Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School

Newsletter July 2026

Faith, Love, Learning

Headteacher's Message

As we reach the end of another academic year, it is hard to believe how quickly the time has passed. It has been a year filled with learning, achievement and memorable experiences, and I am incredibly proud of all that our children have accomplished. They have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, resilience and determination, demonstrating the values that make our school such a special place.

Throughout the term, pupils have enjoyed a wide range of enriching experiences both inside and outside the classroom. Geography field trips to Lullingstone, the beach and the local area helped bring learning to life. Reception enjoyed welcoming some furry visitors and Year 1 made puppets with their parents. All children took part in Sports Day with St John house being victorious. These events are always a highlight of school life, and we are grateful to the many parents and family members who joined us and supported the children.

As always, our school community has been strengthened by the partnership between home and school. Your encouragement, support and involvement in school life play an invaluable role in helping our children thrive, and we are very grateful for everything you do.

At this time of year, we also prepare to say farewell to our Year 6 pupils. Over the years, we have watched them grow into confident, caring and responsible young people who make a positive contribution to our school community. They have worked incredibly hard in preparing for their end-of-year production, Leavers' Assembly and Mass, and they leave us with many happy memories. We are immensely proud of them and know that they will continue to flourish as they begin the next stage of their education. We wish them every success and happiness for the future.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated staff, governors, parents and pupils for making this such a successful and enjoyable year. Together, we have created a school community where children feel valued, supported and inspired to achieve their best.

On behalf of everyone at Our Lady, I wish you and your families a happy, peaceful and restful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning and growth.

Mrs Byrne

Nursery News

This term in nursery, our theme has been all about Bears. We have shared books including 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' where we explored a range of sensory textures likes the thick oozy mud and the icy snowstorm. We then went on our own Bear Hunt in the forest school. The children packed a picnic for a trip to the moon, just like the bear in the story 'Whatever Next' and finally, we created our own version of the story 'Brown Bear what do you see?'
In phonics, the children have explored segmenting and blending orally and exploring alliteration when grouping objects by initial sound. We have been really focusing on developing fine motor skills for name writing and pencil grip in order to help the children prepare for their transition to Reception.

As the children come to the end of the school year and their time in nursery, Mrs Hall, Mrs Sharp and Mrs Hastings would like to express how proud they are of all the children's achievements. We have had a fantastic year and wish the children the best of luck for their next adventure in primary school!

Mrs Hall

Reception News

The year has gone by so quickly and we cannot believe we have reached the end of the year. The children enjoyed this term's topic 'Explorers' and loved our weekly themed focuses visiting different environments such as London, jungles, seaside, space and even going back into the past to learn about pirates. In Literacy, the children have been writing with more independence and working on neat presentation and correct letter formation.

In Maths, the children have worked hard on sharing, grouping and using positional language. The children learnt about maps and identified locations around the school to find the treasure during our pirate themed week. The children also met up with their buddies to say goodbye and wish them well in secondary school. A big well done to all of Reception for their hard work this year. You have made your teachers proud, and we wish the children all the best in Year 1.

Ms Evans and Miss Keenan

Year 1 News

Year 1 have had a busy but fun summer term. In English we have been reading traditional tales such as Rapunzel, The Gingerbread Man and Little Red Riding Hood. We have had the opportunity to role play the stories out and retell them in our own words. In Maths we have learned to name coins and read the time to o'clock and half past the hour. Most recently the children had a wonderful afternoon where their parents/carers were invited in to help them make their own puppet as part of their D.T topic. They all created incredible characters that they were so proud of.

We would like to say what a pleasure it has been to work with the children and parents in Year 1 and wish everyone a well-deserved summer break ready to return in September to start in year 2.

Miss Creed, Mrs Pinto and Miss Ives

Year 2 News

With the year coming to a close, Year 2 have a lot to look back on!

In Geography, we have learnt about the physical and human features that can be found in coastal locations. The children were thrilled to have the opportunity to go and visit Joss Bay, where they had the chance to explore rock pools looking for local wildlife and build sandcastles before dipping their toes in the sea. Many thanks to all the parents who accompanied us – we couldn't have done it without you!

