



13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Assembly:

Today we celebrated our Harvest Assembly. We were joined by Fr Emeka and had such a wonderful celebration. Thank you to Father for joining us in our first celebration of this school year. Thank you to all of you who donated so generously to our Harvest appeal. All the food will be shared between our school food bank and the Our Lady of Lourdes foodbank.

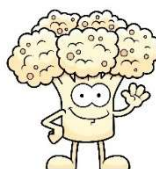
Lastly a huge thank you to everyone involved in this celebration:

- ❖ Mrs Cunningham who organised this fantastic assembly for us with the Mini Vinnies
- ❖ Mr Howell, who prepared the children with the singing of the hymns, the playing of Ukuleles and accompanied the children on the piano
- ❖ The Mini Vinnies, who gave up their time to collect and display all the donations.
- ❖ The children, who read so beautifully
- ❖ The Ukulele club for performing
- ❖ To all the children and adults of the school for participating incredibly during the assembly; listening attentively and singing wholeheartedly!

What a fantastic way to end the week!

Cauliflower Cards

Next week, your child will be going home with their Christmas Card design and order form. I emailed a letter this morning, which explains the process fully and includes all the links you need. If you like the design and would like to have the artwork printed as a Christmas Card then you can follow the instructions on the order form and pay for it online on [Cauliflower Cards](#). There is no obligation to buy.



If you choose to order, please keep the artwork safe (flat, not crumpled) then return it and the order form to the office. It all must be returned by **Wednesday 1st November**. We will then send them off and the cards will be delivered to us at the beginning of December.

October: Black History Month

17th: Nursery Autumn Walk

17th and 19th: Parent Evenings

23rd – 27th: Half Term

November

1st: Cauliflower Cards

2nd: Early Years Coffee Morning

3rd: St Winifred's Day

13th: Antibullying Week

15th: St Juan Diego (Yr6) Trip to National Portrait Gallery

20th: St Kateri (Yr 4) trip to British Museum

24th: St Martin (Yr4) trip to British Museum

December

5th: St Alphonsa (Yr6) Trip to National Portrait Gallery

5th: EYs Nativity – 2pm

6th: EYs Nativity – 10am

12th: KS1 Nativity – 2pm

13th: KS1 Nativity – 2pm

13th: Yr 4 & 5 - Jack and the Beanstalk – Catford Broadway Panto

13th : Upper KS2 Carol Concert 6/7pm tbc

14th : Yr 3 - Jack and the Beanstalk – Catford Broadway Panto

15th : Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch

18th: Lower KS2 Nativity – 2pm

19th: Lower KS2 Nativity – 2pm

14th : Yr 6 - Jack and the Beanstalk – Catford Broadway Panto

20th: Whole School Mass – 9:30am

21st December – 5th January: Christmas Holidays

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Preparation 2023-24:

First Holy Communion: 8th and 9th June 2024.

If your child is baptized and in Year 3 or above, please collect registration forms and information from Fr Emeka at the end of any of our weekend Masses. Be kind enough to return completed forms no later than Sunday 22nd October 2023.

Note that the sessions will be held at 10.00am on Saturdays in the Church.



Parent / Carer Evenings:



It is almost time for this term's open evenings. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss your child's attainment and progress.

Tuesday 17th October- 3.30 - 6pm (Last appointment 5:50pm)

Thursday 19th October - 3.30 - 6pm (Last appointment 5:50pm)

St Alphonsa: Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th October

Signing in sheets are available. You can sign up for your preferred time on the forms in the reception area inside the double doors (by the fish tank). If you cannot pop in to sign up, then call the school office after 9.30am and before 2.30pm and we will do our best to accommodate you. Do not contact the class teacher to arrange an appointment, as the booking in sheets are being kept in the office.

You can make an appointment for a 10-minute discussion with your child's teacher, in your child's classroom. You will also be able to spend time looking at your child's work before your appointment if you arrive a bit earlier. **In order to ensure you don't have to wait, teachers will use timers. It is really important that appointments do not overrun but if you need more time then you are welcome to arrange a follow up meeting.**

Nativities

Please find attached an invitation to all the nativities this year. Early Years, KS1 and Lower KS2 will have their nativity in school in the school hall. To attend these performances, you will need to click on the links in the attachments for each phase group (underlined). We are offering two tickets per child. However, if you were to want more, we will put you on a waiting list and issue additional spaces nearer the time if available. You will not receive a physical ticket.



Upper Key Stage 2, Years 5 & 6, will lead us in a Carol Concert in the Our Lady of Lourdes Church in the evening. As it is being held in the church in the evening, we hope that the whole family will be able to attend and there is no need to book.

