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Prayer for The Feast of The Holy Rosary

Hail Mary, full of grace.
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our
death. Amen.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS



Tuesday 7th October Rosary – Yr 5 in
Church 9.20am (pupils only)

Tuesday 14th October Rosary – Yr 4
in Church 9.20am (pupils only)

Tuesday 21st October Rosary – Yr 3
in Church 9.20am (pupils only)

Wednesday 22nd October – Harvest
Liturgy 9.30am Infants 10am Juniors

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER IN OUR SCHOOL: As a Catholic school, prayer is at the very heart of our life together. It is through prayer that we grow in friendship with God, deepen our faith and learn to place our trust in Him. Prayer unites us as a school family – it reminds us that we are part of God's wider family, called to love, serve and support one another.

At school, our children experience prayer in many ways: in daily classroom prayers, in collective worship, in Mass and in their own quiet moments of reflection. These opportunities help them to develop a rhythm of prayer that can support them throughout their lives, not only in times of joy but also when they face challenges.

The month of October is a special time in the Church, dedicated to Our Lady and to the prayer of the Rosary. The Rosary is a beautiful and powerful form of prayer that helps us to reflect on the key moments of Jesus' life, through the eyes of His Blessed Mother. Each "mystery" of the Rosary is like a window into God's love for us and by praying it, we draw closer to Jesus and Mary.

During October, we encourage families to find moments at home to pray the Rosary together, even if just a decade at a time.

In school, the children will be learning about this devotion and having opportunities to pray it in age-appropriate ways. We began this week with year 6 joining year 7 pupils from Cardinal Wiseman High School. It is our hope that these practices not only enrich their faith now but also give them a lasting spiritual foundation for the future.

Let us continue to encourage our children to see prayer as a gift – a conversation with God who loves them deeply – and to keep Mary's example of faith and trust close to their hearts.

Diary Dates

Friday 10th October – **Staff training day. School closed to pupils**

Thursday 23rd October – **Parental Consultations – school closes at 2.00pm**

Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October - **Half Term**

Thursday 18th December – Last day of term for Afternoon Nursery

Friday 19th December – **Last day of the school term – School finishes at 1.30pm**

Spring Term

Monday 5th January 2026 - **Pupils return to school after the holidays**

Please find attached a full list of diary dates for the Autumn Term, these are also available on the school website.

HARVEST: Thank you to those families who have already contributed to our **HARVEST** promise this year to support our local food bank. We will be collecting throughout the month of OCTOBER. Just one item per family will make a massive difference to local families in need—thank you for your generosity!

Suggested items:

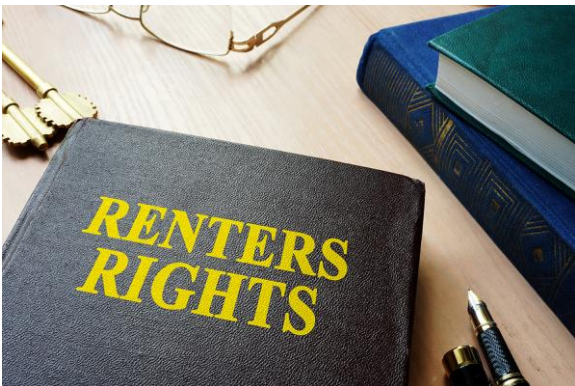
- Tinned Veggie main meals
- Tinned Chickpeas & Vegetables
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned chunky Soups
- Peanut Butter/Jam/Marmalade
- Instant Coffee
- Savoury Biscuits and snacks

HOMELESS: We will be collecting the following items for homeless men and women next week;

- Trainers
- Jumpers/ sweatshirts
- Coats including rain coats

These items must be waerable with no holes. Please bring any donations in a bag to the school office.

RENTERS RIGHTS: There will be a meeting in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 22nd October. Timings will be sent out nearer the time. If you are experiencing difficulties with your rented accommodation please attend the meeting. Someone there will be able to give you professional advice.



SUPPORTING MATHS LEARNING AND HAVING FUN:

BBC Bitesize Primary has launched a new **KS1 game** to help children to practise measuring and comparing the mass of different objects. [The Canine Crew\(link is external\)](#) features some of the dogs from Woofington Village as they go about their business.

