



School Newsletter

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

Friday 17th July 2026

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Key Dates:

July 17th: End of the academic year

September 1st: Inset Day

September 2nd: Start of New Term

October 23rd: Inset Day

Message from Mrs Wilson:

As we reach the final day of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredible first year for me at Our Lady of Lourdes.

This year has brought its share of challenges and some difficult decisions along the way. However, I want you to know that every decision I have made has been with our children firmly at the heart of it. Their wellbeing, progress and happiness have guided everything we do.

There have been so many highlights that I couldn't possibly list them all, but to name a few: seeing our church filled with spirit and joy during our Christmas performances; the laughs and enjoyment of our recent colour run; the excitement of our culture day, watching our community come together in celebration; watching the children's faces light up with curiosity during science week; the bravery and determination shown by the children during sports day; racing the children during lunch time (you humbled my fitness!); the many conversations I've had with parents at the gate - learning more about you all each day! Thank you.

I am immensely proud to be part of this school community. Our families and children are a huge credit to Our Lady of Lourdes, and I feel truly privileged to have worked alongside such an amazing staff team. Their dedication, professionalism and care for every child has been inspiring.

As we break for the summer, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday. Please take time to spend with your families, recharge your batteries, and return refreshed for another exciting journey together in September.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Wilson

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." – Matthew 18:20

Sports Day

What a fantastic day we had for our annual Sports Day! The sun shone as brightly as our children's smiles, and the atmosphere was absolutely electric.

Winning Team: **Red won 1788 points.**

This year we took timings of KS2 races, and will hold these are the record holders until someone else beats it. Our record holders are:

Egg and Spoon (Bat and Ball): Gabriel – Year 3: *6.44 seconds*

Girls Hurdles: Meiqi – Year 5: *8.12 seconds*.

Boys Hurdles: Thomas – Year 6: *8.12 seconds*

Girls Sprint: Meiqi – Year 5: *8.13 seconds*

Boys Sprint: Samuel and Travis – Year 6: *7.38 seconds*



Staffing changes

As we reach the end of the school year, we say a fond farewell to some valued members of our team who are moving on to new adventures.

Miss Lesauteur is embarking on an exciting journey travelling around the world as a Disney Princess! We can't wait to hear all about her magical experiences. Thank you, Miss Lesauteur, for your committed work with so many children across the school – you've made a real difference to their learning and happiness.

Mr Lesauteur isn't going far – just across to our pre-school! Thank you for bringing such energy and enthusiasm to lunchtimes. The children have loved having you as part of their day, and the pre-school is very lucky to have you.

Miss Bentley has travelled across the bridge from Wales all year and has decided to keep things closer to home. Thank you for your dedication in making that journey every day to be with our children. We wish you every success in your new role.

Miss Parsons has been a wonderful part of our reception team. Thank you for nurturing our youngest children and helping them settle into school life. We wish you all the best with your next chapter.

Mr Davis has made a valuable contribution to Year 5. Thank you for your time with the children and for supporting their learning and development. We wish you all the best with your next chapter.



We will welcome Miss Cowley into Reception/Year 1 from September.
Mrs Parrinello will be joining our admin team from September.

Year 6 Camp – Croft Farm

Our Year 6 pupils had an unforgettable few days at Croft Farm, where they embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork. From navigating the grounds during orienteering to building confidence on the water through kayaking and paddleboarding, every child stepped outside their comfort zone and gave their very best.

One of the highlights was the crate stacking challenge, where determination, communication and encouragement from teammates helped everyone aim higher than they thought possible. Throughout the residential, the children demonstrated courage, kindness and respect, supporting one another every step of the way and celebrating each other's achievements.

We are incredibly proud of the way Year 6 represented our school. Their positive attitudes, impeccable behaviour and willingness to challenge themselves made the trip a huge success. They have returned with wonderful memories, stronger friendships and a real sense of accomplishment.



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor on our governing board, and we'd love to hear from you if you're interested in this important role.

As a parent governor, you'll work with the board to help make strategic decisions about our school's future and ensure we're providing the best possible education for our children. You'll bring a valuable parental perspective to discussions, while working as part of a team to support and challenge school leaders.

You don't need any special qualifications or expertise – just:

- A strong commitment to improving outcomes for our children
- Good interpersonal skills and a willingness to learn
- Time to attend governing board meetings (usually once per half term in the evening) and occasional school visits

Being a governor is a rewarding way to contribute to our school community and develop your own skills in areas like strategic thinking and decision-making.

If you'd like to find out more about what's involved, or you're interested in putting yourself forward, please contact the office. We can then give you details about the election process.



Inset Days for the Next Academic Year:

1st September 2026
23rd October 2026
18th December 2026
28th May 2027
7th June 2027

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have a rail of pre-loved school uniform available in school for families to help themselves to. We simply ask for a small monetary donation, which helps support our school community.

If you have any pre-loved logoed uniform in good condition that your child has outgrown; we would be very grateful for any donations. Items can be handed in to the PTFA or the school office.

Thank you for your support in helping us promote sustainability and provide affordable uniform for our families.



Colour Run

What an incredible afternoon we had for our Colour Run! The playing field was transformed into a vibrant celebration of colour, energy and community spirit.

Children raced around the course with huge smiles on their faces, getting covered in rainbow powder at every station. The excitement was infectious - from our youngest pupils to Year 6 and even the teachers, everyone threw themselves into the fun with enthusiasm and determination.

A huge thank you to our PTFA for once again putting on an event that creates memories for our children.

The colour run perfectly captured what Our Lady of Lourdes is all about: joy, community, and children at the heart of everything we do.



Attendance

Whole School attendance this year 94.5%.

The with the best attendance this year was year 6 with 96.6%! Way to go Year 6!



End of Term 6 SHINE

Positive Attitude to Learning	
Reception	Osagie Grace
Year 1	Somma Kiara
Year 2	Kobe Louie
Year 3	Skyler Effa
Year 4	Manuchi Lily-Rose
Year 5	Meiqi Dion
Year 6	Moses Dexter

Outstanding Progress	
Reception	Takunda Jersey
Year 1	Sophia Liam
Year 2	Eliza-Jo Cruz
Year 3	Pemisire Patric
Year 4	Somma Gui
Year 5	Emmanuel Bobby
Year 6	Isaac Kaylin



Lunch Time Awards	
KS1	Eliza-Jo Jarell
KS2	Jayla Lily P

Glowing Work of the Term	
Reception	Jan
Year 1	Maria
Year 2	Jovannah
Year 3	Hrithika
Year 4	Kosi
Year 5	Nana
Year 6	Chikere

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS
FREE DROP IN WORKSHOPS
TUES, WED AND THURS



THEATRE | JULY 21 AND 28TH
CIRCUS | JULY 22 AND 29TH
MUSIC | JULY 23 AND 30TH

MUSIC WEEK | 4TH - 6TH AUG
THEATRE WEEK | 11TH - 13TH AUG
CIRCUS WEEK | 18TH - 20TH AUG

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