

# Newsletter

17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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**Ofsted**  
Good School

Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

Our Y5/6 have been out this week on their residential to Willersley Castle near Matlock. They have had a fantastic action packed time with a range of activities including kayaking, climbing, archery, axe throwing, trekking and more... I had the pleasure of being with them for the day on Wednesday and it was a joy to see how they were taking on every challenge. I was also incredibly proud of how polite and well mannered they all were. Huge thank you to Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Glenn and Mr Quinney for giving up their time to be with them for the week – without their hard work the trip would not have been able to happen so we are very grateful.

We are delighted to announce that after Easter, Mrs Burch will be the new Headteacher of Our Lady's. A separate Newsletter from Mr Griffin contains detailed information about the appointment. Mrs Burch is very excited to get started at Our Lady's and I am looking forward to spending time with her after half term to get her up to speed on life here.

Have a lovely half term! 😊



**Mother's Day Afternoon Tea**  
Nursery, Reception and Y1/2 would like to invite mums, grandmas, aunts, sisters etc to our Mother's Day afternoon tea on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. One adult per child – more details will be sent out after half term.



## World Book Day

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> we are celebrating World Book Day. Our theme in school this year is 'Snuggle up with a book.' Children are invited to wear their Pyjamas/onesies to school. They can also bring in a cuddly toy and blanket as we have lots of lovely activities planned for the day. We will also be taking part in a sponsored read – more information will be sent out after half term.

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**  
2 MARCH 2023

## Lent Prayer times

Next week we begin the season of Lent. Throughout Lent each class will be leading a class liturgy that parents are invited to attend. Liturgies will begin at 9.10am.

N/R: 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Y1/2: 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Y3/4: 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Y5/6: 27<sup>th</sup> March



Thank you for your donations we raised over £110.





## School Meals – Further Disruption



We previously communicated the difficulties Knightlow were having with their kitchen resulting in our meals being cooked at a school in Leamington.

**Unfortunately this week that kitchen is also having issues, meaning that the week after half term we can only offer a cold option at lunchtime.**

**Children will be able to choose their sandwich filling each morning. The options available will be a white bun with cheese, ham or tuna filling until further notice.**

We are incredibly sorry about the inconvenience caused and will keep you updated when we find out more.

## Our School Lottery

Please consider joining our school lottery. Cash prizes are won every week with very good odds as it is only between the people that sign up in our school. The money raised goes straight back into the school for the children. It is really easy to sign up following this link:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-ladys-primary-school-princethorpe>

If we have 50 tickets sold we can raise over £1000 over the course of the year.

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## Workers Of The Year

10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Back after half term								

## Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school: %

Year N & R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Back after half term						

## Next School Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school	
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> February	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Dodgeball Club Y3-Y6
Wed 29 <sup>h</sup> February	9am – 11am 3.15pm - 4.30pm	Music Lessons with Mr Roe Lego Club YR-Y4
Thurs 1st <sup>th</sup> March		
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	3.15 -5pm	Irish Dancing

## School Lottery

Congratulations to Mr W, last week's lottery winner.

Please consider signing up if you haven't already.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-ladys-primary-school-princethorpe>

Twitter/Facebook For up to date information and sharing what we are up to –  
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Our Lady's Primary School, Princethorpe @OurPrincethorpe



# Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days

365 days in a calendar year

## 175 days not in school!



## Winter Infection & Illness



UK Health  
Security  
Agency

### Winter infections in children – guidance for parents/guardians

This leaflet gives advice on illnesses that are currently affecting nursery and primary school children across the West Midlands

#### What are the symptoms?

There are two groups of symptoms:

- Diarrhoea and vomiting – usually lasting 1-2 days
- Fever, tiredness and nausea (feeling sick), sore throat – sometimes with a cough, lasting 3-4 days

#### What should I do if my child is unwell?

- Keep your child at home until they are well – if your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting, they should not attend nursery/school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours
- Ensure they drink plenty of fluids – taking sips rather than gulps, to avoid vomiting
- If they have a fever – give child paracetamol and/or ibuprofen, according to manufacturer's instructions
- Your child can return to school once they no longer have a temperature (without medication) and are well enough to do so
- If your child is unusually sleepy, is unable to take fluids or has other symptoms, such as an unusual rash, headache or neck stiffness – **seek medical advice immediately**

