OUR LADY AND ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

6th November 2026

Dear Parents

Thank you to Year 6 for leading our Remembrance Assembly today. It was a reflective tribute to all the military services who have bravely given their lives to support our country. The readings, stories, prayers and music helped us to focus on why it is important that we continue to remember.

We are now in the busy half term leading up to Christmas so I have given you notice of forthcoming events with further details to follow in the weekly newsletters.

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Dates for your diary

Monday 9th November - Year 4 attending Mass in church.
Thursday 12th November – Reception Class Worship at 9.00am in the school hall. Reception class parents welcome.
Monday 16th November - Year 5 attending Mass in church.
Friday 13th November – Feel Good Friday Own Clothes Day – see poster attached.
Monday 16th to Friday 20th November – Anti Bullying Week
Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying Week
Friday 20th November – Family Quiz & Games Night 6.30pm to 8.00pm (Doors open at 6.00pm)
Monday 23rd November - Year 6 attending Mass.
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th November – Assessment Week
Thursday 26th November – Year 4 Class Worship at 9.00am in school. Year 4 parents welcome.
Friday 4th December – Artyfact Theatre Group in school with their Christmas production
Monday 7th December - Year 3 attending Mass.
Tuesday 8th December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 10.00am
Tuesday 8th December - EYFS and KS1 Nativity at 2.00pm
Wednesday 9th December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity at 2.00pm
Wednesday 9th December – PTA Wreath Making at the Parish Centre - 7.00pm to 8.30pm
Thursday 10th December - Y6 Carol Singing at Springfield Manor Gardens
Thursday 10th December – School Disco - KS1 5.30 to 6.20, KS2 6.30 to 7.30
Tuesday 15th December – Whole School end of term mass in Church at 9.15am
Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch and Parties (non-uniform day)

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Thursday 17th December – EYFS & KS1 End of Term Assembly – parents invited
Friday 18th December – KS2 End of Term Assembly – parents invited
Friday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day – If you would like to make a donation proceeds will go to Kalomo.
Friday 18th December - School closes at 2.30pm
Monday 4th January - School re-opens
Friday 15th January 11.59pm – Closing date for applications for Reception Class September 2027 – including Supplementary Faith Request Form to school.

Class Worship dates to which parents are invited

Reception – Thursday 12th November at 9.00am in the school hall
Year 4 – Thursday 26th November at 9.00 in school

Kindly note that filming or taking photographs are not permitted during class worship or assembly.

KS2 Mass

Over the next few weeks, classes will begin attending Mass with the Parish on a weekly rota. Year 4 will start this coming Monday 9th November. Mass is an important part of our faith and regular worship will help support the children in their faith development. Children are to be in school for 8.50am to meet their teacher so that they can walk together as a class. Mass will begin at 9.05am. Parents are welcome to join us as with any other Parish Mass.

Stars Of The Week

Reception – Imogen & Noah
Year 1 – Siara & Elliot-Grace
Year 2 – Maria & Harley
Year 3 – Iris & Eli
Year 4 – Rory & Steve
Year 5 – Poppy & Harri
Year 6 – Wilfred & Vincenzo
Headteacher Award – Henry W (Year 6)

Attendance This Week

Reception – 98.57%
Year 1 – 99.52%
Year 2 – 97.62%
Year 3 – 95.39%
Year 4 – 96.43%
Year 5 – 95.39%
Year 6 – 94.93%
Congratulations to Year 1 this week
Attendance for the Year is currently 97.87%

The Nativity

The Infant children will be busy preparing for the Nativity play. Tickets will be sent home nearer the time with the children. There are 2 tickets per family per performance. The dress rehearsal is on Tuesday 8th December at 10.00am - we have spaces for family members to see this performance. There are two afternoon performances on Tuesday 8th December and Wednesday 9th December at 2.00pm.

Photography / Videography will not be permitted at the Nativity

Entry is strictly by ticket only (for health & safety reasons). If you do not have a ticket you will not be permitted into the performance. Everyone over the age of 5 will need a ticket. Children under 5 with no ticket must sit on their parent's knee!

We shall have a retiring collection for Kalomo.

Christmas Parties - Wednesday 16th December

Christmas parties for all will take place during the afternoon. This is a non-uniform day. Children are asked to come to school in their "party clothes".

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 18th December

Children can come to school in a Christmas jumper instead of school jumper – all other uniform remains the same. Donations to Kalomo. You don't have to buy a Christmas jumper – just decorate a jumper that you already have with tinsel etc.

PTA

Family Quiz & Games Night – We are having a family quiz & games night on Friday 20th November in the school hall. Tickets are priced at £5.00 per person to include 2 slices of pizza. Pre-school children are free. Tickets are available from the School Shop Products area of Arbor.

PTA Wreath Making Event – We are holding our Wreath Making event in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 9th December from 7.00pm to 8.30pm and still have a few tickets left. These are priced at £35.00 and the bar will be open.

