

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School



*We aspire that through the love of Jesus everyone
should "have life and have it to the full."*

NEWSletter

Friday 12th September 2025



Loving God,

**Bless our school as we begin this new
year together.**

**Guide our pupils in their learning,
our staff in their teaching,
and our families in their love and
support.**

**May our school be a place of faith, joy,
and friendship,
where every child feels valued and
grows in your love.**

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



*Good
Bye!*

Welcome to a New School Year!

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the new school year at Our Lady's Catholic School. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such joy and energy, and I am deeply grateful for the warmth with which I have already been welcomed into this community. My inspiration has always come from seeing children grow in confidence, curiosity, and kindness. I believe every child is blessed with unique gifts, and it is our role as a school family to nurture these so that each pupil can truly flourish. At Our Lady's, I hope to help build an environment where children are encouraged to aim high, care for one another, and live out their faith with pride. I look forward to the year ahead and to working closely with you, so that together we can guide our children to become the very best version of themselves.

With every blessing,

Aga Pazybylska

This term we say goodbye to our School Business Manager, **Mrs Lorraine Slane**, who has faithfully served Our Lady's for many years. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Slane for her dedication, hard work, and commitment to our school community. Her contribution has been invaluable, and she will be greatly missed by staff, pupils, and families alike.

On behalf of everyone at Our Lady's, we wish Mrs Slane every happiness and success for the future. She leaves with our deepest gratitude and very best wishes.



PTA Annual General Meeting

All parents, carers, teachers and friends of Our Lady's School are warmly invited to our AGM. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear about the achievements of the past year and to find out how you can get involved in supporting our school community.

We are always looking for new members to join our friendly fundraising team. You can give as much or as little time as you are able—every contribution makes a real difference. No special skills are needed, just your time, enthusiasm, and willingness to help.

If you'd like to learn more, please email admin@our-ladys.hereford.sch.uk.

Everyone is welcome—we would love to see you there!

When: Tuesday 7th October 2025

Time: 6.00 pm

Where: School Hall

MEETING

This week Attendance

Whole School - 95.8%

Reception	97.9%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	94%
★ Year 3	98%
Year 4	97.6%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	97%

Attendance & Punctuality



At Our Lady's, we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. Every school day matters, and arriving on time helps children start their learning calmly and confidently alongside their classmates. Regular attendance ensures that pupils make the most of every opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

Please remember that holidays during term time cannot be authorised, as time away from school has a significant impact on children's learning and progress. We ask for your support in arranging family holidays during school breaks only.

Together, by valuing every school day and arriving punctually, we can give our children the very best start in life.

Stay Connected

Each family needs to log into **Arbor**, as this is how we will communicate important updates and information. If you experience any issues accessing Arbor, please contact the school office. Now that we are settling into the term, it's a good time to check that your contact details are up to date. If you've had any changes, please let the school office know so that we can reach you quickly if needed. Thank you for helping us keep our records accurate.

Uniform



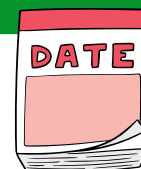
Thank you for supporting us in maintaining our high standards of uniform. A smart and consistent appearance helps our children feel a sense of pride and belonging at Our Lady's. Please do check that your child is wearing the correct uniform each day, including the proper shoes and PE kit.

Please note that the summer uniform may be worn until half term. After this, all pupils should return to the full winter uniform. If you are unsure about any part of the uniform policy, full details can be found on our school website or by contacting the office.

We kindly ask that every item of uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

If you need any help or support with uniform, please do contact us—we are here to serve and to help.

Upcoming Events



September

- 18th - Phonics Evening at 5pm *(Parents)*
- 24th - Police Officer Visit in Reception

October

- 16th - Harvest Assembly YR & Y1 at 2.30pm *(Parents)*
- 23rd - Harvest Supper Y6 & YR Buddies at 2.30pm
- 24th - INSET DAY - school closed
- 27th - 31st - **HALF TERM**

November

- 3rd - First day of term 2
- 5th - Trip to Queenswood YR & Y6
- 11th - Individual photographs
- 28th - Y1 & Y2 - Healthy lifestyles talk with School Nurse

December

- 2nd - YR Trip to Dinmore Hill Christmas Tree Farm
- 11th - School Christmas Lunch Day
- 19th - **LAST DAY**

Healthy Packed Lunch & Snacks



Children may bring a packed lunch in a clearly labelled lunch box or bag, showing their name and class. We encourage a healthy, balanced lunch that includes fruit and other nutritious snacks. Children may also bring a **healthy snack** for break time.

Important:

- We are a **nut-free** school. Nuts or products containing nuts are not allowed, including peanut butter and Nutella.
- All children must bring a clearly labelled **water** bottle containing water only. Juices and squash are not permitted, as they can contribute to tooth decay.

Exciting News!

CONGRATULATIONS

We are thrilled to share that over the summer, Miss H Whately and Ms E Wright got married! They are now happily known as **Mrs H Flynn** and **Mrs E Sanders**. Please join us in congratulating them both on this wonderful milestone!

Celebration

Congratulations!

Well done to all our children who received a Gold Award and our Virtue Award this week.

We are so proud of you—keep up the wonderful effort!



	Virtues Award	Golden Awards	
Year 1	Emil	Primrose	Skyler
Year 2	Isla	Maksym	Alex K
Year 3	Sophia	Jamie	Eidan
Year 4	Sophie	Stefaniya	Jerome
Year 5	Julia	Aadya	Milan
Year 6	Harley	Kateryna	Serah



STAFF

Class	Teacher	Learning Support
Nursery	Mrs F Zanini	Mrs A Klyz Miss I Williams Miss S Stallard
Reception	Mrs H Flynn	Mrs C Nixon Mrs K Gainey Mrs B Gabrielides (PPA cover)
Year 1	Mrs H Whittal Mon Mrs T Griffiths Tue-Fri	Miss S Pritchard Mrs M Turner Mrs T Harris
Year 2	Miss A Pliszko	Mrs C Keogh-Smith Mrs T Evans Mrs F Moverley
Year 3	Mrs K Thomas	Mrs M Oleksy Mrs L Joynt Mrs B Gabrielides (PPA cover)
Year 4	Mrs D Fitzpatrick Mon-Thur Mrs O Major Fri	Mrs B Gabrielides
Year 5	Mr K Scullin Mon-Wed Mrs R Bryan Wed-Fri	Mrs A Sztandera Miss V Loney
Year 6	Mrs E Sanders	Mrs S Benson Mrs B Gabrielides (PPA cover)

Learning Support Staff

Your child may work with different learning support staff during the week. The names in classrooms are just a guide to who will spend some time in that class, not who will be there all the time. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team supporting our children's learning.

Ms A Przybylska	Head Teacher
Mrs R Bryan	Deputy Head
Mrs O Major	SENDCO
Mrs L Good	Administrator
Mrs L Slane	School Business Manager
Mrs F Moverley	Assistant SENDCO
Mrs S Lewis	Lunchtime Supervisor
Mr N Rose	Caretaker