



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Learning to Love; Loving to Learn

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## A lovely week of learning!

### Cold weather

It really is chilly now! Please can the children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 remember to bring their outdoor PE kits?

Please also provide your child with a warm hat, scarf and gloves.

We keep being threatened with snow...in the unlikely event that we would have to shut the school, please check the website and facebook page as your first point of call. It will also be announced on the radio.

### Times Tables

#### Time Tables – how many do YOU know?

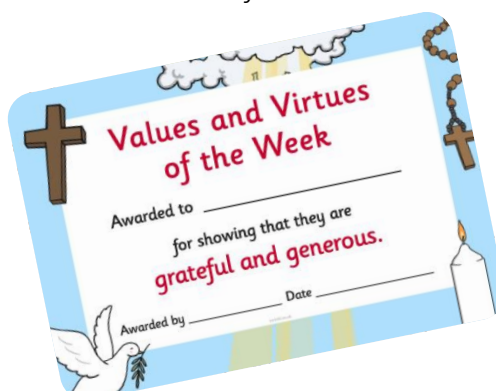


**The National Curriculum states that ALL children need to know their Time Tables 1x 2x 3x 4x 5x 6x 7x 8x 9x 10x 11x 12x by the end of Year 4.** We know that some children are really quick to learn Time Tables and some children need LOTS of reinforcement to recall facts quickly. Children need to be able to recall facts quickly when using the operation of multiplication or division. If we can make this learning fun at both home and school we can ensure children know their timetables. Here are some websites with games and apps you might find useful!

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>  
<http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4\\_11/site/numeracy.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/numeracy.shtml)

*I wonder who will receive our beautiful new values and virtues certificates this month?*



### Time to Shine

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, at 6pm, we are having a 'Time to Shine' where children will have the chance to show off their talents in front of big audience of parents. From next week we will be holding auditions, so children, get rehearsing! The children may like to do something by themselves, or in a group – perhaps singing or dancing or playing an instrument...? I know that we will be seeing lots of talented children on the night!

### Attendance

**This week's attendance: 96%**

Unfortunately we have had some sickness this week

### Looking at Learning

Thank you for all the support that you showed during our looking at learning this week. It was great to see so many of you and delightful to see the children looking so proud of their achievements.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2:30 year 3 and 4  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 Year 1 and 2  
 Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 Year 5 and 6

### Infection Control & Medication

Please can we remind all parents that no medication should be sent into school directly with your child without completing a medicine form and handing it into the office with the medication. Also at this time of year when there are all sorts of bugs, germs and viruses around, in order to minimise the spreading of illnesses we ask parents to consider whether your child is well enough to attend school. Reminder – if a child has had sickness or diarrhoea they must not attend school for at least 48 hours since the last occurrence. Currently whilst we have so many cases, if your child is infected with Ringworm they must stay at home for the first 3 days of treatment following a visit to their GP. Thank you for your support in minimising infections for other pupils and staff.

This week's special mentions

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

This week's attendance figures

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
98%	98%	98%	93%	96%	100%	97%

The children have really enjoyed their special treats for filling their Respect jars. Well done children for working so hard!



## Big Spell

Just a reminder that the Big Spell lists can be found on the website under the tab 'teaching and learning'. Well done to all the many improvers this month and well done to all those who have managed to move up to the next list!

## Cross Country

The children in Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to take part in the County Cross Country. The children will compete in three trials, from which aggregated scores will determine who is selected for the County team to represent the Rugby area in the final.

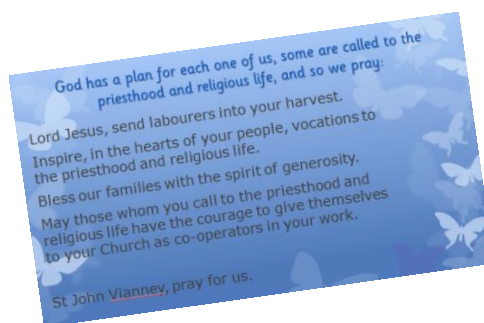
A letter detailing dates will be coming home with the children. Please note the final date as the children taking part must be available for the final race.

## Nativity, the musical

Debbie Issit, the director of the film 'Nativity' has asked me to share this link with you to see if you have any talented children for her new theatre production of "The Nativity."

If you are interested, please find information at the following link:

<https://www.birmingham-rep.co.uk/news/youngsters-wanted-to-star-in-nativity-the-musical.html>



## Mass

We had a really beautiful Mass this morning; the children were so respectful, joining in fully and singing with joy and meaning. It was lovely to see some of our parents there. Thank you Father Teddy, as always.

Thank you also to the many children who attended Mass on Sunday, it was so lovely of you to bring toys that you no longer need, you are so generous and thoughtful.



*Year 1 have been busy sequences stories this week*

## School Uniform

Thank you, the children were looking nice and smart this week. Some children are still forgetting their correct PE kit. Please ensure that both indoor and outdoor kit are in and that trainers are in school ready for their mile run. Thank you.

## Next week at a glance:

Looking at learning: see above for dates  
Time to shine auditions all week

Monday 26th January :  
Assembly 9:15 parents welcome

Kind regards,

Have a wonderful weekend

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