

# Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School



School Newsletter – Friday 11th November 2022

## Sunday's Gospel

Taken from the Gospel for 13th November (Luke 21:5-19): Perseverance

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed." And they put to him this question: "Master," they said, "when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?" "Take care not to be deceived," he said, "because many will come using my name and saying, 'I am he' and 'The time is near at hand'. Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon." Then he said to them, "Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives."

## Sunday's Gospel Reflection by Fr Henry Wansbrough

Luke was writing his gospel after the devastation of Jerusalem by the Roman armies in 70 AD, and the way he frames the words of Jesus suggests that he had witnessed the devastation. Massive blocks of stone, thrown down from the walls, are still lying there as they fell, scattered at the base of the Temple. The message of this passage is, then, the same as Paul's in today's second reading: the end is sure, but is not yet. Jesus prepares his followers for what is to come before the cataclysmic finale. He warns against false Messiahs, political leaders or other saviour-figures who claim to 'put the world to rights'. His followers will be continually challenged to give an account of their beliefs, harassed and martyred in every age, betrayed by those they thought their friends. There is a promise that Jesus will provide the words and wisdom for Christians to make a reply to their persecutors; there is a promise too of protection from real harm - but there is no promise that it will be a quiet and easy life. A constant theme in Luke's Good News is that the followers of Jesus must follow him in his difficulties and trials. Only with like endurance will they stay true to him and keep in his footsteps.

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## Online life and offline life is just life....

For many of us, we see our online lives and offline lives as different, but children are growing up with technology and the internet and for them there isn't a difference; online life and offline life is just life.

Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace and it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues. Talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. Talking regularly and making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you. But it can also be easy to become overwhelmed with the different technology, the language that children use, the huge number of games and apps which are available and the potential risks.

### What are the risks for children online?

There are potential risks for children online. Consider these things when you talk with your child about what they're doing online:

**What they might see?** When they're playing a game, using an app, watching YouTube channels, what sort of content is there? Have they seen any inappropriate content and if so, what did they do? How did it make them feel?

**Who they might speak to?** Most games and social media apps have various communications features, from text chat to voice chat, messaging and private messaging, video and image sharing, livestreaming and more. Ask about the friends they play with. What is the difference between online and offline friends? Is your child talking to people they don't know online? If so, why and what are they sharing?

**How they behave?** When they play those games or use those apps, what is their behaviour? Do they feel anxious? Do they sometimes get angry, e.g. playing fast-paced games and constantly losing?

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## Next steps to take

Having a conversation with your child can give you a good insight into their online activities so that you can consider:

- Are further options, such as parental controls, are required?
- Are the games and apps they're using appropriate to their age? Have a conversation and agree some rules with your child about what games and apps they're allowed to use. While there are risks with most online platforms, we'd recommend only letting your child use apps that have privacy settings and a 'report and block' feature.
- Do they know about the safety and privacy features of the apps they're using? Such as:
  - Privacy settings. Are their accounts public or private?
  - Do they know how to block and report? Are those features available?
  - Can you turn features off, such as chat and in-app purchases?
  - Do they know what personal and private information is, and what is and is not appropriate to share online?
  - What are their profiles on their games and apps? What does the profile say about them? --
  - What does the image or avatar say about them?

The NSPCC's website contains some great advice and support materials -

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Here at Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School, online safety is part of our school curriculum. We also have a group of pupils who are 'OLW E-Safety Champions'; their role is to promote online safety. Our designated member of staff for e-safety is Mrs Compton (Year 1 teacher). Mrs Compton is available to discuss any concerns you may have or to offer advice.

## Advent and Nativity of the Lord Liturgies

We have a number of liturgies planned for this half-term. Parents are most welcome to attend:

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December, 2:45pm	Advent liturgy led by Year 6
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December, 2:45pm	Advent liturgy led by Year 5
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 9:45am	Nativity of the Lord liturgy led by Year 3
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2:00pm	Nativity of the Lord liturgy led by Year 4
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December, 9:45am	Nativity of the Lord liturgy led by Nursery
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December, 2:00pm	Nativity of the Lord liturgy led by Reception
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 9:45am	Nativity of the Lord liturgy led by Year 2
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2:00pm	Nativity of the Lord liturgy led by Year 1

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## Mass Times at OLW Church

Saturday evening Vigil Mass for Sunday  
5.30pm Evening Mass  
Sunday Mass  
10:00am with Children's Liturgy

## First Holy Communion

**Family Session** - Yesterday (Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>) we welcomed families into school for the 1<sup>st</sup> session of this year's First Holy Communion programme. This session focused on the Mass. Families then stayed for a chip supper in the school hall.



