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### We Pray



Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be **merciful**  
like the  
Heavenly Father,  
and have told us that  
whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we  
will be saved.

We ask this of you,  
Lord Jesus, through the  
intercession of  
Mary, Mother of **Mercy**;  
you who live and reign with  
the Father and the  
Holy Spirit  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS



#### SPRING TERM

#### **St Patrick's Day Mass**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am

#### **Reconciliation Service**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March in school  
(pupils only)

#### **School Mass**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas seems like a long time ago so it feels a bit late to be thanking you for your gifts and blessings at Christmas but it is important that you know how grateful we are for your ongoing kindness and messages of appreciation.

January has been a cold, dark month so it is with great joy that I am looking out my office windows at the bright blue sky and gleaming sunshine. These days always bring forth the feelings of Hope and Joy.



This term we began our Jubilee Year of Hope with an assembly led by Mr Gauci. The children are thinking about ways they can bring Hope to others this year. During our 'pilgrimage', which will span the entire year, we will be participating in activities with the other Deanery schools to celebrate the Jubilee. We will also be show casing some of the work to parents.

### Diary Dates

#### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 4 Viking Workshop

#### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

#### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

Choir Performing at Young Voices

#### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

Parents Evening – school closes at 2.00pm

#### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

School closing at 12.30pm

#### **Half Term**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

#### **Last Day of Term for Easter**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April (*School finishes at 1.30pm*)

#### **First Day back for the Summer term**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April (*All children are expected to be back at school on this day*)

**FAREWELL:** After Christmas we said goodbye to Marybelle in the kitchen who has retired. We thank her for all her hard work and dedication during her 18 years at Our Lady of the Visitation.

This week we also said goodbye to Leon. We wish him all the best for the future and thank him for all his work in year 6.



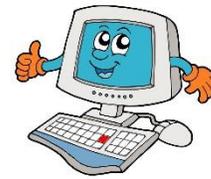
Many families joined us in the Three Kings procession from Ealing Broadway to Ealing Abbey on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January. This was an amazing opportunity to join our wider community to profess our faith. The children carried our Jubilee Year of Hope banner throughout the procession.



## E-Safety Tip

Once again there are children playing 'squad game' in the playground. In reality, this is a truly gruesome game where the losers lose their life. When asked the children say they see this game reenacted on 'YouTube'. Many of our children, some as young as four, are being exposed to inappropriate material on 'you tube'.

If you allow your children to access 'YouTube' please make sure you have set up parental controls to prevent this material from getting through. This material is disturbing and is negatively affecting children's mental health.



**TIMES TABLES:** We are thrilled to share some fantastic news with you! In the latest TTRS (Times Tables Rock Stars) Competition, Micaiah (6W) improved on his personal best by coming second in the country and an amazing first place in Greater London.

Congratulations to Micaiah on this incredible accomplishment. This takes a great deal of dedication and hard work. He makes Our Lady of the Visitation very proud.



# SUPPORT GROUPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

## Community Hubs – Face to Face support for Ealing Residents

All Ealing residents can get face-to-face support by accessing Council Services in the Community Hubs which currently operate in 5 venues across the borough. Below is the list of services they can support with.

General information and advice regarding the various Council Services / signposting to external organisations / voluntary sector where required.

- Provide assistance with completing online Council application forms / scanning and uploading supporting documents.
- Issue mobile SIM cards for residents on a low income.
- Support homeless customers to complete an online referral to be considered by the Emergency Housing Team.
- Make appointments for customers to attend one of our Community Hubs for help with completing LOCATA application forms to apply to be placed on the Housing register.
- Escalate existing Council queries where the customer is still waiting for a response from a particular Council service.
- Issue Foodbank vouchers.

Information leaflet: <https://padlet.com/EalingFSN/ealing-family-support-network-uz3amlajn58f8lg5/wish/pRxDZ4qkY1nVW183>

This link also gives you up-to-date information on our current opening times:  
[https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201033/council\\_and\\_local\\_decisions/3073/visit\\_us](https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201033/council_and_local_decisions/3073/visit_us)



## Circle Café Mental Health Peer Support Group for Parents

The Circle Café in South Ealing is holding its first coffee morning for parents on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 10am-12pm. The sessions will be facilitated by West London NHS Link Workers and are for all parents interested in supporting their young persons' mental health.

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## **EASE Support Timetable Spring 2025**

There is a huge amount of support for parents and carers provided by EASE. The Spring Term Timetable highlights activities which parents and carers may benefit from e.g. Yoga, Social clubs, youth activities, sensory play, careers and employability, stay and play, health talks.