In English, we read 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', which inspired us to write our own versions of the story. When at the beach, we made sure to learn from Mr Grinling's mistakes and ate on the coach!

In Art, we experimented with clay and made house inspired tiles using techniques such as cross and slip and impressing.

The Year 2 team would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the parents who have supported us this year - so, whether you've accompanied us on school trips or have come into school to help your child build, make and create, thank you!

We wish all the children the best of luck as they move into the Juniors and cannot wait to see how they continue to grow in Year 3.

Miss Crew and Miss Galvin

Year 3 News

It has been a busy and productive few weeks for Year 3. The children have handled the heat incredibly well, and their positive attitude has kept the classroom energy high.

In Geography, the children have turned into brilliant researchers, diving deep into the formation of rivers and exploring the different stages of the water cycle. In DT, Year 3 constructed their own impressive castles using 3D shape nets. They thought hard about the features a castle has and who they were making their castles for.

In English, the classes have thoroughly enjoyed reading The Hodgeheg by Dick King-Smith. They did a fantastic job of using inverted commas to write dialogue for the main characters and crafted some beautifully detailed setting descriptions.

Thank you for all your support this year. Good luck to all of Year 3 as they start their new adventure in Year 4!

Miss Greally and Miss Glennon

Year 4 News

The children have had a fantastic last half term in Year 4 working incredibly hard. Where has the time gone?

In English, the children read the 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' and had fun tasting different teas as part of our descriptive writing.

In History, we explored the Ancient Mayans. The children enjoyed learning about their city layouts, entertainment, beliefs and their discovery of chocolate.

In Science, the children investigated the viscosity of liquids. The children explored fair testing and completed experiments to test if the viscosity of a liquid affects the speed at which it flows.

In DT, the children have designed and made mechanical toy cars using specific design criteria. It was lovely to see them enjoy testing their final products – they were so excited to take them home!

We would like to wish you all the very best and thank you for the support you have given your child this year. We cannot wait to see the children grow and blossom in Year 5. Have a lovely summer!

Mrs Hamilton and Miss Simmons

Year 5 News

Year 5 have had a fantastic final term. They have enjoyed the warm weather and have worked really hard in their end of year assessments.

In English, we have been exploring 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare. The children have produced and performed amazing soliloquies inspired by the play.

In Maths, Year 5 have learnt about volume and capacity and used cubes to explore the volume of different shapes around the school.

They have been reflective in R.E, exploring rules and responsibilities and how they can use God's word to be peacemakers of the world.

5EE have been building on their teamwork skills in P.E and 5JT have achieved their personal goals in swimming which they should be very proud of.

A highlight of the half term was the children's learning in DT. They worked collaboratively to design and make an electric system; a doodler which is used to create patterns on a page.

We are very proud of the progress they have made this year and hope all the children have a well-deserved restful summer break, ready for Year 6.

Mrs Everett and Miss Tomlinson

Year 6 News

As the Year 6 children come to the end of their time at Our Lady of the Rosary, they have shared so many wonderful memories throughout this last half term.

During our Science topic, the children continued to learn about the circulatory system in our bodies. In English, the children wrote some fantastic memories of their time at Our Lady and letters to their past teachers.

The school and the Year 6 parents had the pleasure of watching the children put on an incredible show of A Peace Child for their end of Year 6 production, demonstrating some brilliant talents and singing. They also put on a memorable leaver's assembly for both the school and their parents, sharing their memories from throughout the school as well as letters they had written for their teachers from throughout the years. Year 6 took over the school - they applied for the roles they would like to take and planned the lessons/work they would undertake. The feedback from the teaching staff was outstanding.

Each and every child in Year 6 has worked incredibly hard all year and we are all very proud of every single one of them. We wish them all the best of luck during their next adventures at secondary school.

Miss Doughty and Mrs Evans

Attendance – 1st June to 13th July

Class	Number of Absences	Number of Lates	% Attendance
RJE	155	12	90.7
RSK	169	22	90.1
1CP	160	20	88.8
1LS	115	25	91.9
2EC	156	23	86.8
2HG	140	6	88.7
3GL	141	38	91.6
3GR	187	26	89.5
4NS	212	51	87.8
4VH	148	23	91.4
5EE	148	18	91.9
5JT	218	49	88.3
6HE	228	38	87.3
6MD	191	11	89.7

JRSO

Scooter School Success!

