numbers up to 5.



We will focus on four wonderful books this term: **My Very First Mother Goose, Hello Friend, The Gigantic Turnip and A New House for Mouse.** We will develop comprehension skills by asking the children to retell simple stories and talk about their favourite books. Children will take part in daily phonic sessions. There will be lots of opportunities for mark making and writing.

### Physical development

We will be encouraging children to move energetically, such as running, jumping, hopping, skipping and climbing. Children will be using the outdoor climbing equipment to develop their control and coordination. We be developing fine motor skills in fun and engaging activities such as threading, squeezing playdough, painting etc. PE lessons will begin in the Spring Term.

### Autumn 1: All About Me



### Autumn 2: Autumn



### Reminders

Please make sure all uniform is named.

### Watch this Space!

All children will need a pair of wellies in school for our forest sessions – more information will follow shortly!



### RE



RE topics this term are **Creation and Covenant** and **Prophecy and Promise.** The children will be learning our school prayers and the sign of the cross. We will also be learning hymns such as *If I Were a Butterfly* and *He's Got the Whole World in His Hand.* We will talking about our special Mission Statement 'Love one another as I have loved you' and how we can be more like Jesus.



### Understanding the World



We will be talking about the world around us and people and places that are familiar to us. We be sharing family photos (a request for photos will follow shortly!) and talking about what we enjoy doing as a family. Forest school will begin in a few weeks, the children will be exploring the wonders of nature in the small forest area within the school grounds.



### Expressive Arts and Design



We will be singing lots of nursery rhymes and learning new songs. Children will be engaging in role play activities such as the home corner and market stalls. Children will explore a range of materials to create pictures and collages.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be supporting the children to settle into school life and adjust to new routines. We will also be helping the children to develop new friendships. Children will be encouraged to talk about their feelings and use the 'worry monster' if needed.



## Home Learning Activities

When you have completed a task, bring it into school to share with the class or send a photo to the class teacher on Class Dojo.

Practise new letter sounds and focus on hearing initial sounds by playing games such as Eye Spy.



Draw or paint a picture of yourself.



Make some Jam Tarts like the Queen of Hearts



Make Incy Wincy Spider out of a paper plate.



Practise writing your name.



In October, go on an Autumn walk and make a collection of Autumn treasures such as conkers and acorns.



## Reading

To encourage your child to become a lifelong reader, it is important that reading experiences are regular and positive. Reading to your child, sharing books and listening to your child read with lots of praise and encouragement is so valuable.

Your child's first reading book will be a wordless book. Wordless books are invaluable as they teach reading behaviours and early reading skills. Use these books to develop language skills by

- ★ Talking about the pictures.
- ★ Talking about the different characters
- ★ Encouraging your child to make links from the book to their own experiences.

**Please listen to your child read at least four times per week and record this in the Reading Record.**



## Prayer Focus: Letting Our Light Shine Through Simplicity and Care

Inspired by the life of Saint Francis, our school community is called to share God's love through simple acts of kindness, respect, and stewardship. This term, may we care for one another, protect the environment, and allow the light of Christ to shine through everything we do.

**Loving God,**

**As we begin this new school term, we thank You for the gifts of learning and community. In this Year of Saint Francis, help us follow his example by caring for Your creation and respecting all people. May our actions bring peace, our words bring kindness, and our school community be a beacon of Your hope. Bless our pupils, families, staff, and governors.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." – Saint Francis of Assisi**

