Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School

Newsletter May 2026

Faith, Love, Learning

Headteacher's Message

The Summer term is always a busy one. The Year 6 children have worked very hard and completed their Statutory Assessment Tests. They were exemplary throughout and we are very proud of all their efforts throughout the week.

We have had parents into school to help Year 2 with their DT project and Years 4 and 5 celebrated Mass in school. It was lovely to see so many parents in attendance. Thank you again for your continued support. Your attendance and participation at events makes such a difference to the children.

Father John joined the school in our annual re-dedication service; leading a decade of the Rosary. The children read and sang beautifully as we asked Mary to continue to watch over and guide us. The children are still enjoying the new toys and equipment at lunchtimes and the well-being ambassadors have been leading My HappyMind sessions in class. As the weather warms up, it has been lovely to see the children using the field again at lunch times and during PE lessons. They have been practising for Sports Day which will be a lovely way for the whole school to come together to end the half term. The Parents Association have been busy this term collecting donations for the summer fete. This is the main fundraising event of the year and monies raised provides extra things for the children that our school budget cannot cover. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

Nursery News

This term in Nursery, our topic has been "Journeys" and the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring lots of exciting ways to travel. We have imagined travelling into space on a rocket, flying through the sky in a hot air balloon, and riding on a steam train! The children have planned their own journeys using maps and pictures, and have created postcards to their families about their adventures.

Throughout the topic, the children have been encouraged to give meaning to their drawings, share their ideas confidently, and speak in full sentences when talking about their experiences and learning.

In Phonics, we are very pleased with the progress the children are making. They are beginning to segment sounds in simple words and are becoming confident at sorting objects by their initial sounds.

We are very proud of all the children and the wonderful achievements they have made this term. We are now preparing for our Sports Day by developing our gross motor skills outside using new equipment and playing new games. We look forward to showing off our skills next term.

Mrs Hall

Reception News

This half term we have been learning about different groups of animals such as pets, zoo animals, sea creatures, minibeasts, wild animals and farm animals. We have learnt about what they need to be happy and healthy and where they live. We have used a different story each week to introduce the animals. We read the story Dear Zoo and the children contributed to a class book with the same theme. The children created colourful fish using different techniques when we read The Rainbow fish.

We learnt about the life cycle of a caterpillar by watching our class caterpillars turn into butterflies when we read The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We finished the half term with a visit from Wild Science when the children had the opportunity to interact with some interesting creatures. As part of the art curriculum, the children have been creating their own minibeast using clay. The children also learnt about gratitude during the My Happy Mind programme and have been practising their happy breathing.

Ms Evans and Miss Keenan

Year 1 News

It has been an exciting summer term. Year 1 have enjoyed English lessons reading stories about superheroes and developing their comprehension skills by answering questions about different texts. In Maths, the children explored finding quantities of fractions, and in Phonics they have worked hard in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check.

In History, the children enjoyed learning about toys from the past and comparing them with toys today. Art has been a popular subject and the children have learnt what sculptures are and worked collaboratively to create spider sculptures.

A memorable experience this term was the farm visit, where the children enjoyed taking part in different activities, meeting the animals and learning about life on a farm. The children should be very proud of all they have achieved this term.

Miss Creed, Mrs Pinto and Miss Ives

Year 2 News

The children of Year 2 have enjoyed discovering how schools have changed over time as part of their History topic this half term. They used primary sources and artefacts such as the old school log book,

register and photographs to see how Our Lady of the Rosary has changed since it opened in 1954 and also enjoyed the opportunity to dress up as Victorian schoolchildren to experience a Victorian school day. Whilst they enjoyed Maths, Drill, an object lesson and learning about Queen Victoria, they were not so keen on some of the punishments of the time and staying silent in lessons!

In RE, we have been learning about some of the events that happened between the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The children wrote thoughtful prayers and poems about the Holy Spirit and how it helps and guides us in our daily lives.

In Science, we have been learning about what seeds need to germinate and what plants need to grow well. We also learned about plant life cycles and planted tomato seeds so that we could observe and record how they grew and changed over time.

The children have also enjoyed the opportunity to learn about levers and mechanisms in DT lessons this half term. Their final task was to knowledge and skills they acquired during the topic to make a moving monster. The final products looked great - many thanks to all the adults who came to help them make their designs a reality during the Year 2 Express Event!

