



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School- November 2024

What a super start we have had to our school year, it is difficult to believe that we are coming up to half term already. As time is flying by so quickly we wanted to share with you some information regarding up coming events in school and Christmas dates for your diary.

Class 1 Liturgical Prayer

Class 1 children invite their parents/carers/grandparents to join them as they lead their class Celebration of the Word in school on **Monday 11th November at 2.30pm**. The prayer will be themed around Remembrance. We would love for you to join us, to share in this special time of reflection.



Class 4 Assembly

Year 4 children will be sharing their class assembly with the school and their parents/carers on **Thursday 14th November at 9.10am**. They look forward to seeing as many of their family members there as possible to share in the theme of Remembrance.



November- The Month of Remembrance

During the month of November we will be spending time in school praying for all of our loved ones, as well as those who have died in war and conflict over the years. Children will be bringing home a poppy template. Please complete the poppy by writing the name of anyone who has died in your family that you would like us to remember and pray for. When your child brings the completed poppy back to school it will be hung on our remembrance tree. It is always a really special way, as a school family, to pray for those who we miss and love.



Anti-Bullying Week-Odd Socks Day



We will be hosting Odd Socks Day on **Tuesday 12th November**. Children and staff are invited to come into school wearing odd socks to show that we are all unique and different and to celebrate these

differences. **The theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2024 is 'Choose Respect'**. Throughout the week children will take part in a range of activities themed around anti-bullying.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to those who responded to the Parents' Evening message expressing your preference for an appointment time. Class teachers now have this information and will be sending an appointment time home with your child after the half term break.



Advent

Advent this year starts on Sunday the 1st December. Advent means 'coming' and it's the period before Christmas where we 'prepare' and 'wait' for the coming of Jesus as a baby. Advent in school is always such a special time of prayer, reflection and anticipation of the special gift that we are about to receive - The birth of Jesus Christ.



Christmas Performances

We know that one of the most special parts of Christmas for all parents and families are the Christmas performances that the children share with us. They children really have the ability to bring the true meaning of Christmas to life for us. For this reason we wanted to give parents and carers advanced notice of when they will be taking place so that you can arrange to be there.

The performances will take place as follows:

Tuesday 10th December- KS2 (Y3, Y4,Y5 & Y6) Christmas Performance in Church at **10am-**
Refreshments will be available for parents/carers in the school hall from 9.10am before the performance starts

Tuesday 10th December- R/KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Christmas Performance in Church at **1.45pm-**
Refreshments will be available in the school hall for parents/carers after the performance finishes

Thursday 12th December - KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Christmas Performance in Church at **10am** Refreshments
will be available in the school hall for parents/carers from 9.10am before the performance starts

Thursday 12th December - KS2 (Y3, Y4,Y5 & Y6) Christmas Performance in Church at **1.45pm -**
Refreshments will be available in the school hall for parents/carers after the performance finishes



Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Dinner Day will take place in school on **Wednesday 11th December**.

If your child is usually on packed lunch and you would like them to have a Christmas Lunch this day, please complete the form that will be sent out to parents in the near future.



Christmas Party Day

Christmas Party Day will take place on **Monday 16th December**. Children will have their party in the morning, a party lunch in school and then Christmas activities in the afternoon. We ask that on party day children come to school dressed in their party clothes. Please be mindful that children will still be going outside for lunch and playtimes so will need to wear clothes that are warm enough to be outside in potentially cold weather. Please ensure that children also wear safe footwear on party day and not high heeled shoes etc.

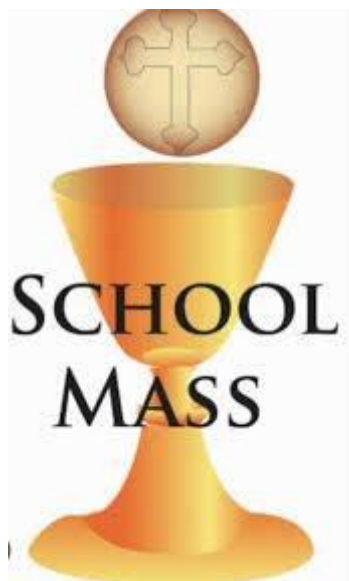
If your child has packed lunch but you would like them to have a school party lunch on party day, please complete form that will be sent to parents in the near future.

As always we are sure that party day will be really special for the children!



Whole School Mass

We hope to confirm with Father John, the date for our end of term mass will be on **Wednesday 18th December at 10am**. You will be updated as soon as this date has been confirmed. All are welcome to join us in church for this special time of prayer and reflection. What better way to prepare for Christmas than to join together and be lead in prayer by our wonderful children.



Break up and Return to School

Children will break up from school at lunchtime on **Friday 20th December (please see timings below)** and will be return to school, after the Christmas Break, on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**.

Children will have their lunch in school and then will be dismissed from school at the following times:

- Reception and Key Stage 1 - 12:30pm dismissal

- Key Stage 2 - 1pm dismissal
- If a Reception/KS1 pupil has a sibling in KS2, pick up time will be at the later time of 1pm

Children are to be collected from their usual exit points.

Contact Us

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. As always, we seek to make communication between home and school as effective as possible. If you have any queries, or would like to contact school, please see the information below.

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