



Our Lady's RC Primary School Term 1 –
August 2025

WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well and that you've all enjoyed a restful and fun-filled summer break.

We've had a wonderfully busy and positive start to the new session here at Our Lady's. It has been an absolute joy to welcome our lovely children back—we truly missed them! A special welcome also goes to our new Primary 1 pupils, who have settled in beautifully and are already making a fantastic impression.

I'm so pleased with how smoothly everyone has transitioned back into school life. I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff for their incredible efforts in ensuring every child feels welcomed, supported, and valued as part of our school community.

I'll aim to keep newsletters concise and focused on what matters most to you. I have included some key information that I hope will answer any questions you may have. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if there's anything you'd like to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support in making the start of this session such a positive one. Your ongoing encouragement and involvement in our school community are truly appreciated.

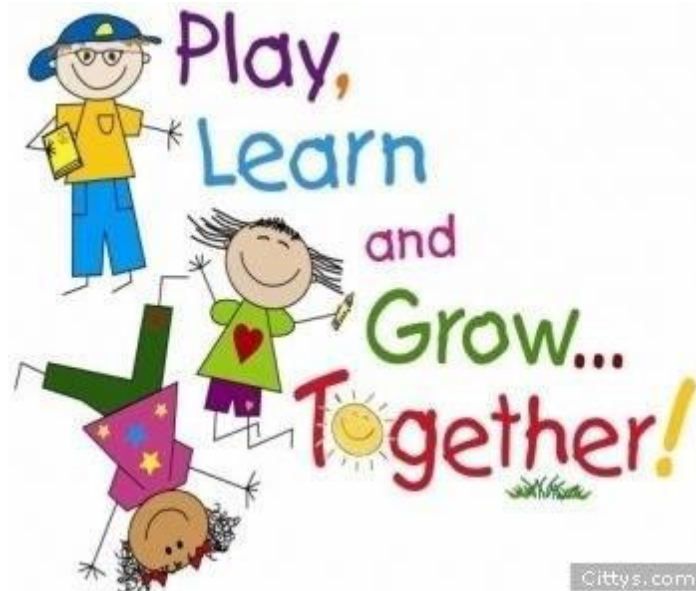
Kind Regards
Lorna Dashwood
Headteacher

Staffing Update

As we return to school we welcome Mrs Conway back full-time, Ms D Stewart Weds to Fri and also a change for Ms Nugent who will be working Mon to Thurs.

We still have a vacancy for a Primary Early Years Assistant to be recruited. We will also have a teaching vacancy from Term 2 to be recruited.

Classes and Their Teachers



P1 – Mrs Conway and Ms Lyttle

P2 – Ms Wright

P2/3 – Mr McBride (Mon-Tue) Ms D Stewart (Wed-Fri)

P3- Ms Whitham

P4 - Miss Colautti

P5 – Mr Christie

P6- Miss Nugent (Mon-Thu) Mr Weir (Fri)

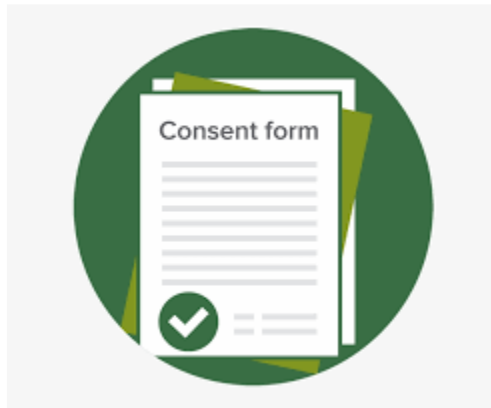
P7 – Mrs Wallace

The Hive - Mr Ferrie

Learning Pod - Miss Speirs

Woodland Room – Mrs Pequeno (Mon-Tue) Mrs G Stewart (Wed-Fri)

Consent Forms



A link will be sent out for all children in P2 to P7 who require consent forms to be completed for Media Consent, Trips, Trim Trail, Photographs and also a Data Collection Form. Please can I ask that these forms are completed and returned as soon as possible.

P1 Parents/Carers will have completed these during Transition, and we will contact you if any form are outstanding.

It is really important that we have your permission for all of these and we thank everyone in advance for completing them.

If you have any issues with completing these forms, please contact the school office.

Tayside Contracts Menu



All Primary 1 to 5 children continue to have the option of a free healthy school meal from August 2025.

From 19 August 2025 if you wish your P1 to P5 child to have a lunch then there is no requirement to complete the free school meal application form, but they will need to follow school procedure for ordering the meal. From Primary 6 onwards parents should apply for free school meals.

In Dundee, free school meals are available for eligible primary and secondary school pupils. To be eligible, parents typically need to be receiving certain benefits, such as Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance (income-based), Employment and Support Allowance (income-related), or Universal Credit with a monthly earned income not exceeding £850. From March 3, 2025, families in receipt of Scottish Child Payment are also eligible for free school meals for pupils in Primary 6 and 7, with proof of Scottish Child Payment required.

Application forms can be submitted online by the following link:

[Free School Meals and Clothing \(1.1\)](#)

If you require any further information or assistance please contact:

Customer Contact Centre

Dundee House, 50 North Lindsay Street

Dundee DD1 1QE

Tel: 01382 433458

Please click on the link below to see what will be on the menu:

[School Catering by Tayside Contracts](#)

Uniform



Please can I ask all parents/carers to ensure that your **child's name is on all clothing items**. If we find clothing with a name we can return it and this avoids further unnecessary purchases.

PE Days



Class teachers will share information on timetables for P.E. so children can have sports kit to change into on the appropriate day. Please again can children's names be on all and sports clothing items.

