# Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School



# Newsletter - w/e 19th July 2024

#### Reception

Reception have been very busy this term. They have been learning about 'Under the Sea' and the different creatures that live there. We went on our school trip to 'Blue Planet Aquarium' and the children loved seeing all the different sea creatures. Our role play area has also been in the theme of under the sea and the children have had lots of fun and imaginative play in there. The children loved our focus text 'Rainbow Fish' and they were able to understand how important treating everyone equally and kindly is.

The children have also been consolidating their learning in Maths through many practical activities involving numbers to 30 and securing their understanding of number bonds to 10.

We have also had special visitors in our class this term. The children have loved observing caterpillars turning into butterflies and we had lots of discussions about the different stages.

Reception have had a fantastic year, and they have all progressed so much. They are all more than ready for Year 1.

















During our last half term Year 1 have enjoyed the topic 'Royal Patrons'. Children have researched and found out lots of key facts and information about Queen Elizabeth II to write a biography about her. We have also been using the computers to research and find out about Kings and Queens from the past and have been able to sequence the life of Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Victoria on a timeline. Year 1 particularly enjoyed their D&T this half term and had fun designing and making as well as eating a delicious fruit salad fit for a Queen. In Science we had fun planting a sunflower seed and enjoyed observing and talking about the changes over time whilst also investigating which compost grows the tallest sunflower.

You have all worked incredibly hard this year, well done Year 1! Keep up the fantastic work in Year 2.













We have had a fantastic final half term in Year 2. We started the half term off with our school trip to Windmill Animal Farm. The children had a brilliant time from start to finish. We got to feed and hold lots of different animals and we also went on a ride around the farm. The ice cream was a delicious treat too! We have also had French Day and enjoyed learning all about the Olympics and the famous 'Phryges' mascot. We have been learning all about 'The Great Fire of London' in history. The children have found the topic very interesting, and we have completed lots of work about it. We have made timelines of the event, our own houses in DT, created newspaper reports about it and we also wrote diary entries too. We have been learning the time to 5-minute intervals in maths, the children are becoming a lot more confident with telling the time now! In science we have been carrying out lots of investigations testing the properties of different materials. Well done on a brilliant final half term in Year 2, you have all shown you are ready for the juniors in September.

















#### <u>Yr 3</u>

We have had lots of lovely learning experiences this half term including our forest school activities which have been real hit with the class. We have loved forest school and taken every opportunity to work and learn outside. We have perfected the art of making a shelter and made it very homely with log furniture, leaf carpets and sweeping brushes and formed our very own forest band singing all of our favourite songs and using lots of musical instruments. Our book this term was the 'Shamen's Apprentice' linked to our Rainforest topic and we have learned so much about how we all have a part to play in protecting these irreplaceable natural resources to keep our planet healthy and ensure that the animals that live there do not lose their habitats or become endangered. We made some heartfelt posters about the importance of stopping deforestation and using sustainable palm oil products to protect the habitats of orang-utans, rhinos and tigers. There are so many things we can do such as buying and using sustainable products, recycling and reusing things and being mindful of the energy we use in our school and homes. We have also studied rainforest canopies and produced some lovely artwork based on our studies.









Our class trip to the Catalyst Museum was just fantastic and we really wowed the guide with our expert knowledge about rocks and volcanoes at the workshop we attended. At our other workshop we learned lots about soap and had great fun making our own bar of soap.



And last but not least, the class were simply 'purrfect' performing the cat song and dance at the KS2 play – what a wonderful performance they gave and a fantastic way to end such a successful year – well done Year 3!



The thing I have enjoyed most this year has been listening to our wonderful musical class singing - which we do with such great enthusiasm and at the drop of a hat – the phrase 'all singing and dancing' could have been written for Year 3! Have a wonderful summer Year 3.

