

Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Nursery and
Primary School

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4th September 2026

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful summer break, filled with rest, joy and precious time together. It has been a real pleasure to welcome the children back to school, and I am delighted by the enthusiasm, energy and readiness to learn they have already shown. They have settled quickly into routines, and the atmosphere around school is full of optimism for the year ahead.

As we begin this new academic year, our whole-school theme is ***"What's the best that could happen?"*** This question will help us look at every opportunity, challenge and decision through the most positive lens, always focusing on the very best outcomes for our children. We want every child to feel hopeful, ambitious and confident that, with encouragement, perseverance and faith, wonderful things are possible.

This afternoon, we gathered as a school community for our Welcome Mass. It was a beautiful occasion, and I would like to thank everyone who attended or supported the children in preparing for it. The Mass set the perfect tone for the year ahead, reminding us that Christ is at the centre of all we do and that we move forward together with faith and hope.

Safeguarding remains at the heart of school life. Before the children returned, staff undertook safeguarding training so that everyone is clear about their responsibility to notice concerns, respond appropriately and help every child feel safe, listened to and cared for. Staff have also completed training around Benedict's Law, strengthening our allergy awareness and our understanding of how to prevent and respond confidently to allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis. We have purchased additional, spare auto-injectors (AAIs) which will be kept on site for emergency use. These important updates support our commitment to a safe, inclusive environment in which every child can flourish.

Your children have started back to school looking very smart. Please help us by labelling your child's uniform, including their school coat and lunch box. This helps us return lost items to you as quickly as possible.

There has also been a great week of punctuality at school. Arriving on time enables children to start calmly and confidently and take part in learning from the very beginning. Good attendance supports achievement, wellbeing, friendships and social development. Please help us by ensuring that your child is in school every day, on time, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

We all want the same thing: the very best for your children. A respectful, constructive partnership between home and school is essential in achieving this. We understand that parents and carers may sometimes need to raise concerns, and we will always listen and seek to help. In return, please ensure that messages, emails and ClassDojo communications to staff are courteous and considerate. Aggressive, rude or disrespectful language is not acceptable. Sadly, this happened too many times last year. Please also be mindful of when messages are sent and allow staff reasonable time to respond during working hours; staff are not expected to read or reply during evenings, weekends or holidays. Calm, respectful communication

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gives us the best chance of resolving concerns positively and keeping the focus where it belongs, on your beautiful child.

As we look ahead, I am excited by all that this year may bring. By working together, celebrating each child's gifts and asking, **"What's the best that could happen?"**, we can make 2026–27 a year of growth, joy, achievement and countless moments of which our children can be proud.

I leave you with these words from St John Paul II: *"The future starts today, not tomorrow."* Let us embrace each new day with hope, kindness and confidence in all that our children can achieve.

With every blessing

Mr D. McCann
Headteacher

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Diary Dates 2026–2027

Dates for parents and carers

AUTUMN TERM

SEPTEMBER

Day	Date	Event
Tuesday	01.09.26	INSET DAY
Wednesday	02.09.26	Children Return to School
Wednesday	09.09.26	YR1 and 2 Meet The Teacher
Thursday	10.09.26	YR3 Meet The Teacher
Tuesday	15.09.26	YR4 Meet The Teacher
Wednesday	16.09.26	YR5 Meet The Teacher
Thursday	17.09.26	YR6 Meet The Teacher
Tuesday	22.09.26	Governors Meeting – 4.30pm
Monday	28.09.26	Flu Immunisations – Nursery–YR6

OCTOBER

Day	Date	Event
Thursday	08.10.26	Christ the King to talk to YR5 & YR6
Wednesday	21.10.26	YR4 Chester Trip
Friday	23.10.26	INSET DAY
	26.10.26–30.10.26	Half Term Holiday

NOVEMBER

Day	Date	Event
Wednesday	04.11.26	YR5 Bikeability
Thursday– Friday	05.11.26–06.11.26	YR4 Anderton Trip
Wednesday	11.11.26	TEMPEST PHOTOS – Individuals and Families
Tuesday	17.11.26	Governors Meeting – 4.30pm

DECEMBER

Day	Date	Event
Wednesday– Friday	02.12.26–04.12.26	ROBINWOOD – Year 6
Tuesday	08.12.26	YR1 & 2 Nativity

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Day	Date	Event
Wednesday	09.12.26	EYFS Nativity – 10.00am and 2.00pm
Tuesday	15.12.26	Carol Concert – Grandparents
Friday	18.12.26	CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY; Last Day – 1.30pm Finish
	21.12.26–06.01.27	Christmas Holidays

SPRING TERM

JANUARY

Day	Date	Event
Monday	04.01.27	INSET DAY
Tuesday	05.01.27	INSET DAY
Tuesday	19.01.27	Governors Meeting – 4.30pm
Monday	25.01.27	ROCK KIDZ
Thursday	28.01.27	Young Voices – Choir

FEBRUARY

Day	Date	Event
Friday	05.02.27	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday	09.02.27	OLOL Feast Day
Thursday	11.02.27	OLOL Feast Day Mass
	15.02.27–19.02.27	Half Term

MARCH

Day	Date	Event
Friday	05.03.27	WORLD BOOK DAY
Tuesday	09.03.27	Governors Meeting – 4.30pm
Friday	19.03.27	Down Syndrome Day – Odd Socks
Tuesday	23.03.27	Parents Evening
Wednesday	24.03.27	Parents Evening

APRIL

Day	Date	Event
	26.03.27–09.04.27	Easter Holidays

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SUMMER TERM

MAY

Day	Date	Event
	03.05.27	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	04.05.27	Governors Meeting – 4.30pm
	10.05.27	SATS WEEK – Year 6
Friday	28.05.27	INSET DAY
	31.05.27–04.06.27	Half Term

JUNE

Day	Date	Event
Thursday– Friday	10.06.27–11.06.27	YR5 London Trip
Tuesday	22.06.27	Teddy Bears Picnic – Reception
Tuesday	22.06.27	Governors Meeting – 4.30pm
Thursday	24.06.27	Transition Day

JULY

Day	Date	Event
Monday	19.07.27	YR6 Leavers Assembly – 2pm
Tuesday	20.07.27	YR6 Leavers Mass – 10.00am
Wednesday	21.07.27	Last Day – Finish 1.30pm

Please note: dates and arrangements may be subject to change. Any updates will be shared with families as soon as possible.