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London Borough of Brent

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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We are learning to grow and love like Jesus

Our Catholic Life and Mission at OLOG Infants



"The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God."

Please see the attached link for the newsletter at St Marys & St Andrew's Church
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/dollishill/newsletters-2/

Dear Families,

Welcome back, we hope all our families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

November is a special month of remembrance. We began the month with All Saints' Day on Sunday 1st November and All Souls' Day on Monday. These feast days encourage us to pause, reflect and remember those who are dear to us, as well as those we may not have known personally but whose lives have touched or influenced our own.

On Tuesday, we celebrated the Feast of St Martin de Porres, reflecting on his wonderful example of kindness, humility and compassion. We thought about how we can put these values into practice through our everyday actions, showing care and consideration to everyone within our school community.

Thank you to all the families who attended our recent Parents' Evening. It was lovely to see parents meeting with their child's class teacher, looking through their books and discussing how best to support their learning and progress. It is important to continue supporting learning at home through daily reading, signing reading records and reinforcing home learning. By working together, we can help every child grow in confidence and reach their full potential.

As Remembrance Day approaches, we will be remembering and honouring all those who have served and continue to serve, in the armed forces, as well as those who have lost their lives in conflict. The poppy is a symbol of remembrance, showing our respect and gratitude to all those who have served and sacrificed so much.
Poppies will be available in the KS1 playground on Monday 9th November from 3.00pm for anyone who would like to make a cash donation.

We wish you and your family a wonderful week.
Mrs P Bourne
Headteacher



Important Dates
Thursday 12th November St Vincent's Class Assembly at 9.00am
Monday 16th November Odd Socks Day - Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 20th November Flu Nasal Immunisations (2nd visit)
Monday 23rd November Year 2 Transition Meeting at 9.00am (OLOG Infants Hall)
Sunday 29th November Beginning of Advent
Friday 4th December Last Baby & Toddler Group before Christmas Break
Tuesday 8th December Year 2 - Christmas Play at 9.00am in School Hall
Wednesday 9th December Year 1 - Christmas Play at 9.00am in School Hall
Thursday 10th December Reception - Christmas Play at 9.00am in School Hall
Friday 11th December Christmas Panto for Whole School
Monday 14th December Year 2 Classes Christmas Disco at 3.00 – 4.00pm
Tuesday 15th December Year 1 Classes Christmas Disco at 3.00 – 4.00pm
Wednesday 16th December Reception Classes Christmas Disco at 3.00 – 4.00pm
Thursday 17th December Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day with Special Guest Last Day of term for Nursery children only
Friday 18th December Choir Performance & Christmas Share in School Hall at 9.00am Last Day of Term – Finish at 1.30pm
Monday 4th January Inset Day – School Closed
Tuesday 5th January Children Return

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person (parent or staff) have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school safeguarding team.

Mrs P Bourne	**Designated Safeguarding Lead**
Mrs P Geraghty	**Designated Deputy Safeguarding Lead**

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a duty to discuss the issue with Social Services to seek further advice. This is the statutory obligation of all schools.

For any matters concerning safeguarding outside of school hours or during the holidays please contact

Brent Family Front Door

Office hours (Mon – Fri 9am - 5pm): Call 020 8937 4300 (option 1)

Outside office hours: Call the emergency duty team on 020 8863 5250.



Stars of the Week

The following children have received stars of the week for following our school learning behaviours

St Bernadette: ***Juno & Amir***

St Peter: ***Gina and Miran***

St Martin De Porres: ***Jody, Iris & Zaynab***

St Faustina: ***Layan & Meira***

St Catherine Laboure: ***Ronnie & Luke***

St Vincent De Paul: ***Grace and Gelila***

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Infant School QR Code

Please scan QR code to visit our School website for lots of information

A Reminder About Term Time Absence

Please be reminded that leave of absence for children during term time will not be authorised. Time away from school results in missed learning opportunities and can have an impact on children's progress and achievement. Please see the information provided by Brent Council regarding attendance expectations and fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absences.

https://www.brent.gov.uk/education-schools-and-learning/attendance-and-exclusions/school-attendance-and-absence?utm_source=chatgpt.com#whatisexpected

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance and punctuality are vital. Missing time from school or arriving late affects children's learning, confidence and progress.