During this half-term, Year 4 have been working exceptionally hard, learning all about the Brazil and Scotland. We explored these continents finding some key facts about them and describing their physical features. Linking in with our science topic, we have been looking at animals and their habitats and the impact of climate change and deforestation. We produced a thought-provoking presentation using PowerPoint looking at the effect this has on these animals and where they live. In English, we loved reading our class book, 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. We produced some fantastic work especially our poem which focused on our feelings and senses and wrote some personal wishes just like a character did in the book.

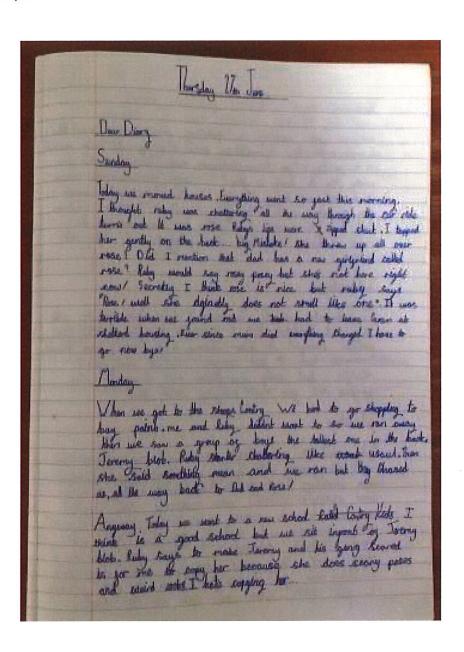
We really enjoyed our class trip to the Catalyst Museum. We learnt lots of new things about science and explored the development of the Chemical Industry from ancient times up to the 1940's. We even made our very own soap and plastic keyrings too!

Finally, what a fantastic dance we performed in our end of year play! Year 4, you were super stars!





We have been working extremely hard this term in preparation for our final year at Our Lady's. In English, our core text 'Double Act' has inspired lots of creative writing. We wrote diary entries from the perspective of one of the identical twins, we also composed poetry, considering what life would feel like for Ruby and Garnet when they are eventually separated. You can read the start of Nina's diary below, along with Anna's 'When twins are separated' poem.



Monday 24th June When twins are separated. Live day without right, Live a key without thight, Live a box without the arrow. Live Lora without to arrow. A reanigless girl Like fish without chips, Like I live without lite row, Like pots without pans, Like light without right, 1 melencholy sad life Like a fish without fine. Like And without Docs Like death without look, Like I ma without to Emily. Like Ruby without Garnet.

In our topic of North America, we studied the human and physical characteristics of this continent. The climate ranges from the Arctic tundra in the north, to the warm tropical regions of the south. As part of this work, we looked at the different tribes and culture of native America. This inspired us to design our own dream catchers, in contrast to the action paintings of Jackson Pollock.





For our end of year day out we visited the International Eisteddfod in Llangollen. This is a music and arts festival featuring acts from all over the world. We were treated to the beautiful sounds of a choir from Singapore, an energetic martial arts performance from India, singing and dancing performers from Zimbabwe, and an interactive story set to music by Sinfonia Cymru, in which we had to learn a Welsh song! The day ended with a visit to Thomas Telford's aqueduct at Pont which rounded off our study of the canal system.





In our final RE topic of the Universal Church, we thought about how we can be stewards of creation. Looking after each other and the environment are very high on our agenda. We are proud of our beautiful prayer garden and look forward to nurturing and caring for the plants and wildlife that God has provided for us.

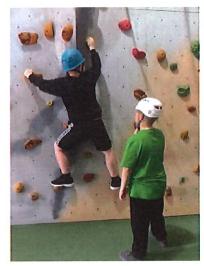


What a half term this has been for Year 6! We started off with our annual residential at Plas Menai. The children loved every second of it and have made memories that will last a lifetime. They enjoyed the biking and climbing, tested themselves on the leap of faith and the low ropes, got soaked falling off the stand-up paddleboards (and in some cases struggling to get back on!) and were thoroughly blown away by the speed of the J80 sailing boats. Year 6's behaviour, attitude and resilience were absolutely fantastic throughout the trip, and they should all be very proud of themselves; I know I am proud of them.

