

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

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School Newsletter

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

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Key Dates:

- May 11th – 15th:** SATs week
- May 15th:** Year 6 Lifeskills trip
- May 22nd:** End of term 5
- June 1st:** Start of term 6

Message from Mrs Wilson:

I hope you all had a wonderful break and that the children have come back full of energy and ready for an exciting summer term!

What a fantastic start to the term! Last week, we were thrilled to welcome Damien Egan, our local MP and former pupil, to Our Lady Of Lourdes. He spent time chatting with me about our wonderful school and, best of all, joined some of our children at lunchtime. The children loved meeting him, and it was a brilliant opportunity for them to see democracy in action. Some children gave some ideas about how to make Kingswood a better place with one suggestion being 'more signs to help with littering'. He is also going to try and support us in getting a fence shield for the fence that splits the lane, playground/field to help protect our pupils further.

I've also had a brilliant planning session with our amazing PTFA, and we've got some fantastic events lined up for the rest of the year. Following the huge success of last year's colour run (which was such a hit!), we're bringing it back – along with some exciting World Cup-themed activities to get everyone involved. We'll be sharing dates and more details very soon, so watch this space!

A huge thank you to the 35 parents who took the time to complete our recent parent questionnaire. Your feedback is incredibly valuable, and it really does help us understand what's working well and where we can improve to make Our Lady Of Lourdes even better for your children. Whilst we're really pleased that this is an improvement on the 29 responses we received last time, we'd love to hear from even more of you. The more voices we hear, the fuller picture we get of what matters most to our school community. If you didn't get a chance to share your thoughts this time, please do look out for the next opportunity; we genuinely want to hear from as many families as possible, and your views really do make a difference.



Catholic Life of the School

Earlier this term, we began with a special service to celebrate the Resurrection. We had hoped to gather for a whole-school Mass, but sadly Fr Jim was unwell. Instead, we came together in the hall for a reflective time, thinking about Jesus' death and his resurrection.

We listened to God's word through a Gospel reading and reflected on how Mary Magdalene must have felt when she saw the empty tomb, along with the two disciples, on that first morning after Jesus' crucifixion.

The service ended with a joyful singing of *Christ, Be Our Light*. As we left the hall, we reflected on how we could keep that light shining through our kind and thoughtful actions as the term continues.

Mr Hamlen

Sports Day

A date for your diary! Sports day will be held on Thursday 4th June. If it is rained off due to our lovely, unpredictable British weather, the backup date will be Thursday 9th July. KS1 (Reception, year 1 and 2) will be held in the morning from 9.30 – 11.30 (Approximately), and KS2 (Year 3,4, 5 and 6 will be held in the afternoon from 1 – 3 (approximately). The day will consist of field events, which all children will take part in with their class, followed by races which children will sign up based on their houses. We will encourage children to take part in at least one race, however, we will not force children to do so, therefore if they don't want to, they may not be in a race. During the day- the children will be asked to wear PE kit, wearing a t-shirt to match their house colour.



Safety Online

In school as part of PSHE and E-Safety computing lessons, children are regularly taught how to stay safe online, however putting this into practise outside of school is out of our control. Whilst we know that social media and children's access to the internet has many benefits, we also know that these things are also putting our children at risk. It is important, as parents to ensure your children are being safe online, especially if they have access to social media.

Some tips on how to ensure children are being safe online:

Talk regularly – Have honest conversations with your children about online activity: who they communicate with, what they share, and the importance of privacy.

Encourage reporting – Make sure your children know who they can talk to if they come across something they know is offensive or makes them feel uncomfortable. In school we talk regularly about their 'trusted 5'.

Create guidelines- Work together to come up with rules around device used: including when and where they can use their devices. Ensure they know the purpose of these rules is to keep them safe.

Discuss digital footprint – Teach your children that anything shared online can leave a permanent mark so they should think carefully before posting.

Implement controls – Utilise parental control tools available on devices and apps to monitor and limit your children's online activities. Including setting restrictions.

Stay involved – Regularly check in on your child's online activities and the apps they use. Spend time with them online to model positive behaviour and help them navigate the digital world.

Be aware of changes – Watch for signs of distress or changes of behaviour that may indicate they are experiencing issues online.

An amazing website to support with these things is [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Parking

We have noticed that parents are driving through the carpark during pick up times. This puts our children and the families at risk when walking through the carpark to leave school. We ask that parents do not come into the carpark to collect their children from school. We recognise that parking around the school is incredibly difficult. Unfortunately, this is out of our control, and something the council enforce. The safety of our pupils, however, is always our main priority. For this reason, the school gates will be closed from 3.05pm until 3.25pm. If your car is in the carpark during this time, to keep the children safe, you will need to wait until all the children have left before the gate is opened again. Thank you for your continued support in keeping the pupils of OLOL safe.



Attendance

Whole School attendance this week is: 96.4%!

The class with the best attendance this week is: Year 5 with 100%! Well done Year 5!



SHINE Assembly: Our children always SHINE Bright. These are our children SHINING this week and last week.



Kingswood Park

Our park at the heart of our community



Dawn Chorus Walk



Join naturalist Ed Drewitt on an early morning walk around Kingswood Park to enjoy listening to the spring dawn chorus and to learn more about the birds and other wildlife in the park.

Friday 1st May
6.30am
Details: Meet us by the main gate
All welcome, hot drinks provided after the walk



BioBlitz

in Kingswood Park and Holy Trinity Churchyard



3 - 5pm on Friday 24th April in Kingswood Park



- Guided nature walks
 - Nature-friendly giveaways
 - Find and record wildlife using the iNaturalist app
 - Nature-themed craft activities
- A free, fun and informative event for nature lovers of all ages!
 ➤ BioBlitz is a community challenge to find and record as much wildlife as possible.
- This weekend we'll be competing with cities around the world as part of the City Nature Challenge 2025.

For further information please email:
kingswoodpark@southglos.gov.uk ☎ **07592 107649**



Music in the Park

Our park at the heart of our community

Come along to enjoy a relaxing Sunday afternoon with local musicians playing on the bandstand in **Kingswood Park**. Bring your own chair and refreshments and unwind to great music.



- Sundays at 3-5pm***
- 17 May
 - 31 May **Fun in the Park**
 - 14 June
 - 28 June
 - 12 July
 - 26 July
 - 9 August
 - 23 August
 - 6 September



*Keep an eye on the Friends of Kingswood Park Facebook page to see who's coming up:
www.facebook.com/ourkingswoodpark



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Join us for a

Community Picnic in Kingswood Park

Thursday 18th June 2026, 3-6pm

- Bring along a picnic, a blanket and your friends & family to enjoy a community picnic in the park
- Garden games & scavenger hunt
- Find us at the bottom of the park
- Plus the launch of Kingswood Town Council's Community Nature Reserve initiative with information & sign-up forms!





South Glos Armed Forces Day – Event for Children & Young People and their Families

The South Gloucestershire Armed Forces Day event takes place on Saturday 20th June in Page Park, Staple Hill and this year, is hosting a 'Tea Party' for children & young people and their families.

South Gloucestershire Council is sponsoring this 'Tea Party'. There will be a wide range of entertainment for children & young people of all ages and council officers will be in attendance to engage with families and hear their views on services for the Armed Forces Community.

The following are links to the Armed Forces Day website and for families to sign up to attend the Tea Party:

[South Glos Armed Forces Day website](#)

[Sign up to attend the Tea Party](#)

Attendees should be children of serving personnel and their parents/carers.