



School Newsletter

(for parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners)

Friday 19th September 2025

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Key Dates:

September 25th: Flu Vaccinations

October 8th: Individual Photos

October 22nd: Inset day- School Closed to pupils.

October 24th: Last day of term.

November 3rd: Children return to school

Message from Mrs Wilson:

Hello...Hi,

What a busy couple of weeks it has been! It has been lovely getting to know the children of the school and many of the parents and families of Our Lady's community and listening to how much they have settled into the new school year. This is a very special school, and I feel privileged to be working here and a part of the journey. Thank you to those who have come to introduce themselves to me.

My aim will be to send out newsletters biweekly. The attempt will be to include relevant and purposeful information so please do read them- I will try to keep them as short as possible.

I am looking forward to the coming year, building and developing on what makes Our Lady of Lourdes such a unique place. One of those areas is how we can develop and provide more opportunities for parent engagement. So please look out for opportunities and events as they appear in the newsletter.

I hope you all have a lovely (dry) weekend.

Meg Wilson

Holy Communion

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 Applications are now open for First Holy Communion next year for children in Year 3 and above (primary school age) who have been baptised in the Catholic Church. Application Forms are available on the table in the porch or from the Parish/ Our Lady of Lourdes School Office or Parish Website www.ololbristol.co.uk.

Closing date for Applications: 3rd November 2025.

Parking

The safety of our children and families is of high importance to us. We must emphasise the importance of not parking on the zigzag markings outside of the school gates. Parking on these zigzag lines puts the children and families at risk. We recognise that parking around the school area isn't easy, however we ask that you be respectful of the safety measures that are being put in place to ensure everyone is protected.

We also ask that you are respectful of the residents who live on Woodland Terrace. Many of them have drives with drop down curbs. It is important that these are left open to ensure they can leave their drives if they need to.

The local PCSO's and council will be monitoring the parking situation around school.

PTA Message

This week, the PTA met with Mrs Wilson to discuss events for the year. They were enthusiastic and excited about the events they would like to put on this year for the children and families of the school. The current members of the PTA put in a lot of voluntary work to ensure your children receive various experiences as part of the school community.

It also became clear that more PTA helpers would ensure these events can go ahead. As a school, we really want to ensure the children receive a range of opportunities like discos, fayres, and other fund- raising opportunities, however these can only happen if there are enough adults to supervise and help out.

Please speak to Mrs Wilson if you are interested in supporting the PTA with events.

Safeguarding / Online safety

Family Link is a great app to use if you are trying to manage your child's phone use. You can set screen times, manage your child's app use, manage what they see online, secure accounts and much much more. Please take a look at it, as it may benefit and support you in keeping your child safe.

Class Dojo

Class dojo was introduced last year. It is an online system where children earn dojo points. That can work towards rewards. It is also a system that can be used to showcase great things the children are doing in school.

Many of you are signed up, but please do sign up to it, as it can keep you in the loop of what is going on in school. Teachers will be sending out log in codes to help those that are not yet signed up.

The Map and Magic Challenge

We are excited to announce The Map and Magic Challenge, a special writing and creativity competition for our pupils! This is a wonderful opportunity for children to let their imaginations run wild and showcase their storytelling skills.

More details to follow!

Attendance

Whole School attendance this week is: **93.67%**

The class with the best attendance this week is: **Year 5**



Year group Messages

Year 2

In History this term, we are currently looking at how schools have changed over time. This week, the children will be bringing home a questionnaire to ask their parents/carers what school was like for them. If parents/carers could fill this in and bring the questionnaire back in that would be great!

Year 5 and Year 6

Mrs Searle has organised for Year 5 and 6 to take a trip to the cinema on Tuesday 12th November to watch 'If', a family friendly film that explores imagination, friendship and the power of story-telling. Please look out for permission slips, and make sure they are returned in time to ensure your child's place.

Year 5

Year 5 will be starting their Mini Police Programme on Wednesday 24th September. They will then spend an hour a week for 10 weeks, where they will participate in workshops to keep the community safe.