Once back from Plas Menai work began in earnest on our end of year play. Once again, the children showed how versatile they are with some fantastic performances both on and off the stage. It's not easy being on that stage, and they performed sensationally - especially those with solo singing parts! At the same time as rehearsing our play, the Year 6 children have been helping nature by planting, weeding, watering and helping to build our new garden. Once again, the behaviour and attitude of our Year 6 was exemplary. I keep reminding them that in many years' time they will hopefully come back to our school to visit, and they will be proud that the garden will still be there and that they contributed to its creation.

Finally, Year 6 have been taking that next step to high school. Transition days went swimmingly, and we had only good reports back from the high schools. In their last year at Our Lady's, they have shown what superb role models they can be, shown resilience to get through their SATs and had a lot of fun on the way. Everyone at Our Lady's is very proud that our Year 6 children are ready to move on to their new schools, and we wish them all the best of luck!











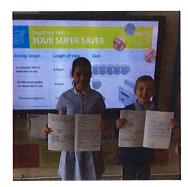






## My Money Week 10th - 14th June 2024

During my Money Week every class worked on an activity which provided them with a fantastic opportunity to gain skills, knowledge and confidence in money matters to help them to thrive in society. Parents/carers can also sign up for free resources to use at home with your child. Check out their website My Money Week Resource Hub and just put your child's school name in the registration form and select Parent or Home Educator under both Organisation Type and Role.









### **Live Simply Photography Competition**

Thank you to all the children who entered our Live Simply Photography competition. The pictures were beautiful! They are displayed around the Live Simply Display in the school hall and are so inspiring! They are also on our school website. Nature truly is a wonder!

We hope our winners enjoy spending their gift vouchers – well done!



#### **Archbishop visit**

What a lovely day we had in school on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Our Prayer Garden is now officially open, and it was wonderful to have Archbishop Malcolm in our school to do this. He was very impressed with the garden, our beautiful school and our amazing children. So, was Mr Derek Twigg MP who came to Our Lady's when he was a child. He loved the new gardens and was amazed at how hard everybody has worked to make this possible.

A huge thank you to Mr Daniels for all his hard work to achieve our beautiful garden and to Mr Easby and Year 6 for their wonderful gardening skills.











#### **Healthy Schools Event**

What a wonderful day we had with six of our pupils at the Halton Healthy School event. We were so proud of them as they delivered their presentation all about our Wellbeing Garden. The stadium was packed, and it must have been nervewracking to talk to so many people, but they did a fantastic job! They were a credit to Our Lady's and wonderful ambassadors. Well done!

We were also awarded with our Healthy Schools Award for our commitment to being a Halton Healthy School.



#### Leavers' Mass

A massive thank you to Father Thomas for our wonderful Year 6 leavers' mass. The children were, as always, amazing and read and sang so beautifully.

We will really miss Father Thomas as we have enjoyed working with him in school. He is a very welcome visitor and being a huge support to our school. We wish him well in pastures new and hope that he will keep in touch with us all. He will always be welcome in Our Lady's – once a member of Our Lady's ALWAYS a member of Our Lady's!





#### **Swimming Lessons**

Yr6 will start their swimming lessons on Monday, 9th September 2024.

Please remember their swimming kit and £1 towards cost of coach. Thank you.

#### **Booking School Snacks and Dinners**

Please remember that as Parents/Carers it is **your responsibility** that you book your child(ren's) snack and school dinners online, (www.schoolhub.co.uk) and make payment for all meals/snacks booked. If there is no money in your wallet you will need to provide snacks/packed lunch from home until account is in credit. **Also**, if your child is **absent** from school, again, it is **your responsibility** to cancel any meals/snacks booked otherwise you will still be charged.

School meals must also be booked if your child is entitled to Free School Meals and if your child is in Reception, Yr1 and Yr2.

Snacks must be booked by midnight the night before and dinners can be booked 2 weeks in advance.