In a series of engaging tasks pupils can help Postie Dog to sort parcels into 'lighter or heavier than', Baker Dog to measure ingredients for a batch of dog treats and Builder Dog to get the right supplies for the kennels she needs to build.

Also new on BBC Bitesize Primary, all of the KS1 and KS2 maths content has been completely overhauled with an interactive format which offers children step-by-step progress through key mathematical concepts.

For full details visit [BBC Bitesize\(link is external\)](#) (BBC website)

DONATIONS FOR NURSERY & RECEPTION:

We are always on the lookout for any **unwanted toys** that may be looking for a new home. If you're having a clear-out and come across any **clean, gently used toys** that your children no longer play with, we would be so grateful if you'd consider donating them to the school. Items like small world figures, construction toys (e.g. Lego, Duplo), pretend play items, puzzles, books, and vehicles are especially appreciated. Your generous donations help us keep our learning environment fun, creative, and full of opportunities for imaginative play! If you do have anything to donate, please feel free to bring it in and drop it off at the Nursery or Reception entrance.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

The EYFS Team

A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLLS: The Presidents of Churches Together In England, which includes Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, have issued a statement expressing "deep concern" about the symbols and words of the Christian faith being co-opted to support messages that breed hostility towards others.

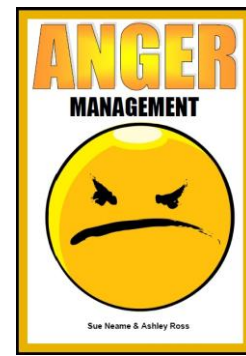
They write:

As leaders of Christian Churches in this country, we wish to express our deep concern that in the recent rally "Unite the Kingdom" and in other places, use has been made, by some, of the symbols and words of the Christian faith to support views and attitudes actually opposed to their message. In contrast, we wish to state clearly some of the key messages of our shared faith that are a crucial contribution to the well-being of all people in our lands.

The Cross of Christ reveals God's overwhelming and unconditional love for every single human being. The Cross calls us to love our land and its communities and to serve its well-being. But, equally, we are called to love members of other nations too. The Cross and the Gospel of Christ must never be co-opted to support the messages that breed hostility towards others. Its message never legitimises rejection, hatred or superiority towards people of other cultures.

This ethic is core to a biblical vision. In the Old Testament, God commands the people of Israel, "When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." (Leviticus 19:33-34). Jesus intensifies this call when proclaiming that love for the least is love for himself, saying, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

As Christians, we wish all policy to be grounded in solid and compassionate values. So, we pray for a generous and just spirit, which does not demonise the other simply for being other. We pray that we can have mercy on those in need who legitimately come seeking our aid. We pray for a true Christian revival where people of all creeds and none, of all ethnicities and ways of life, can feel secure and appreciated for the gifts they bring.



ANGER MANAGEMENT: Every year many thousands of children are referred to Childline for anger issues. Anger management in children is one of the top mental health concerns in childcare. Anger and the ability to control it are key skills of adulthood. Violent thoughts frequently bubble underneath human interactions. Anger is the quickest way for those thoughts to become reality. For this reason it is tightly regulated in our society. Children must learn to overcome anger so that they do not fall a foul of strict controls on violent conduct. However, this is difficult for children to learn to manage since anger is remarkably powerful. Yet as parents and teachers there is no choice but to teach them to reign these emotions in. This can be hard knowledge to impart, but the NSPCC has produced helpful resources to aid you in that vital mission. If interested, please follow the link below:

With thousands of children turning to Childline for anger issues support each year it's understandable to worry about what's happening and why. This page is here to help you find ideas you can try to help you cope.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/arguments-conflict-family-tension>

SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP – BOROUGH XC race 2025

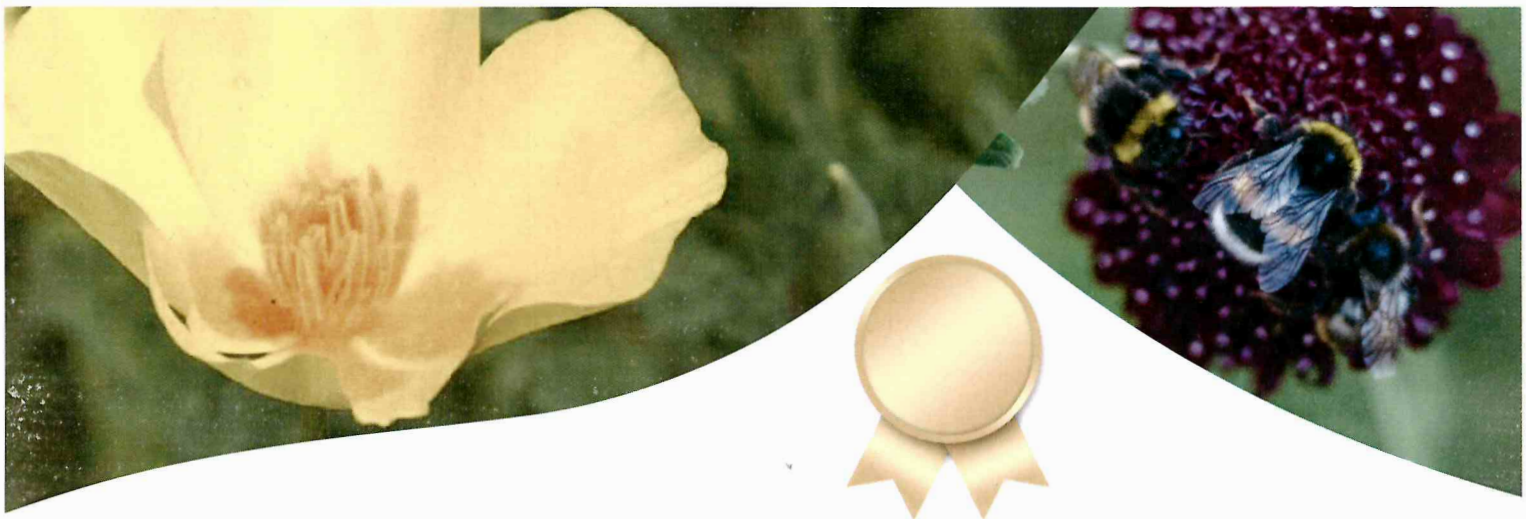


26 athletes from Year 6 and Year 5 ran the Ealing Borough Mile Race at Berkeley Fields. There were lots of schools taking part and our pupils were proud to represent Our Lady of the Visitation. Here we have before and after photos.

A particular mention here for Dominik in Year 6 who was determined to defend the title that he won in Year 5 - and he did it. Everyone should be proud of their achievement in completing the course - it's tougher than it sounds.



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Cultivating Ealing Best School Wildlife Garden Award 2025

Proudly Presented To

*Our Lady of the Visitation
Catholic Primary School*

for their entry in the
Ealing Biodiversity Awards for
Gardens and Green Spaces 2025
Schools category

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ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Congratulations to 2J and 5B for 100% attendance this week.

NURSERY	91%
BUTTERFLIES	94.4%
BUMBLEBEES	98.6%
1K	96.1%
1S	97.8%
2B	99.3%
2J	100%
3G	97.8%
3Y	97.4%
4C	99%
4F	99%
5B	100%
5W	98.8%
6P	99%
6W	98.3%
Whole School	97.3%

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.

Noel and Astrid - Bumblebees

Timothy and Rahela – Butterflies

Oliver and Lily – 1K

Issac and Matteo – 1S

Adam and Archie – 2B

Lithushnavi and David-Cross – 2J

Charles and Amelia – 3G

Nadia and Isaac – 3Y

Josh and Matilde – 4C

Fintan and Maria – 4F

Nora and Riley – 5B

Ashlyn and Daniel – 5W

Dominik and Mollie – 6P

Pearl and Harry – 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 will be focusing on the theme CARE OF CREATION. We are looking for children who look after the environment and the resources we provide for them.

Ivy – 1K

Megan – 1S

Lily T – 2B

Amelia – 2J

Mary-Grace – 3G

Precious – 3Y

Niamh – 4C

Tegan – 4F

Chimdi – 5B

Ethel – 5W

Rhea – 6P

Matilda – 6W