Timetable: <https://padlet.com/EalingFSN/ealing-family-support-network-uz3amlajn58f8lg5/wish/Ae2Ravz63jjKanz4>

## **Upcoming Events from Learn Ealing**

**Learn Ealing** offers a variety of courses for adults wanting to develop various skills:

### **Initial Assessment for ESOL, Maths & Digital Skills Courses 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> February, **Learn Ealing** will hold an assessment day for those wanting to join an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) class in the borough. These sessions ensure that attendees are placed in the correct class for their level.

### **First Aid at Work 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

A one day course to provide attendees with the knowledge and skills needed to respond quickly and effectively in emergency situations. Through a combination of theory and practical training, learn how to identify and manage common injuries and medical emergencies, such as choking, bleeding, heart attacks, and strokes.

A huge range of courses run by **Learn Ealing** and full details of how to register for the above events available here:

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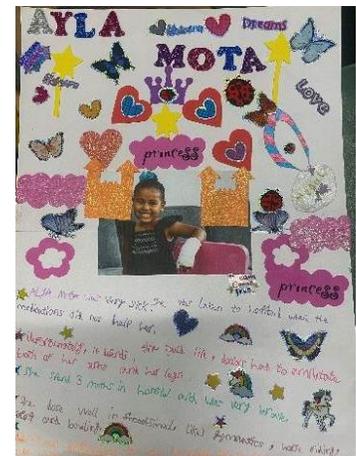
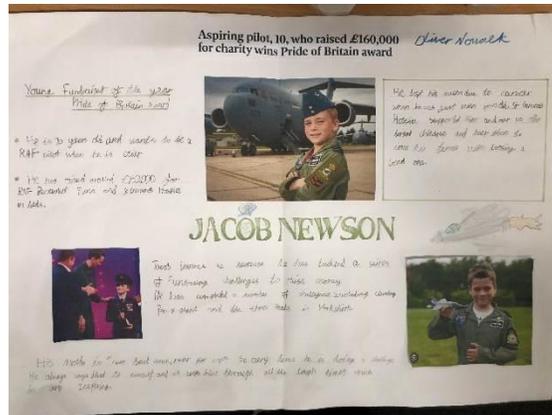
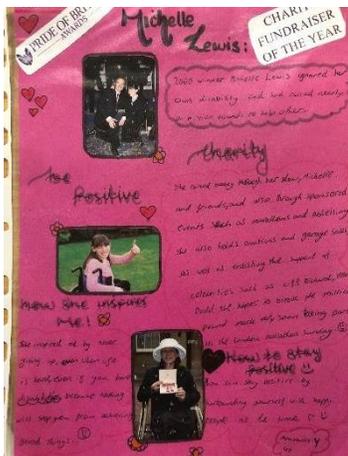
This month, we celebrated International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), a day that promotes equality and raises awareness of both visible and invisible disabilities.

Our School Council kicked off the day with fantastic presentations to their classes, sharing what the day is all about and how we're involved. With great enthusiasm, they explained the importance of inclusion and disability rights.

To show our support, everyone wore bright, powerful colours, symbolising unity and solidarity. We also raised an amazing **£302.17** for **Whizz Kidz**, a charity that helps young wheelchair users gain the equipment, skills and confidence to thrive.



The children researched inspiring individuals from the Pride of Britain Awards, sparking brilliant discussions about resilience and achievements.



To close our celebration, we also had an inspiring visit from Paralympian, Hilmy Shawaal. The children had an opportunity to listen to his powerful journey of becoming a pro athlete - A story of resilience, determination and triumph!"

Thank you to everyone who took part—it was a wonderful celebration of inclusion and support for all!