#### **RETIREMENT**

We would like to say 'Goodbye' to **Mrs Holland** who will be retiring on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 as our Kitchen Assistant. Mrs Holland has served our children their snack and dinners for 30 years. **A BIG "THANK YOU"** for all your hard work and commitment to the children over the many years. You will be missed.





Mrs Holland

From all the Governors, Staff & Children at OLPS

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#### 100% Attendance Awards

Well done to the following children who obtained 100% attendance for the school term – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024



#### **Reception Class**

Ayda Doran

Freya Dyas

Dominik Gorny

Jacob Harris

Eliza Jones

Finnley Macfarlane

Auraelia Maher

Ivy Marsden

Adelaide Mullally Mitchell

Poppy Reader

Thomas Roach

Ozzie Ryan

Tymon Starzyk

#### Year 1

Parker Cartwright

**Emily Farmer** 

Zoe Fitzharris

Percy Fox-Seary

Ellis Hanley

Alfie Jones

Summer Jones

Ava Losh

Elijah Maher

Lillie-Ellis Masangwi

Olivia Murphy

Darcey Ogilvie

Ollie Power

**Conrad Saunders** 

Lennie Smith

Ella Wignall

#### Year 2

George Beddows

Tommy Birchall

Nicholas Doyle

Sophia Evans

Ruby Fazackerley

Mikey Foster

William Johnson-Wright

Evan Lawton

Charlie Lita

Isla McFadden

Sam Owens

**Edward Prendergast** 

Eve Roach

Finley Ramano-Burns

Niamh Welch

Vincent Weston

Daisy-Mae Winders



Year 3

Florence Aster

**Dexter Bowen** Ella Connor

Hailie Davies-McDonald

Jessica Derbyshire

Austin Dutton

Mason Hughes

Eloise Jones

Oliver Lafferty

Joseph McGuffie

Annabella Mullally Mitchell

Orla-Quinn Riley

Alex Russell

Lydia Sinclair

Finley Telfer

Nathan Tickle

Year 4

Elizabeth Armitage

Alfie Beddows

Finley Birchall

Patrick Corish

Henry Edgerton

Aspen Fox-Seary

William Harris

Neo Kandoje

Leo Keowski

Millie Lamey

Emilia MacDowell

Tobias Neil

Leighton Shields

Jude Smith

Alex Turpin

Naveah Worsley

Year 5

Dixie Bowen

Jack Bowles

Harrison Connor

George Dalton

Tyler Davies-McDonald

Amelie Dignall

Finley Doyle

Lillie Edwards

Kelsey Graham

Alexander McGuffie

Jack Moran

Nina Parker

Esme Reynolds

Zack Russell

Frankie Tighe

Year 6

Chloe Armitage

Daniel Doyle

Kai Dutton

William Edgerton

Alfie Fahey

Matthew Fallon

Sophie Fitzharris

Brooke Foran

Jayden Foran

Amelia Hunt

Evalyn Keowski

Mya Krzyczkowska-Moss

Eseosa Osunde

Alex Owens

Riley Richardson

Luna-Grace Riley

Reece Sinclair

Scarlett Sinclair

Vincent Smith

Joel Walsh







#### 100% Attendance Awards

Well done to the following children who obtained 100% attendance for the school year – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.





Reception: Auraelia Maher, Poppy Reader

Year 1: Percy Fox-Seary, Elijah Maher

Year 2: Isla McFadden, Eve Roach, Finley Romano-Burns

Year 4: Aspen Fox-Seary

Year 5: Lillie Edwards, Zack Russell

Year 6: Riley Richardson



### **New School Day**

Please note, as from September 2024 school opening hours for pupils will be as follows:

Doors open 8.30 Registration 8.45 prompt.