Reception Coffee Morning

St Mary and St Joseph classes



On Thursday 2nd November, 8.45-9.30am, Reception's parents and carers are invited to a coffee morning in the main hall. Come and have a slice of cake and a chat with other parents. There will also be work on display and a slide show of photos so you can see some of the learning that takes place. We hope to see you there.

Donation request for Early Years

If anyone has any cushions, children's waterproof anoraks and trousers (aged 3,4, 5 and 6) or wellies they are not in need of, please could Early Years have them.



Reception 2024:

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2024 (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020) or know someone who does, I hope that St Winifred's is your first choice! We will be hosting a series of open days until the application deadline – 15th January 2024. If you would like to book a place on one of the open days, please contact the school office.

During the School Day		After School
9:15am – 10am	2pm – 2:45pm	4pm
Tuesday 17th October	Monday 13th November	Thursday 2nd November
Wednesday 8th November	Thursday 7th December	Friday 24th November
Monday 27th November		Wednesday 13th December
Tuesday 9th January		

[Applications for Reception Class](#) places for September 2024 can now be made on line.

Secondary School Admissions (Year 6):

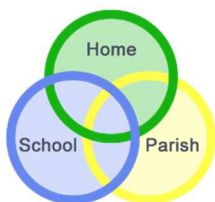
You can apply for a secondary school place to start September 2024. The deadline for secondary school applications is Monday 31 October 2023. [Read about school admissions](#) on the Lewisham website.

Class Assemblies and Mass:

You are all warmly invited to attend your child's class assembly in school or accompany your child's class to Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Assemblies:

When dropping your child to school, you may enter through the main gate and wait under the canopy or in the foyer of the main hall. At 8:45am you will then be invited into the main hall for an 8:50am start.



Mass:

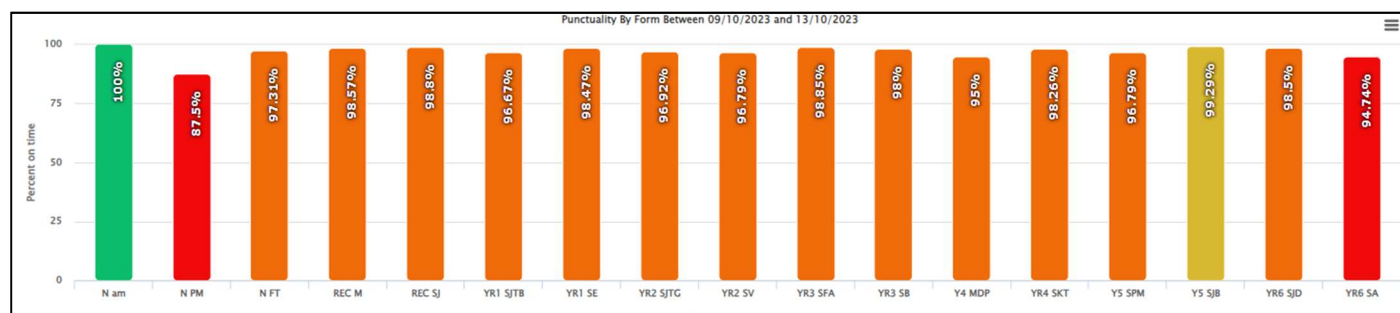
In order to continue to nurture our relationship with Fr Emeka and the parish, this term the children in their year groups will all be attending the parish mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at 9:30am. This will also help them learn the parts of the mass and the responses. If you would like to accompany your child when they go to mass, please talk to your class teacher, as help walking the children to church would be very much appreciated.

October			November		
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	Mass: Thursday 9:30am	Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	Mass: Thursday 9:30am
18 th St Kateri (Yr 4)		19 th : Year 3	1 st : Year 6		2 nd : Year 2
			8 th : St Josephine (Yr 5)	9 th : St Elizabeth (Yr 1)	
			15 th St Paul Miki (Yr 5)	16 th : John the Baptist (Yr 1)	23 rd Year 1

Punctuality and Attendance

School attendance this year so far: 95.64% (DfE expects 95%)

The whole school is above 97% (not including Nursery pm)!!!! This is the first time it has happened in such a long time! Please let's try and keep it like this.



This week's winner are Nursery a.m. with 100%, followed by St Josephine on 99%! St Alphonsa you can do much better!

Parent App:

Please download if you haven't already! From the app you are able to access all the information we hold on your children and report absence. If you need any help with downloading it, please do not hesitate to ask us.



Wednesday Word

Please see the [link](#) to this wonderful resource to share with your child, to support them in understanding the Mass Readings for the coming weekend.

Social Media:

Just to remind you, follow us on:



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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