Our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) recently teamed up with Year 2 pupils for an exciting, three-session "Scooter School." The year two pupils worked hard to master essential safety skills, including stopping safely on command, avoiding obstacles with control, crossing roads responsibly.

Our JRSOs led the group fantastically, showing great leadership and enthusiasm. Huge congratulations to our Year 2 pupils, who stayed sensible, focused, and safe at all times. The project was a massive success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved!



SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 - 2027

Autumn term

- Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 23rd October
- Half term – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October
- Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December

Spring term

- Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February
- Half term – Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February
- Monday 22nd February to Thursday 25th March

Summer term

- Monday 12th April to Friday 28th May
- Half Term – Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
- Monday 7th June to Thursday 22nd July

Inset days

- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Monday 2nd November 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Tuesday 5th January 2027
- Monday 7th June 2027

Public holidays

- Good Friday: 26th March 2027
- Easter Monday: 29th March 2027
- Early May Bank holiday: 3rd May 2027
- Spring May Bank holiday: 31st May 2027



We are proud to announce that we are a myHappymind Bronze Accredited School!

This means that, as a school, we consider the mental health and wellbeing of our children as one of our top priorities. We have created a whole-school culture that helps build our children's resilience, confidence, and self-esteem, as well as teaching them how to self-regulate during stressful times.

This Accreditation badge has been awarded thanks to all the effort our staff, children, governors, and parents have put in to bring the lessons of myHappymind to life across our school.

To learn more about the myHappymind for Schools programme, visit their website here:

https://myhappymind.org/

SUMMER Holiday Fun

Lesnes Abbey Woods



Mini Beasts Workshop (1¼ hours)

10 August 10am or 11.30am or 1pm. £3 per child (adults free)
Explore the park looking for fascinating bugs and insects (family workshop)



In the Wild Holiday Club (Ages 7-11)

24 – 28 August 9.30 - 2.30pm daily £10 per child
Each day will involve being out in nature doing different activities such as arts and crafts, games, den building, whittling, minibeast hunting, fossil digging and fire. Campfire cooking or packed lunches will also be provided for each day.

Bat Walk (2 hours)

26 August 7.30pm. £3 per person A nocturnal walk through the woods, looking for bats using specialist equipment.







Scan here for tickets

For all booking information please go to **www.lesnesabbeywoods.org**

All workshops have been subsided by a grant from National Lottery Heritage Fund

Lesnes Abbey Woods

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North West Kent COUNTRYSIDE protect / explore / enjoy

LONDON BOROUGH OF BEXLEY

Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

Parent / Carer Support Group



Date and Time: 23rd July 2026, 10-11.30 AM OR 1.30-3 PM

Location: Bexleyheath Central Library – Dickens Room (DA6 7HL)

Bexley Educational Psychologists are providing parents / carers the space to share their experiences, hear from others and gain support as part of a network for those supporting children and young people who are experiencing anxiety-related difficulties around attending school (including Emotional Based School Avoidance)

Please be aware that we are running two sessions for this date – if you are interested in attending, please let us know which time slot you would like to attend.

Parallel to both meetings, we will have a space for young people offering games, crafts and other regulating activities while parents/ carers are attending the support meeting. All activities will be run by two of our Assistant Educational Psychologists.

If you are interested in attending the group meeting, please sign up by emailing:

parentebsasupport@bexley.gov.uk


SAVE THE DATE!
SUMMER FETE
RESCHEDULED TO
FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL
STALLS & ATTRACTIONS
ALL THE FAVOURITES!
TUCK SHOP
FOOTBALL TOMBOLA
RAFFLE
BOTTLE TOMBOLA
TEDDY TOMBOLA
GAMES
CRAFTS
CRAFTS
LIVE PERFORMANCES
SWEET TOMBOLA
AND LOTS MORE!
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
TIME: 3:30 - 5:30PM
LOCATION: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUND