



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary Academy

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Welcome Back

We are delighted to welcome all of our children, families and staff back to school for the start of a new academic year. As a Catholic community, we look forward to living out Our Mission Promises in everything we do. Together, we will support one another to grow in faith, develop our God-given talents, and create a happy, caring and respectful environment where everyone can flourish. We pray that this year will be filled with joy, friendship, success and many blessings for all.

Mrs Gait

Our Lady of Lourdes Mission Promises

Love

I promise to show God that I will love and respect myself, other people and the world He created for us.

Learning

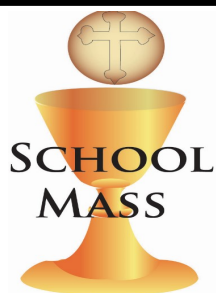
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Safety

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Honesty

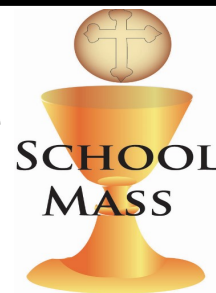
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New School Year Mass

On Tuesday 29th September at 2 pm, we will be holding a Mass in school to celebrate the new school year.

All parents, carers and parishoners welcome!



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Medicines

If your child requires any prescribed medication this academic year, a new medical form will be sent home for completion, please return to the school office.



Any child who needs an inhaler should bring it into school this week.

School Uniform

All children are expected to return to school in their full school uniform including ties, which can be purchased via ParentPay.

Year 6 pupils will receive their new blazers shortly.

For a full list of school uniform expectations please visit

<https://www.ourladyoflourdesschool.org.uk/Parents/School-Uniform/>

Please ensure all clothing is labelled with their name and class.

Children will also need to bring a full P.E. kit - Black or Blue shorts, white t-shirt and trainers (**only allowed in PE lessons**) in a clearly labelled draw string bag.

P.E kits should remain in school at all times and will be sent home with the children every half term to be washed.

If your child is not in full school uniform a phone call home will be made.

Parking Reminder – Keeping Everyone Safe

We kindly remind all families to **park considerably and safely** outside school during drop-off and collection times.

Please avoid parking on double yellow lines/zig zags, or stopping in unsafe spots. Dangerous or inconsiderate parking puts our children and families at risk — especially when roads are busy.

KS2 Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

This Tuesday 8th September Year 6 children will be attending weekly Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 10am.
All families are welcome

Year 6 Residential Trip to Dobroyd Castle

Thank you to all the parents who have already made payments for the upcoming residential to Dobroyd Castle for our Year 6 children.

If you have still to make payment please do so as soon as possible. The total cost for the trip is £270 - this can be paid in instalments as ParentPay will allow you to make multiple payments at an amount that suits you.

Child Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school please could you inform the school office on the first day of absence. If, for whatever reason we do not get a call, and in line with local authority guidance, school will ring home as part of our whole school procedure to confirm your child's absence.

Secondary School September 2027

If your child is in Year 6 he/she will be starting Secondary School in September 2027 so **you must** apply for a place online before 31st October 2026. You are asked to list 3 schools and it is important that all 3 schools are listed in order of preference. If you are applying at All Saints Catholic College, you must also complete a Supplementary Information Form online.

If you apply after 31st October, your application will be classed as a late application and it will **NOT** be considered until all on time applicants have been allocated school places. Applying late can severely reduce your chances of getting a school place at any of your preferred schools.

If for any reason you are having difficulty applying online, please do not hesitate to call at the school office for help and advice.

Reception 2027-Admissions

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023 they will be starting Primary School (Reception) in September 2027 and you must apply for a place online before 15th January 2027.

You will need to go to www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions and click "Apply online". As well as the Kirklees Application Form, a Supplementary Form will also need completing and this is available from the school office.

September 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SU
7	8 10 am Year 6 attending Mass at OLL church Singing Years 4 & 5	9	10 Year 3 Violin Lessons	11 9.10 am Celebration Assembly	12	13
14 Rocksteady Band Lessons	15 10 am Year 5 attending Mass at OLL church Singing Years 4 & 5	16	17 Year 3 Violin Lessons	18 9.10 am Celebration Assembly	19	20
21 Rocksteady Band Lessons	22 10 am Year 4 attending Mass at OLL church Singing Years 4 & 5 After School Clubs	23 Am - Mini Vinnies and School Choir at Leeds Cathedral	24 Year 3 Violin Lessons	25 9.10 am Celebration Assembly	26	27
28 Rocksteady Band Lessons	29 2pm New School Year Mass Singing Years 4 & 5 After School Clubs	30	1 October Year 3 Violin Lessons	2 9.10 am Celebration Assembly	3	4

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

190 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	10 days absence 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	19 days absence 171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	29 days absence A term missed 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	38 days absence 152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	47 days absence 143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!	