Feel Good Friday Non-uniform Day – Friday 13th November 2026

We will be having a non-uniform day in school on Friday 13th November and are asking pupils to donate money towards PTA funds.

All Souls

November is the month when we pray for All Souls and so to remember all of the loved ones in our families who are no longer with us we have placed a remembrance box in the school entrance for parents to add their relatives' names to the box. Please take a slip from the table in the main entrance and post it in the box. We will place the box on the worship table during each assembly.

TenTen Newsletter

As a school we subscribe to the TenTen resources which we use in assemblies, class worship and staff prayer. Please read the newsletters each month as they provide useful information and spiritual guidance, supporting the work we do in school. Below is a link to the parent newsletter

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Value of the Month

During November, we will be looking at **TOLERANCE.** In class we will be looking at acceptance of self and others, appreciating and understanding differences, and enjoying our friendships. On Sunday 16th November it is the International Day For Tolerance. Please help your child in their understanding of friendships and being tolerant of differences and different opinions.

National Anti-Bullying / Friendship Week

National Anti-Bullying Week starts on the 16th November with the theme 'Break The Silence'. During the week the children will take part in activities where they will discuss and work together to recognise what bullying is and the responsibilities we all have to prevent it and how to be a good friend.

On Monday 16th November we are taking part in National Odd Socks Day and asking children to come to school in odd socks. It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!

Attendance

Good attendance in school is essential for a number of reasons firstly to ensure children meet their academic milestones, to ensure continuity of learning and to maintain friendships. Children who are frequently absent struggle to secure these aspects. We understand that illness cannot be avoided and we recognise that there are times when it essential that a child is absent from school.

From January 1st 2025 a further rule was applied for excessive unauthorised leave of 15 school days or more which could result in a fine of up to £2500 and a criminal record. LCC are responsible for issuing the penalty notices and fines. Monies collected from the fines are retained by LCC and not individual schools.

Sports News

The mini-skills competitions involve many of the Preston schools where the children are awarded points based on the quickest time or number of accurate shots at a goal. Congratulations to our Y2 team who came 7th at this event.

Musician of the Month

Each month in school we have a musician of the month focus. We listen to their music, discuss the style and appreciate their creativity. This month's musician is Ladysmith Black Mambazo, a South African vocal group, famous for their beautiful acapella singing.

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Lunch

All children are invited to have a Christmas Lunch. The cost is £3.00 per child (KS2 only – KS1 children are free). If your child normally brings in a packed lunch on a Wednesday but wishes to have a Christmas Lunch, please complete and return the slip.

Menu for Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey Fillet with 'Pigs in Blankets' & Gravy
or Pasta Bake or
Roast Quorn Fillet & Quorn Mini Sausage & Gravy,
Carrots & Broccoli
Roast Potatoes, Mashed Potato

Christmas Ice Cream Tub - Yoghurt – Fruit

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16th December

Name of Child ……

My child would like a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 16th December.

☐ I enclose £3.00 per child (KS2 pupils only to pay)

☐ Please deduct £3.00 from my child's Arbor balance (KS2 pupils only to pay)

☐ My child is a vegetarian and needs a vegetarian meal

Signed …… Date ……..

**Please do not complete this slip if your child normally has a school lunch on a Wednesday, as this causes great confusion for Mrs Kippax & Mrs Rutter!!! Thank you **

St Edward's School Club

All children attending St Edward's School Club should be registered before any sessions are booked. If you are wanting to book sessions for the first time you must contact the school office.

Please remember the following:-

Whilst bookings can be made at any time, should a place be required within 48 hours please also email the school office to let them know a booking has been made. If you are booking over the weekend for a Monday slot, the office should also be informed via email.

Cancellations can be made at any time by contacting the school office but refunds will only be given for cancelled sessions provided that we are informed by 10.30am the previous school working day (this includes weekends and school holidays). For example – if a Monday session needs to be cancelled then you will need to contact the school office by 10.30am on the Friday before. Sessions cancelled after this time will not be refunded. Once booked, sessions cannot be swapped – the session would have to be cancelled and a new booking made.

Reminder Regarding Illness and Medication

A child suffering from sickness and diarrhoea should be kept off school for 48 hours after the symptoms subside. If you are in doubt as to whether or not your child is well enough to be in school, please discuss the matter with the class teacher or the headteacher.

Parents/carers are required to contact the school office or class teacher on the first day of absence, advising of the reason for the absence and expected return date; if known.

Medication - Where clinically possible, medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours. If a child attends the school club then staff will administer a dose at the end of the school day. If medication is required 4 times a day then school will administer a dose at 11.00am.

If your child requires **prescribed** medication in school we only accept this medication if it is in date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and includes instructions for administration, dosage and storage. We will not be able to administer any other medication.

Before medication can be given parents/guardians will need to complete a Parental Agreement for Our Lady and St Edward's School to Administer Medicine Form available from the school office.