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We Pray



WE PRAY

You are the peace of all things  
calm,  
You are the place to hide from  
harm,  
You are the light that shines in  
dark,  
You are the heart's eternal  
spark.  
You are my Lord and with me  
still,  
You are my love, keep me from  
ill.  
You are the light, the truth, the  
way,  
You are my SAVIOUR this very  
day.

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 16<sup>th</sup> Mass with the  
Bishop – 12pm**  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

We have had a very busy half term with workshops, theme weeks, and sustainability initiatives. I would like to thank all those involved for their hard work.

Well done to Mrs Rice and Mrs Warren our sustainability leads who have made a successful bid to further develop our pond area to increase its biodiversity.

Thank you to the FOTV and the other parents who organised and supported the Valentine Ball. It was a really lovely evening. The children enjoyed the dancing and the activities and were impeccably behaved. Over £500 was raised. Well done.

**CHEWING GUM:** Some children in the junior school have decided that it is ok to bring in sweets and chewing gum, which they then spit out on the playground floor. This is disgusting and risks ruining our lovely school environment. Please check that your child is not bringing sweets and chewing gum to school. Any found will be thrown in the bin!

**CAKE SALE and FELIX FOOD:** I have had a number of concerns raised by parents about the unruly behaviour and young children being crushed by the crowds trying to get to the cakes. Apologies to anyone distressed by this behaviour. In future we will organise a queueing system so that food is distributed fairly.

Have a lovely half term. Let's hope the sun comes out!

**PARENT FORUM:** The school is taking part in a local authority initiative, working with the families we serve.

National research into the progress and attainment of pupils from different ethnic groups show that children from a black and mixed black and white Caribbean background do not make as much progress as they go through school compared with other groups. Ealing has seen a similar picture. At Our Lady of the Visitation we would like to work with families from this background initially. We would like to work with parents to look at what we can do together to improve the outcomes for all our children. Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter for further information and how to sign up to be a part of this work.

**Diary Dates**

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

**World Book Day**  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

**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*)



# PARENT Voice

## We need parents

We are establishing a Parental Forum specifically for parents of Black and Mixed White and Black children. This forum aims to:

- Create a supportive space where parents can share experiences
- Discuss challenges
- Work collaboratively with the school to ensure the best outcomes for their children.

We encourage parents to get involved and be part of this important initiative.



## The Reason...

In January 2022, the Ealing Race Equality Commission published 'Do Something Good', highlighting racial inequality in Ealing. The report revealed significant gaps in educational outcomes for Black Caribbean and Mixed White and Black Caribbean students, stressing the need for targeted support to address these disparities. At Our Lady we are committed to ensuring that all our pupils reach their full potential regardless of their background.

If you would like to be part of this exciting initiative, please follow the link below and fill out the survey.

<https://forms.gle/YvmgRn5hjBy9qxEB9>

## 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.

Information leaflet: <https://padlet.com/EalingFSN/ealing-family-support-network-uz3amlajn58f8lg5/wish/9kmlZVkvxALwWpgV>



### 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>

# ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Congratulations to 6W for 97.6% attendance this week.

<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>88.2%</b>
<b>BUTTERFLIES</b>	<b>86.9%</b>
<b>BUMBLEBEES</b>	<b>90.8%</b>
<b>1B</b>	<b>91.9%</b>
<b>1K</b>	<b>92.3%</b>
<b>2P</b>	<b>94.2%</b>
<b>2W</b>	<b>95.2%</b>
<b>3G</b>	<b>94.9%</b>
<b>3R</b>	<b>95.5%</b>
<b>4C</b>	<b>93.7%</b>
<b>4Y</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>5D</b>	<b>91.4%</b>
<b>5Y</b>	<b>96.1%</b>
<b>6R</b>	<b>86.1%</b>
<b>6W</b>	<b>97.6%</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>92.9%</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.

**Laura and Royce - Bumblebees**

**Carter and Daisy - Butterflies**

**Bianka, Amari and Rebecca – 1B**

**Gabriella K and Sophie – 1K**

**Mary-Grace and Amelia – 2P**

**Szymon and Amelia S – 2W**

**Stanley and Kasia – 3G**

**The Whole Class! – 3R**

**Ollie and Hashvin – 4C**

**Ethel and Jayden – 4Y**

**Eliza and Mikolaj – 5D**

**Therese and Yorkabel – 5Y**

**Zyon and Molly – 6R**

**Mayoora 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.

**Nela – 1B**

**Ryan – 1K**

**Daniel – 2P**

**Anthony – 2W**

**Finley – 3G**

**Tahlia – 3R**

**Anjlana – 4C**

**Daniel – 4Y**

**Lucas – 5D**

**Arvin – 5Y**

**Venushan – 6R**

**Kadin – 6W**