## NURSERY

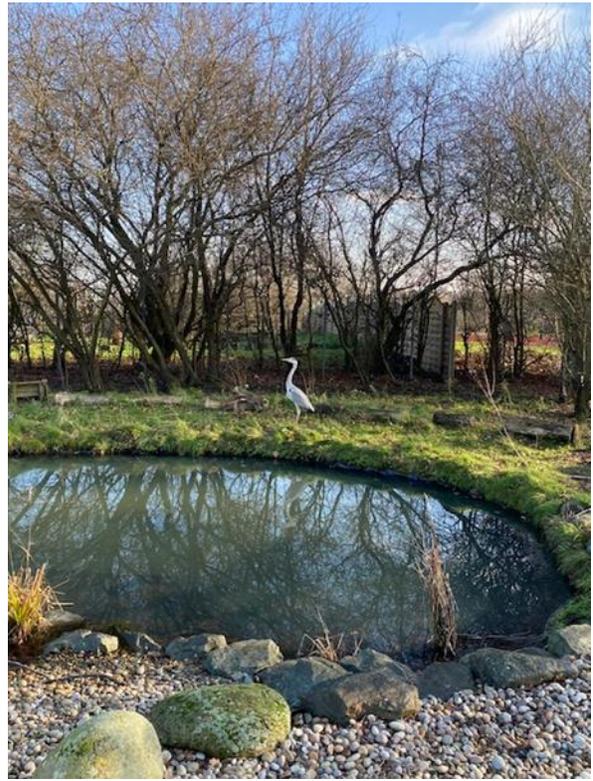


On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January, The Oral Health Educator for Ealing came in to talk to Nursery and Reception about good oral hygiene. We learnt lots about how to keep our teeth and gums healthy. This includes brushing our teeth at least twice a day and after we have eaten sweets. This will keep our teeth strong.

At the end of January, the Nursery children visited the Post Office in small groups, as part of our 'People Who Help Us' topic.



## WILDLIFE AT OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION



Last week the pond was visited by a Grey Heron. This is the first time I have seen anything like this by the pond. This is a great start to our project to develop a nature area within the school grounds. This idea is being developed through our collaboration with the 'Sustainability Managers for Schools' Programme. Through this project we are hoping to become a home for more wildlife including owls. We are also **planning to grow plants** such as tomatoes and vegetables to teach the children about food produce and sustainability.

If there are any parents interested in supporting this project and commit to coming into school once a week for an hour or two please contact the school office on [admin@olovrc.com](mailto:admin@olovrc.com) and someone will get back to you with more details.

## SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP – JANUARY 2025

Year 5 pupils started the year with a Boccia Competition. Boccia is a team game where each player has 2 balls and you aim to hit the 'JACK' target. You can also aim to knock away the opponent team balls. It's really fun!

Our 2 teams played several games against other schools. We started out well and learned lots of techniques to improve.

What a thrill to hear our school announced as bronze medal winners.

Well done to all our players.



## YEAR 6 BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Year 6 pupils played in the 3 x 3 Basketball finals at Cardinal Wiseman School. The squad of 6 rotated on court, and everyone worked hard playing 9 matches. As our Teamwork improved so did our results. Our Player of the Match was Dario. Well done to all the Team.



**WE ARE ALL TEAM VISITATION**

# ACHIEVEMENTS

**ATTENDANCE:** Please see the table below for class attendance this term.

Congratulations to 4Y for 99.2% attendance this week.

<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>94.4%</b>
<b>BUTTERFLIES</b>	<b>95.2%</b>
<b>BUMBLEBEES</b>	<b>94.8%</b>
<b>1B</b>	<b>90.6%</b>
<b>1K</b>	<b>95.6%</b>
<b>2P</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>2W</b>	<b>94.3%</b>
<b>3G</b>	<b>96.7%</b>
<b>3R</b>	<b>97.5%</b>
<b>4C</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
<b>4Y</b>	<b>99.2%</b>
<b>5D</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
<b>5Y</b>	<b>97.6%</b>
<b>6R</b>	<b>93.6%</b>
<b>6W</b>	<b>95.3%</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.6%</b>

**PRAISE CERTIFICATES:** Each week children are awarded a Praise Certificate for a range of reasons; excellent work, making a greater effort, consistent and sustained improvement, displaying the Gospel Values of friendship, supporting and helping others, to name but a few. Congratulations to the following children who received the Praise Certificate this week.

**Adela and Nela – 1B**

**Maria and Gabriella G – 1K**

**Ami and Karol – 2P**

**Isaac and Darcey – 2W**

**The Whole Class! – 3G**

**Casien and Tahlia – 3R**

**Angelika and Elijah – 4C**

**Saraiya and Keegan – 4Y**

**Myla and Luca – 5D**

**Deniro and Kezia – 5Y**

**Zyon and Joshua – 6R**

**Julia and Ogechi – 6W**

**CITIZENSHIP AWARD:** Our citizenship award is awarded weekly to pupils who display good citizenship and Gospel Values; for example, Kindness, Inclusion, Tolerance, Respect and following school rules.

This half term we are focusing on SOLIDARITY AND PEACE. God calls us to be peacemakers in the world – to stand in solidarity with those in need.

Solidarity is not just feeling sorry for those who suffer. It is a commitment to action. Wherever we are. Whatever our age. Whatever our circumstances. We are all responsible for one another.

**Ethan – 1B**

**Valentina – 1K**

**Enzo – 2P**

**Louisa – 2W**

**Miss Durrant – 3G**

**Casien – 3R**

**Elijah – 4C**

**Miss Yadav – 4Y**

**Kamil – 5D**

**Jardine – 5Y**

**Breno – 6R**

**Micaiah – 6W**