RESTORATION FUNDRAISING

BINGO NIGHT- CASH PRIZES: The Social Committee is delighted to invite you to a Bingo night at Our Lady of Lourdes School on Friday 18th September from 7.30pm Tickets are £5 which includes a light supper and 2 free bingo cards and will be on sale in all churches after the weekend masses from the 29th/30th August or by contacting Helen on 07786 748 244. Up to 4 additional bingo cards can be bought on the night for £2.50 each. All monies raised will go towards the Restoration fund. Come along, enjoy a fun evening and try your luck - everyone welcome!

AUTUMN DINNER DANCE The menu for the Autumn Dinner Dance on 2nd October at the Accu Stadium, Huddersfield, has been confirmed as Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding with a delicious alternative for vegetarians (must be pre-ordered)! If you don't have your tickets yet, don't delay! Final date for booking is Monday 14th September. Tickets are £50 per person or book a table of 8 for friends or family for just £360. Tickets include arrival drink, three course dinner, tea/coffee and entertainment til midnight. Contact Rosaleen to book on 07738174102 or email rosaleenhird@gmail.com

HYMN BOOK DEDICATIONS: Would you like to open a hymn book at mass and read the name of a loved one or family in the dedication on the front page? For a £10 donation to the Restoration Fund, you can! Just put your donation and the name (in block capitals) inside an envelope, along with your name and number in case of any issues, and pop it in the offertory bag, or contact Rosaleen on rosaleenhird@gmail.com. Deadline for this round is 30th September.

CHORDIALITY: Chordiality is a forty strong, mixed voice choir, based in Bradford. They have kindly agreed to hold a concert in St Patrick's church on Sunday 27th September at 2.30pm. The proceeds of the concert will go to the restoration fund. Tickets will be on sale after Sunday Masses in the coming weeks or can be purchased by calling 07701390651. The cost is £10 per ticket. Please support the concert if possible. It promises to be a good afternoon.

WAYS TO DONATE

Bank account: Diocese of Leeds Holy Redeemer

Sort code: 40-27-15

Account no: 61017632

Reference: Restoration Fund

www.justgiving.com/campaign/stpatshudds

Holy Redeemer Parish Mass Times

Holy Family, Slaithwaite

Sunday - 9.00am.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday - 10.30am.

St Patrick's, Town Centre

Sunday - 11am and 5.00pm.

Masses are open across the Parish

For more information please visit:

<https://www.holyredeemerparish.co.uk/>



Holy Family, Slaithwaite



Our Lady of Lourdes, Sheepridge



St Patrick's, Huddersfield

Important School Meals Information

Please be reminded, **Year 3 are no longer** eligible for a Universal Free School Meal. Instead, meals will have to be paid for via your child's ParentPay account, unless you receive certain benefits.

If you think you may qualify for a free school meal please fill in the form here to apply

https://my.kirklees.gov.uk/service/Schools_and_education/Apply_for_free_school_meals

Please ensure that your child's ParentPay account is always in credit.

Our Lady of Lourdes Mission

Our Mission at Our Lady of Lourdes is that pupils, staff, governors and families all grow and learn together in God's love through our saviour, Jesus Christ. We have four "Mission Promises" which we all live by to help us to achieve this.

Love

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

(John 13)

I promise to show God that I will love and respect myself, other people and the world He created for us.

Learning

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

(Matthew 7:7-8)

I promise to show God that I will work hard and be a good learner.

Safety

"God is our refuge and strength and ever present help in trouble."

(Psalm 46)

I promise to show God that I know how to keep myself and others safe.

Honesty

"Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech, but with actions and in truth."

(John 3)

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Term Dates 2026-2027

	School will close at the end of the afternoon session on	School will reopen on the morning of
Autumn Term		03.09.2026
October Half Term	23.10.26	02.11.2026
	18.12.26	04.01.27
February Half-Term	12.02.2027	22.02.2027
Easter Holiday	25.03.2027	06.04.2027
School will be Closed for Inset Day on Friday 30th April 2027 May Day Bank Holiday School will be closed on Monday 3rd May 2027		
Spring Bank Holiday	21.05.2027	07.06.2027
Summer Holiday	20.07.2027	