Drinking Water



Please can all children bring a refillable water to school. This will ensure that children can refill their bottle with water as required throughout the day. Please also put the child's name on the water bottle.

Our School Day



9.00am - 10.30am - Learning and Teaching Time

10.30am - 10.45am Break time

10.45am - 12.15pm Learning and Teaching Time

12.15pm - 1.15pm - Lunchtime

1.15pm - 3.15pm Learning and Teaching Time

3.15pm End of the School Day - children will be dismissed by their teacher in the playground

To give children the best start to their day please ensure that they are in the playground by 8:55am.

Child Protection Reminder



Child protection is important and it is essential that everyone understands the contribution they have to make in keeping all children and young people safe and protected from harm and abuse.

In school, should anything occur, it is our job to; assess the situation and report and respond to concerns. We may have to phone the Multi Agency Screening Hub for advice - these are our social work, police and health colleagues. Following a discussion with them, there will be a course of action that we are advised to take. This action can take many different forms; log and monitor, speak to parents or for more serious situations it may be that MASH will call a meeting for us to attend to explore further.

Our Child Protection Officers within Our Lady's are; Lorna Dashwood (HT), Paula Nicoll (DHT) and Kirsty Keegan (PTSL).

If you have concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, including a child in your family you can use the online form to report it. <https://www.dundeeprotectschildren.co.uk/report> A member of the social work team will read your report within 24 hours and decide what if any action needs to be taken. The information you provide will be shared with other agencies whose job it is to help keep children safe. Or you can call **The Dundee Child Protection Line: 01382 307999.**

Some useful websites

<https://www.dundeeprotectschildren.co.uk/report>

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Dates for Diary



Dates for Diary 2025-2026

Autumn Term

- Monday 18th August 2025 – In service day, school closed to Pupils
- Tuesday 19th August 2025 – Children New Term
- Monday 8th September 2025 – Parent Council 2pm in school
- Tuesday 9th September 2026 – P6 Class Assembly 1:30pm
- Tuesday 16th September 2025 – Family Fun Night 5pm
- Wednesday 17th September 2025 - Open Afternoon (Numeracy) 1:30pm
- Tuesday 23rd September 2025 - Parent Contact 3:30-6:00
- Wednesday 24th September 2025 - Parent Contact 3:30-6:00
- Friday 26th September 2025 – McMillan Coffee Morning 1:45
- Monday 29th September 2025 – Primary 1 Curriculum Event - 3:15pm
- Tuesday 30th September 2025 – P5 Assembly 1:30
- Friday 3rd October 2025 – End of Term

Autumn Holiday

- Monday 6th October 2025 – Holiday starts
- Friday 17th October 2025 - Holiday ends

Winter Term

- Monday 20th October 2025 – New Term Begins
- Tuesday 28th October 2025 – Parent Council
- Tuesday 4th November 2025 – P4 Class Assembly 1:30pm
- Tuesday 11th November 2025 – Parent Curriculum Event 3:15pm
- Thursday 13th November 2025 - In service day, Schools closed to pupils
- Friday 14th November 2025 - In service day, Schools closed to pupils
- Tuesday 2nd December 2025 - Christmas Fayre 1:45pm
- Tuesday 9th December 2025 – Nativity Performance 9:30am and 1:30pm
- Friday 23rd December 2025 – Christmas Parties – Visit from Santa
- Friday 23rd December 2025 – End of Term- School closes at 12:00

Winter Holiday

- Wednesday 24th December 2025 - Holiday starts
- Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Holiday ends

Spring Term

- Wednesday 7th January 2026 - New Term Begins
- Tuesday 13th January 2026 – Parent Council 2pm
- Tuesday 20th January 2026 – P3 Class Assembly 1:30pm
- Thursday 27th January 2026 – School, Ceilidh 1:30pm
- Tuesday 3rd February 2026 – Parent Contact 3:30-6:00
- Wednesday 4th February 2026 – Parent Contact 3:30-6:00
- Friday 13th February 2026 – Mid Term Holiday School Closed
- Monday 16th February 2026 – Mid Term Holiday School Closed
- Tuesday 17th February 2026 – In service day, Schools closed to pupils
- Tuesday 24th February 2026 - P2/3 Class Assembly 1:30pm
- Tuesday 24th March 2026 – P2 Class Assembly 1:30pm
- Friday 27th March 2026 – P4-7 Performance 9:30am and 1:30pm
- Thursday 2nd March 2026 - End of Term

Spring Holiday

- Friday 3rd April 2026 - Holiday starts
- Friday 17th April 2026 - Holiday ends

Summer Term

- Monday 20th April 2026- New Term Begins
- Monday 4th May 2026 - Holiday School Closed
- Tuesday 5th May 2026 – P1 Class Assembly 1:30pm
- Tuesday 12th May 2026 – Parent Council 6pm
- Tuesday 19th May 2026 – Parent Curriculum Event 3:15pm
- Friday 22nd May 2026 - In service day, Schools closed to pupils
- Monday 25th May 2026 – Holiday School Closed
- Tuesday 2nd June 2026 – P1 Class Prizegiving 1:30
- Tuesday 2nd June 2026 – P2 P2/3 Class Prizegiving 2:30
- Tuesday 9th June 2026 – P3 P4 Class Prizegiving 1:30
- Tuesday 9th June 2026 – P5 P6 Class Prizegiving 2:30
- Wednesday 10th June 2026 – Summer Fayre PM
- Tuesday 23rd June 2026 – P7 Prizegiving and Leavers Assembly
- Wednesday 24th June 2026 - Woodland Room Prizegiving
- Friday 3rd July 2026 – End of Term - School Closes 12:00

Contact us.....



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