Day	Open	Close
Monday	8.30-8.45	3.15
Tuesday	8.30-8.45	3.15
Wednesday	8.30-8.45	3.15
Thursday	8.30-8.45	3.15
Friday	8.30-8.45	3.15

#### Dear Parents/Carers

# Thank you

We are very fortunate to have a number of people who work tirelessly throughout the year to ensure that our school is able to do its best for your children. All of these people give their time, energy and enthusiasm, often working unseen, unnoticed, above and beyond what is asked of them and to them we say thank you: To our governors, teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, premises officer, mid-day assistants, kitchen staff and cleaners.

Good luck to all our Year 6 pupils as they leave to start at their new schools. We send our very best wishes and will look forward to hearing how you are getting on.

We would also like to thank Mrs Holland for all her hard work, dedication and commitment to Our Lady's over the past 30 years and wish her a very happy, healthy retirement.

Finally, to you, our parents and carers – thank you so much for all your support. It is only due to us all working together that we can ensure that your children receive the very best provision on their educational journey.

I hope you all have a lovely summer break and see you all on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

P McGuffie

Mrs P McGuffie Headteacher

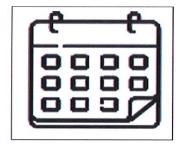
## **Upcoming Events/School Calander**

School Closes for the Summer holidays – Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 1.30pm School re-opens Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 @ 8.30 am, in class for 8.45am

September 2024				
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET – School Closed			
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET - School Closed			
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school after the summer break			
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Stay Safe Week			
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	NSPCC to work with Yr2, Yr5 and Yr6			
October 2024				
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Dyslexia Awareness Week			
4 <sup>th</sup> October Yr1 - Harvest Festival Assembly				
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr6 - Welcome Assembly for Reception Class			
25 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET – School Closed			
November 2024				
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school after half term break			

Please keep a check on the school website's calendar for upcoming events at school during the year.

This will be updated on a regular basis.



#### PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

We have had numerous complaints from residents about the parking and someone leaving their rubbish on the road.

Please could we remind parents/carers to be mindful on where they park when dropping/picking children up from school.

Please do **not** park across driveways/on driveways or block residence in or out and please, do not leave your litter, take it home.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

#### Change of details

Please could you inform the office if you have any new contact numbers, moved house or if any medical conditions have changed? If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, please provide a copy of medical evidence from your GP for our records.







#### REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE

Please could we remind parents/carers that if your child(ren) are absent from school it is expected that parents/carers will provide an explanation of the child's(ren's) absence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day the absence occurs, at the start of the school day (before 8.30am)

If your child(ren) is absent for 3 days or more, parents/carers should contact the school again and provide an update on the child's(ren's) condition.

Please ensure that your child is in school every day and on time

#### **CHILDREN LATE**

This is a polite reminder that as part of <u>safeguarding</u> if your child is late for school in the morning, parent/carers <u>must</u> come into school with their child and sign them in on the EntrySign system at the office. Thank you.



## Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School Academic Calendar - 2024/2025



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Bank Holidays / School Closed

Inset Day / School Closed

Half Term / School Closed

School Term / School Open

# Help for Households in Halton



The household support fund has been extended and will run until **September 2024**. This funding is awarded to us via central government. All applications are subject to funding levels.



## **FREE** packed lunches

Do you have a child under the age of 16 and live in Halton?

If so, your child/children are eligible to attend Halton Lea and Kingsway libraries where they will receive a free packed lunch. There are no requirements to book but are limited to 50 places per location each week.

When: Every Wednesday, between 12 - Ipm, from 24th July through to 28th August.

## Supermarket Voucher Support

Do you aftend regular hospital appointments?

If so, we may be able to offer you some support in the form of a supermarket voucher. This is to offset other costs you may incur, for example, travel costs.

For further information or to apply, please contact us using the details at the bottom of this leaflet. Applications are subject to individual circumstances.



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# How to apply – contact the Public Health Team, Halton Borough Council

- Call us on 0151 511 5200. You may be asked to leave your name and phone number and we will contact you back as soon as possible.
- E-mail us at public.health@halton.gov.uk please include your name, address and a contact phone number and which part of the scheme you are applying for.

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