## We Remember and We Pray

At 11:00am today, children stopped and remembered.

*We remember those who stood  
for love and truth,  
And thank you for the sacrifice they made  
for me and you.*

*Thank you that we can now enjoy peace  
and learn to love not fight,  
Thank you that we can now sing and play,  
and not be scared or hide.*

*We pray for other countries  
where children live in fear,  
And there is war and fighting  
and many are in tears.*

*Please help to make things better,  
and bring some peace to them.*

*Protect all those who try  
and help to make friends again.*

*Amen.*



**Reminder....First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass  
takes place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30pm.**

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## School Life

Do you follow Our Lady of the Wayside School on twitter? You don't have to have a twitter account to see what is happening at Our Lady of the Wayside. We have linked our twitter account to our school website. <https://twitter.com/olwayside>

Here are a few examples of this week's tweets:

*Year 4 children visited Birmingham's Botanical Garden on Monday. Here the children were remembering their knowledge on classification of living things. Vertebrate or invertebrate?*



*This week Year 1 children were learning about parts of the human body.*



*Year 3 will be learning about structures in Design and Technology. Here the children are creating a castle structure using 3D shapes.*

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## Attendance

It is essential that children regularly attend school, poor attendance has a serious and long lasting impact on your child. To promote and encourage good attendance we publish weekly attendance figures.

Reception	Red Group 98.4%	Blue Group 96.6%
Year 1	Class 1C 98.1%	Class 1Y 98.5%
Year 2	Class 2F 96.3%	Class 2CS 85.1%
Year 3	Class 3M 99.2%	Class 3TS 94.8%
Year 4	Class 4C 99.6%	Class 4L 98.3%
Year 5	Class 5E 94.2%	Class 5V 97.2%
Year 6	Class 6O 93.9%	Class 6P 98.2%

Overall attendance for this week is 96.2%. Well done this week to Class 4C with an attendance figure of 99.6%



## Brain Teaser

### Last week's brainteaser:

A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?

**Answer:** The water was frozen!

### This week's brainteaser:

When can you add two to eleven and get one as the correct answer?

## Governor Update

Following this week's governor meeting, we can confirm that Fr Andrew has been appointed as Chair of Governors. Our sincere thanks to Fr Andrew for taking on this very important role.

## Love of Reading Book Swap Initiative

We have many different initiatives to encourage children to develop a love of reading. This term we are introducing a new OLW Book Swap scheme where, every term, children (and adults) can bring books from home and swap them for a new book at no cost! This new initiative will replace our annual book fair, for we recognise how expensive new books can be.

Our first OLW Book Swap will take place next **Wednesday 16th November**. This is how our book swap will work:

Step 1: Children find a book/books at home for the OLW Book Swap.

Step 2: Book Swaps take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Children bring in their book/books on a Wednesday morning. When children bring in a book/books they will be given a Book Swap voucher.

Step 3: Children visit the Book Swap and exchange their book swap voucher for a book.

Step 4: Children take their new book home to enjoy.

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## Year 6 Rock Climbing

At Our Lady of the Wayside, we offer children a curriculum which is ambitious and often unique to our school. A good example of this is the teaching of rock climbing to our Year 6 children. Today, Year 6 Group 2 children started their four week climbing course.



## Diary Dates for Next Week

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> :	Mass Middle Phase Chess tournament Football league matches Y3 Twycross Zoo
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> :	OLW Book Swap
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> :	Open Day (Reception and Nursery 2023) 9:30am to 11:00am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair Bottle Collection Badminton Club (St Peter's)

## School Association Christmas Fair

After a break of two years (due to COVID-19), we can confirm we will be arranging a Christmas Fair this year!

This will take place on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** between **12:30pm and 3:00pm**. Please see the attached Christmas Fair posters for further details.

We will be starting Christmas Fair collections next Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, with a collection of bottles.