Miss Crew and Miss Galvin

Year 3 News

This term, Year 3 travelled back in time to explore the Ancient Egyptians. In History, they investigated the mystery of the mummification process, discovered the importance of the River Nile, and decoded hieroglyphics. The children found it fascinating to replicate an Egyptian mummy by mummifying a tomato. The children also loved creating their own authentic Egyptian scrolls in Art and even made modern day papyrus paper!

In Science, our plant topic sparked lots of investigation. The children ran classroom experiments to see how water affects a plants growth and they grew cress in different lighting.

In RE, the children learnt about the Holy Spirit and its amazing gifts. They really enjoyed reflecting on how these spiritual gifts, such as wisdom, caring and kindness can inspire people to help others.
The children have worked hard this term and we are very proud of them.

Miss Greally and Miss Glennon

Year 4 News

It has been an incredibly busy and productive half term for Year 4! Our young scientists have been developing their taxonomist skills by classifying plants and animals based on their observable characteristics. In History, the children have been transported back to the era of the Anglo-Saxons, exploring the spread of Christianity and the significant reign of Alfred the Great. They particularly enjoyed investigating the treasures of Sutton Hoo and analysing various historical sources to piece together the past.
Our creative side has flourished in Art, where the children have been studying intricate rainforest imagery to produce detailed, close-up drawings. This theme continued into English, where the class has been

immersed in the world of *The Jungle Book*. Beyond exploring the "Law of the Jungle," the children have been busy analysing character dialogue and mastering the various features of punctuated speech.
We are so proud of how hard the children have worked this half term, and they are all due a well-deserved break!

Mrs Hamilton and Miss Simmons

Year 5 News

Year 5 have had a fantastic half term with lots of exciting learning opportunities. 5JT have continued their swimming lessons and have all made excellent progress in their abilities. 5EE have been learning the rules of basketball and have built upon their teamwork skills.

In English, the children have been exploring 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo and have worked towards writing, editing and publishing the next part of the story.

Year 5 have challenged themselves in Maths this half term and have been working hard to add, subtract, divide and multiply decimals.

In History, Year 5 have learnt about the Ancient Greeks and their legacy. They particularly enjoyed having debates and putting Socrates on trial.

In R.E the children have reflected on transformation and have considered how people can transform their lives through God's love and guidance.

We hope the children have a restful break and we look forward to seeing them in their final half term of Year 5.

Mrs Everett and Miss Tomlinson

Year 6 News

This term, Year 6 have continued exploring Holes by Louis Sachar, using the story as a springboard for creative writing across a range of genres - both fiction and non-fiction. Within their History, they have begun exploring World War II following on from their trip last half term and are building on their knowledge about why the war began, the Blitz and the Battle of Britan.

The children tackled SATs week with determination and resilience and we're incredibly proud of the effort they all put in. Each and every one of them should be proud of themselves and the work they have put into them throughout this year. Well done everyone!

The children also had a brilliant time filming their Graduoke video - a fun, creative way to capture memories from their final year at primary school.

We're excited for what the final half term brings as we prepare to say goodbye to a fantastic group of pupils.
Miss Doughty and Mrs Evans

JRSO
Junior Road Safety Officer

This month we celebrated Earth Day with the focus being 'Our power, our planet'.

Driving cars to school is a big contributing factor to air pollution. This Earth Day, the Junior road safety officers are asking for as many children as possible to make the time to walk to school and help reduce carbon emissions. We want safer streets and cleaner air at our school.

Why walking to school is important

Switching our short car journeys to walking, wheeling or cycling can have a huge impact on local air pollution. For families, the journey to school is an easy place to start.

Reducing the number of cars outside school gates is vital if we're to protect children's health. Motor vehicles are the biggest source of air pollution, harming children's lungs and increasing the risk of asthma. Air pollution is bad for everyone but it's particularly harmful for children who absorb and retain pollutants in their body for longer.

As well as reducing congestion and pollution, walking to school is an easy way to build more exercise into our daily lives. It's also been shown that children who walk to school arrive feeling more refreshed, alert, and ready to learn.

Our journeys to school are responsible for generating half a million tonnes of CO_2 per year. Imagine what we could achieve if we began converting some of these rides to strides?