#### Infection control advice

Handwashing is one of the most important ways to prevent the spread of both of these infections. This applies to the child who is ill and the person caring for them. Hands should be washed using soap and rinsed under running water:

- Before and after caring for the child
- After using the toilet
- Before eating, preparing or handling food
- After cleaning up spills (vomit, diarrhoea or urine)
- Also – keep a separate towel for each family member who has symptoms, and change them regularly
- Dry hands thoroughly

#### Other control measures:

- Dispose of used tissues immediately
- Wash soiled clothing, bed linen and towels, using the hottest wash setting for the fabric
- Ensure toilet areas, baths and washbasins are kept clean, using hot soapy water
- After initial cleaning, areas may also be infected using a 1 in 10 bleach solution (remember bleach can burn skin and remove colour from fabrics)

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE & SICKNESS

Permission for a leave of absence needs to be sought from the Head teacher should you wish to take your child out of school during term time for an exceptional reason.

Please note that strict Government laws are in place in relation to school attendance.

Term time holidays are not permitted once your child has started school. All holidays should be taken whilst the school is closed.

Holidays in term time will not be considered as 'exceptional' and will NOT be authorised.

Your child's attendance is our shared priority.

If your child is unwell please inform the school office by 9.45am or message the class teacher on class dojo with a reason for absence and expected date of return.

Children who have contracted sickness and/or diarrhoea bugs must remain at home for 48 hours after last sickness/loose bowel movement.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



## Days off school add up to lost learning

### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

0	6	15	19
DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE
<b>100%</b>	<b>96.99%</b>	<b>92.99%</b>	<b>Below 90%</b>
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE <i>Best chance of SUCCESS</i>	SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE <i>Harder to make good progress</i>	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT <i>Less chance of success</i>	Persistent Absentee CAUSE FOR CONCERN <i>Serious concern Possible Court Action!</i>

For your information

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Or call in to Harris Sports Centre, Mellish Rd, Rugby, CV22 6BB

All staff are fully qualified,  
DBS checked and First Aid  
trained.

## Holiday Club dates for 2022/23



### October Half Term 2022

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (4 day camp)

### Christmas 2022

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 (4 day camp)

### February Half Term 2023

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 (3 day camp)

### Easter 2023

Week 1 – Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (4 day camp)  
Week 2 – Tues 11<sup>th</sup> to Fri 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (4 day camp)

### May Half Term 2023

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 (3 day camp)

### Summer 2023

Week 1 – 31<sup>st</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug (4 day camp)  
Week 2 – 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August (4 day camp)  
Week 3 – 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August (4 day camp)  
Week 4 – 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August (4 day camp)  
Week 5 – 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August (3 day camp)

### Price per child

£15 per standard day (9am to 3.45pm)  
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Tuesdays 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Email for more information: [rebecca.b.mason@googlemail.com](mailto:rebecca.b.mason@googlemail.com)

Or register at: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

## SPRING TERM 2023

Staff Training Day 3	Tuesday 3rd January
Children return to school	Wednesday 4th January
Half Term	Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February
Term Ends	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March

## SUMMER TERM 2023

Children return to school	Monday 17th April
May Bank Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
Term Ends	Friday 21st July
Teacher Training Day 4	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July
Teacher Training Day 5	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July

Please note that under new regulations brought into force in 2013, Head teachers are no longer permitted to authorise leave for holidays. From September 2022, ALL absences and late arrivals will be reported to the local authority - who will issue fixed penalty fines for lateness and absence breach of statutory regulations at their discretion. We would strongly urge you to book holidays during the 12 weeks of school holidays throughout the school year.

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Father  
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Good Shepherd Appeal boxes have been sent home tonight.

Please could families donate what they can to this worthy cause?

We are asking pupils to colour in and decorate the boxes as well this year – winners will receive a £25 Amazon voucher. There is a QR code on the box which will take you to a special page on the website with activities and more information about the appeal.