

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2026



Our morning maths begins with the children completing ten questions designed to develop arithmetic and mathematical fluency skills. In our Maths lessons this term the children will be developing their understanding of number and place value which also includes addition and subtraction. Following this, the children will explore and extend their knowledge of shape.



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Christians believe that the Spirit of God is active in everyone. This term, we shall explore the universal church and the role of the Creation story. We will also be learning to pray the *Our Father* and aspects of the *Hail Mary* prayer. The children will be able to explore and communicate how they feel God is important in each of their own lives.



Reading skills will continue through our Little Wandle Phonics programme which is taught every day to ensure that your child learns the correct code in order to be able to sound out letters and blend them to read words. More information and guidance for correct pronunciation can be found here: [For parents | Letters and Sounds\(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk) Daily Reading Practice session to develop their skills of reading for meaning and enjoyment.

Our daily '*Clever Writer*' lessons teach the skills of writing through a wide variety of engaging texts. Children will apply and embed the skills throughout the week before using them independently during Friday's Star Write.



Reminders



Attendance Dojos!

Your child receives an Attendance Dojo every day they are in school. Being in school more than 95% also gains extra rewards!



Reading:

Please listen to your child read each day, help them to notice and correct any errors and fill in the Reading Record.



PE days:

Wednesday and Friday
Full PE kit to be worn to school on PE days



Humanities



In History, we will be learning about timelines whilst also asking questions about what it was like in the past. In Geography, we will be exploring the location of our school and the local area and will be using maps to identify key features.



Creative Learning



During our Art lessons, we will be experimenting with different mark-making equipment and exploring careful control, drawing and images. Our DT focuses on the importance of healthy foods, and the children will be creating their own smoothies!

This term we will be developing an understanding of seasonal changes and how they affect us. We will be looking closely at different everyday materials and their properties.



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PSHE

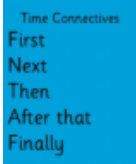
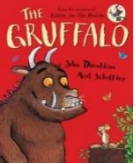
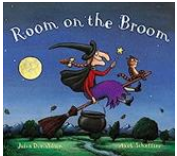
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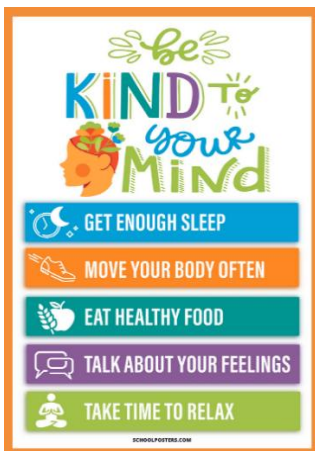
Our PSHE lessons will focus on 'Me and My Relationships'. We will investigate why we have classroom rules and discuss our feelings as well as exploring what makes a good friend.

Home Learning Projects

Complete each task over the term at home. Manage your time by completing one task per week. As soon as you have completed a task, bring it to school to share with the class.

All projects to be completed by Friday 6th November.

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Create a map of where you live. How do you get to school? Draw a map or write instructions.	Do a traffic survey outside your house. How many cars, trucks, bikes etc. drive past your house in 15 mins?	How many words or numbers can you write in a minute? Challenge everyone in your house!	Can you create a story? Practise using the time opener words. Don't forget your kinetic handwriting!
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Write a book review for your favourite book. Explain why you like it.	Can you make a timeline of your life so far? You can draw or use photos to show important times in your life.	Make your very own Maths game. You can focus on any of the Maths we are learning this term.	This is your opportunity to decide what you would like to find out and present!



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



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 with and listening to your child read with lots of praise and encouragement is so valuable.

If your child is following our Little Wandle Phonics programme they will bring home a fully decodable Big Cat book. If your child has completed the programme they will be reading from our Oxford Reading Tree scheme before moving to our selection of Free Readers.

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

Children will also bring home a free choice book from our School Library to share and read with your help.

Reading at home also earns extra Dojo points!