The JRSO team will be monitoring how many children walk to school each week.

Help us save our planet, one step at a time!

Happy walking!

From the JRSO team

Ruth - Rose

Maisy -

Jake

Freddie

Wellbeing Ambassadors

As your school Wellbeing Ambassadors, we are excited to share what we have been learning in our latest myHappymind module: Appreciate. In these sessions, we have been discovering how celebrating the good things in our lives completely changes how we think and feel. Instead of focusing on worries, we are training our brains to spot moments of joy, kindness and success every day. We have learnt that building an 'Attitude of Gratitude 'acts like a superpower for our minds, boosting our resilience and spreading positivity across our classrooms.

We want to challenge everyone at home to join us - take a moment today to share one thing you are grateful for with your family!

I am grateful for my teacher – Effie
I am grateful for my mum – Remi
I am grateful for colouring in lunch club – Jayden
I am grateful for my mum – Aria
I am grateful for my family – Nancy
I am grateful for my education – Ibrahim

Attendance 25TH March to 15th May

Class	Number of Absences	Number of Lates	% Attendance
RJE	42	17	97.2
RSK	73	19	95.1
1CP	39	12	96.8
1LS	18	31	98.6
2EC	61	13	94.2
2HG	15	6	98.6
3GL	60	47	95.9
3GR	60	14	96.3
4NS	50	30	96.6
4VH	48	16	96.7
5EE	48	18	96.9
5JT	63	26	96.1
6HE	69	16	95.7
6MD	90	7	94.4

Calendar of Events Summer Term 2026

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	**Half Term**
June	
Monday 1st June	**Children return to school**
	MyHappyMind Whole school Assembly
Wednesday 3rd	No Pens Day!
Thursday 4th	Year 6 CRIBS Transition workshop
Friday 5th	Non uniform day for bottle donations for the school fete
	MP Louie French visiting the School Council
Monday 8th	Year 4 trip to Wildwood
Wednesday 10th	Class RJE Celebration of the Word
	PA Father's Day Sale
Thursday 11th	Class 4VH Celebration of the Word
	2.00 pm Year 3 First Holy Communion Mass
Friday 12th	2.55 pm Year 2 Joss Bay parent meeting
Wednesday 17th	9.00 am Nursery Sports Morning
Thursday 18th	Class 4NS Celebration of the Word
	Non uniform day for chocolate donations for the school fete – Year 2 only
Friday 19th	Non uniform day for chocolate donations for the school fete
	Year 2 trip to Joss Bay
Tuesday 23rd	KS2 Water Safety Assembly
Thursday 25th	Year 6 swimming gala
	9.15 am Meeting for new Nursery parents
Friday 26th	3.45 – 5.30 pm School fayre
Monday 29th to 2nd July	Year 6 Bikeability week
July	
Wednesday 1st	Class RSK Celebration of the Word
	9.00 am Year 4 parent swimming meeting
Monday 6th	Visits for new Nursery children for September 2026 by appointment
	6.30 pm Year 6 play for parents
Tuesday 7th	Visits for new Nursery children for September 2026 by appointment
	6.30 pm Year 6 play for parents
Wednesday 8th	Last swimming lesson for class 5JT
Thursday 9th	9.15 am Meeting for new Reception parents
Friday 10th	9.30 am Rock Steady presentation to parents Reports to be sent home to parents
Monday 13th	MyHappyMind Assembly KS1 Parent meetings to discuss reports – by appointment only
Tuesday 14th	2.00 pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents
Wednesday 15th	KS1 Effort and Achievement Assembly
	Year 3 trip to Lullingstone Park
Thursday 16th	KS2 Effort and Achievement Assembly
Friday 17th	10.00 am Year 6 Leavers Mass at church **1.30 pm Break up for the summer holidays**
Summer Break	**Monday 20th July to Tuesday 1st September**
Wednesday 2nd September	**INSET DAY**
Thursday 3rd September	**Children return to school**

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Upcoming Events

MON 25 MAY | FINAL DAY FOR FATHER'S DAY ORDERS LINK TO ORDERS INSTA BIO: OLOR_PA





FRI 5 JUNE | BOTTLE DONATION/ NON-UNIFORM DAY

FRI 19 JUNE | SWEET DONATION/ NON-UNIFORM DAY





FRI 26 JUNE | SUMMER FÊTE!!!