There is no entitlement in law for students to take time off during the term to go on holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure or recreation. Education is vital in securing the very best future for children and this is impacted by prolonged absence. Children only attend school for 190 out of 365 days. There are 175 days a year which parents/carers can use for any activities other than school.

Term Dates for the academic year 2026-27 are available on our website. Please see the link below:

www.ologinfants.org.uk/News/School-Term-Dates/

EVERY DAY AND EVERY MINUTE COUNTS



November is a special month in the Catholic Church when we remember and pray for those who have died. During this month, we encourage our school community to take time to remember loved ones who are no longer with us and to keep them in our thoughts and prayers. We invite parents and carers to write the names of loved ones they wish to remember in our Prayer Intention Book, which is kept in the school office. Fr Michael will bless the prayer intentions every Wednesday, as we come together as a school family to remember those who have gone before us.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Kittle PHOTOGRAPHIC

Individual School Photographs

To order your child's photograph, please scan the QR code on the card your child received or visit:
https://v6.kittleorders.com/kp/Home

Wear Red Day 2026

A huge thank you to all our families for supporting Show Racism the Red Card – Wear Red Day on 16th October. We are delighted to announce that we raised an amazing **£294.00.** Your generous donations will help the charity deliver anti-racism workshops, provide educational resources and support young people and adults in challenging racism and discrimination. Thank you for helping us promote kindness, equality and respect. Together, we stand against racism!



We have continued to qualify for the gold award.
A special thank you to Valerie from Brent for all her help, guidance and encouragement along the way.
A fantastic achievement to be proud of.

Letter Requests

Due to the voluminous requests, we are receiving for universal credit confirmations and confirmation of attendance letters, please be advised that we aim to reply to all requests within 7 working days.
Thank you for your understanding.

Contact Details

Please email helpdesk@ologinfants.brent.sch.uk if your contact number, email address, home address or emergency contact details change, so we can keep your child's records up to date.

A Mini Vinnies

A huge thank you to our previous Mini Vinnies for putting their faith into action through their kindness and support for others. We are very proud of the difference they have made to our school and wider community.
We are delighted to welcome our new Mini Vinnies for Autumn 2: ***Aria, Isabella, Molly-May, Oliwier, Ruben and Saied (St Catherine) and Areeb, Camilla, Grace, Liam, Mia and Yannis (St Vincent)***
They will follow in the footsteps of St Vincent de Paul, showing kindness and compassion while living out our school mission, "We are learning to grow and love like Jesus."
Well done to all our Mini Vinnies, past and present.

Anti-Bullying Week

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day on **Monday 16th November.** Children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate our uniqueness and the differences that make us special. Through fun activities and discussions, we will explore kindness, friendship, respect and inclusion, putting our school mission, *"We are learning to grow and love like Jesus,"* into action. We look forward to seeing everyone's colourful, mismatched socks!

Winter Illnesses

As we enter the winter months, please remember that children can usually attend school with mild cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or cough, as long as they do not have a high temperature.
For advice on whether your child is well enough to attend school, please refer to the NHS guidance on common childhood illnesses here:
https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Reporting Absences

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please ensure you report their absence before 8.30am on every day they are absent. This is an important safeguarding procedure, as it helps us to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children
You can notify the school using one of the following methods:

- Email: helpdesk@ologinfants.brent.sch.uk
- Telephone: 0208 459 6757
- School App

Winter Uniform Reminder

A gentle reminder about our school uniform expectations:

- Trainers should be black, waterproof and have Velcro fastenings.
- Coats should be navy or black.
- Hats, gloves and scarves should be navy or black.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name so that they can be easily returned if lost.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our school uniform standards.