



Newsletter

First Holy Communion

A big well done to the children that have made their First Holy communion. We know that we can't celebrate as we have done in previous years but we know that this day remains as special as always. Good luck to the children that will be making their First Holy Communion in the very near future

Free School Meals

Could your child be entitled to free school meals? We are aware that during this current pandemic, some families financial circumstances have changed. We are able to check if your child is entitled to receive a free school meal. Please contact the school office for further information.

Sun Protection

This may sound optimistic again, but we are in the summer term, and I would like to remind parents/carers to put sun cream on before school and for your children to also bring a sun hat or cap if possible for dinner and break times, if it is a sunny day.

Attendance

It is very important to us here at Our Lady's School to prioritise good attendance to ensure all our children achieve the best education they can and enjoy their school life fully. Attendance is checked regularly by office staff and the Local Authority Attendance Officer and contact will be made if a child's attendance is flagged. Our aim is to work with you to improve this together.

Informing teachers/office of alternative pick up arrangements

It is very important that you make us aware if you have arranged alternative pick up arrangements. As a school, we follow strict safeguarding procedures that means if we have not been informed, we will need to make contact with you before we release your child at the end of the school day. We will not release your child without confirmation from you.

Water

A polite reminder that children should only be bringing water into school and not cordial or flavoured water. As a healthy school and in line with public health recommendations we strive to keep the children healthy in school. While some

flavoured water drinks claim to be completely sugar free, others contain as much as 12.1g of sugar per single 250ml serving – half of a child's total recommended daily allowance.

Social Distancing and Staggered Start & Finish Times

Please ensure that when dropping off and picking up your child to maintain social distancing. All children should be entering school through the main entrance and at their correct time. Can I thank all parents for maintaining these staggered drop off and pick up times. See the timetable below

Year Group	Drop Off	Pick Up
Reception	8:30 am	3:10 pm
Year 1	8:35 am	3:15 pm
Year 2	8:40 am	3:20 pm
Year 3	8:45 am	3:25 pm
Year 4	8:50 am	3:30 pm
Year 5	8:55 am	3:35 pm
Year 6	9:00 am	3:40 pm

Summer Uniform

A reminder that now we are in the summer term, children are permitted to wear their summer uniform to school if they choose to.

Your child's hair should be tied back neatly in a pony or pig tails.

Grey long or short trousers/knee length skirt.

Light blue polo shirt with logo

Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan with logo

Black shoes (no trainers)

Plain Black, Grey, Navy or White socks

Every child is expected to be correctly dressed for PE lessons.

Black pumps (indoor)

Trainers (outdoor)

White T-shirt

Navy blue shorts

No jewellery (apart from a watch) is to be worn in school as it constitutes a danger to the wearer and other children

Parking

Can you please ensure that you are being

considerate when parking for the school drop off and pick up. We have been advised of hazardous parking making it unsafe for our children and local residents. Please be mindful of others when parking around the school area.

Y6 High Rid Trip

As the Y6 children were unable to take part in their usual residential, we have been able to arrange for them to spend two days at the High Rid Centre in Lostock. They will be taking part in a range of land based and water sport activities which I'm sure that they will love. The activity days would take place on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th June.

We will be able to use the existing deposits from Low Bank Ground for those parents who still have an amount in credit. Further details regarding costings and activities to follow.

Wellbeing

Anxiety and worry are normal everyday feelings which can help to motivate and protect us. At this time, however, many children and young people may be feeling more anxious as we leave the coronavirus lockdown. Art can be a wonderful tool to help soothe, settle and alleviate some of these worries. Visit the Art Room at [Home Calm Project at The Art Room at Home - Place2Be](#) for some wonderful activities to share with your child. Mindfulness meditation is a wonderful tool which we have been using regularly at school for some time. Visit [Green Child Magazine - Green Child Magazine](#) and scroll down to download free meditation scripts. Put on some calming music and read out your chosen script to help you and your child to relax.

Attendance Matters!

Class	WB: 19.4.2021	WB: 26.4.2021
Year R	100%	97.4%
Year 1	98.6%	97.2%
Year 2	99.1%	99.1%
Year 3	99.3%	100%
Year 4	98.8%	99.4%
Year 5	98.7%	98.3%
Year 6	97.2%	96.9%
Whole School	98.8%	98.3%