DONATIONS WIL BE USED AS PRIZES ON STALLS AT THE SUMMER FÊTE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOOL

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TEDDY AND BOOK DONATIONS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS
FOR THE SUMMER FÊTE:
🧸 TEDDIES FOR THE TEDDY STALL
📚 AND NEW THIS YEAR — BOOKS FOR THE BOOK STALL

IF YOU HAVE ANY GOOD-QUALITY ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE GREEN UNIFORM BINS AT EITHER SCHOOL ENTRANCE.
THANK YOU!



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SEND Summer Marketplace

Tuesday 16th June 26

The Danson Youth Centre

Brampton Road, Bexleyheath, DA7 4EZ

9:30am–12:30pm

Pop in to find out about SEND activities during the summer holiday and support in Bexley

- Access Sports
- ADO River Valley
- AIM (Autistic Inclusive Meets)
- Benefits Advisor from DWP
- Bexley Autism Advisory Service
- Bexley IASS (Information Advice & Support Service)
- Bexley Moorings
- Bexley Voice
- Bexley Youth Service
- Carers Support Bexley
- Counselling Matters Bexley
- Designated Clinical Officer for SEND
- Europa Gym
- Fun Friends
- Galaxy Club Bexley
- GOTS (Girls on the Spectrum)
- Health Visitor - SEND Specialist
- Imago
- Irish Community Services
- Jessie's Place
- Kooth
- Mencap
- MIND in Bexley
- Reinstate
- SeeAbility
- Snap
- Staying Together Team
- TAS
- We are Beams
- More tbc...

Just pop in. No need to pre-book!

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Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

Parent / Carer Support Group



Date and Time: **25th June 2026, 12 -1.30 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)

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

parentebsasupport@bexley.gov.uk


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CLOCKTOWER LOCALITY

LOCATION	ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME
STEVENS PARK WELLING, DA16 1LS Main Gate to St Michaels School	BEGINNERS HIIT	MONDAY	18:30 - 19:30
EAST WICKHAM OPEN SPACE WELLING, DA16 3BJ Open Playground Space	BEGINNERS HIIT	TUESDAY	09:30 - 10:30
DANSON PARK BEXLEYHEATH, DA6 8HL Tennis Courts	YOGA	WEDNESDAY	17:30 -18:30
HALL PLACE MAIN FIELD BEXLEY, DA5 1PQ Outdoor Gym Area	BEGINNERS BOOTCAMP	SATURDAY	10:00-11:00

FROGNAL LOCALITY

LOCATION	ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME
OLD FARM PARK OLD FARM AVENUE SIDCUP, DA15 8AN Open Playground Space	BACK TO EXERCISE	MONDAY	17:30 - 18:30
FOOTS CRAY MEADOWS (RIVERSIDE ROAD ENTRANCE) SIDCUP, DA14 4PS Outdoor Gym Area	BACK TO EXERCISE	WEDNESDAY	17:30 - 18:30
WILLERSLEY PARK SIDCUP, DA15 9EN Outdoor Gym	STRENGTH & CONDITIONING	MONDAY	17:30 - 18:30

NORTH BEXLEY

LOCATION	ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME
CRAYDENE OPEN SPACE SLADE GREEN, DA8 2HR Outdoor Gym Area	BEGINNERS CIRCUIT	WEDNESDAY	17:30 - 18:30
SOUTHMERE LAKE THAMESMEAD, SE2 9BS The Link Outdoor Gym	BEGINNERS BOOTCAMP	TUESDAY	10:00-11:00
ABBEY WOOD RECREATION GROUND ABBEY WOOD, DA17 5RL Outdoor Gym Area	STRETCH & BEND	WEDNESDAY	09:15 - 10-:15
BELVEDERE RECREATION GROUND WOOLWICH ROAD, BELVEDERE DA17 5EW Outdoor Gym Area	STRETCH & BEND	WEDNESDAY	19:00 - 20:00
ERITH RIVERSIDE GARDENS ERITH, DA8 1QY Outdoor Gym Area	BEGINNERS BOOTCAMP	SATURDAY	10:00 - 11:00

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