



# School Newsletter

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

For parents, carers, staff, pupils, governors and parishioners

## ***Season of Remembrance***

In this month of November, we enter our season of Remembrance, where we take the opportunity to spend this period of time remembering special people who have enriched our lives and left a lasting impact. In school, during our collective worship time together, we have reflected on All Saints and All Souls at the start of the month, which inspired us to set up a 'Remembrance Tree' for us to write the names of those who we are especially thinking about at this time. We also have our November Book of Remembrances where we can revisit entries from the past and add new names for us to remember in our prayers as a school community.

Yesterday, we, of course, came together as a whole school to discuss Remembrance Day and reflect on the sacrifice made by so many in the past, who gave their lives in war for a future full of hope and peace. We considered the symbol of the poppy, and observed a special 2-minute silence at 11am to pay our respects. Whether we are thinking about those who helped during times of conflict and war, Saints who lived in the past and set an example for how we can live our lives to the full or dear family members and friends who we knew personally and had an enormous impact on us – our season of Remembrance helps us to put our busy lives and daily challenges to one side and create the emotional and spiritual space in our hearts and minds to ensure they are never forgotten.



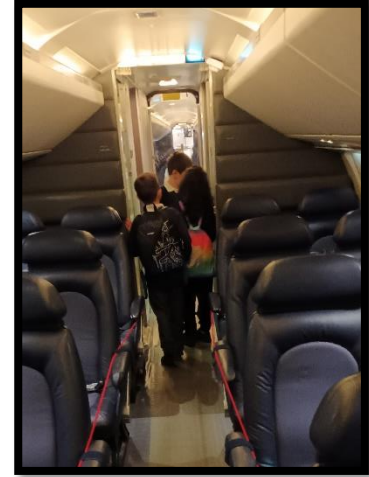
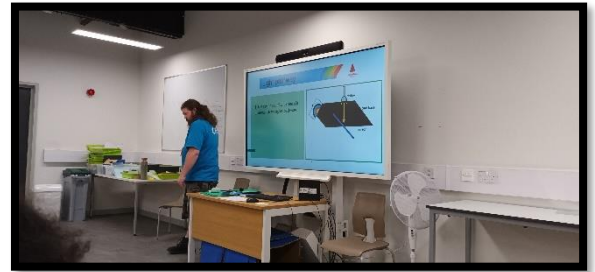
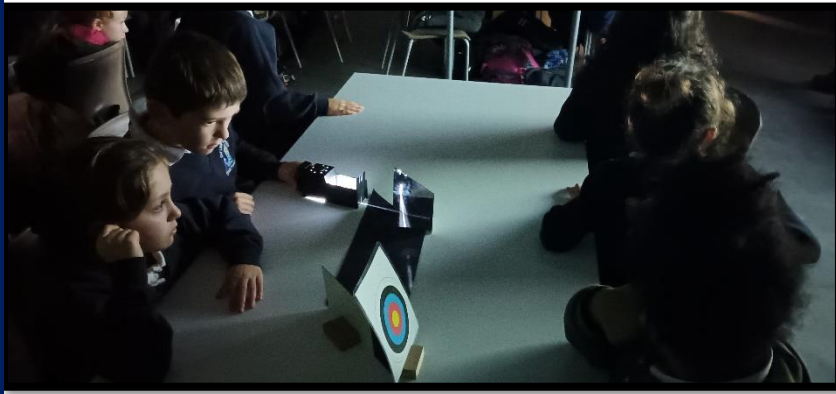
**Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord,  
And may perpetual light shine upon them,  
May they rest in peace.  
Amen.**

## ***Year 2 & Year 3 Visit to AeroSpace!***

Children in Year 2 and Year 3 joined together last Friday to enjoy an enriching and fun day AeroSpace Bristol. The day consisted of a tour of the museum, and different workshops linked to curriculum areas the children will be covering/have covered this year. They even enjoyed a special 'crane' show organised by a parent who works in the adjoining area!

Thank you to the staff and parent helpers who accompanied the children and ensured the day was a huge success!





### ***Children in Need 2024***

On Friday, it is BBC Children in Need 2024 or as it is affectionately known, 'Pudsey Day'. Children are welcome to wear Pudsey ears, headbands or t-shirts if they have them on this day. Although we are not doing a whole school fundraiser for this, you can donate to the worthy cause, dedicated to helping every child thrive, by following the link below.

[Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)



### ***World Kindness Day***

Tomorrow, we will also be marking World Kindness Day through collective worship and class activities to promote the importance of following Gospel Values and the example Jesus taught us in treating one another with love, compassion and forgiveness. As part of the day, our catering team will also be offering a special cupcake as a nod to the day as part of school lunch orders!

### ***PTFA Thanks!***

It has been a busy start to the term for our wonderful PTFA, who have already organised two events in the last week. Their 'Hot Chocolate and Doughnut' sale raised over £150 for the school last Friday, and many children enjoyed their Christmas Craft session yesterday afternoon. Thank you to you all for supporting the fundraising and events that take place, as it makes a huge difference to us as a school, and of course, incredible thanks to our PTFA and willing volunteers who help make it all possible!

### ***Christmas Choir – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November***

It is short notice, but we have been offered the chance to bring a choir of children to Kings Chase Shopping Centre on the 19<sup>th</sup> November from 6pm-7:30pm. This is an event organised by Kingswood Town Council, who will be organising their own Christmas Craft activity, giving out advent calendars and this will also be the first day that the Christmas lights are on (although it isn't a Christmas light switch on event!). If your child would like to be part of the choir, and you are able to accompany them, then please let me know through contacting [admin@lol.org.uk](mailto:admin@lol.org.uk) today or tomorrow. If we have enough interest, then I will organise some practice sessions in school and will happily join the children on the Tuesday evening.

Here is the Facebook event for your information [\(5\) It's almost December festive fun! | Facebook](#)

## ***We are on Instagram!***

We are excited to say that we are now on social media and have an active Instagram account, if you would be so kind as to follow. The idea behind this is to help market and advertise our lovely school, whilst also giving our current parent community more regular updates between newsletters of exciting and interesting things happening at school.

Our account is called **ourladyoflourdesbristol** and you can visit through the following link:

[Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, Kingswood, Bristol \(@ourladyoflourdesbristol\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Many thanks to Mr Hamlen for organising and setting up for us.

## ***Dates for your diary...***



### **NOVEMBER**

<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 6 Height & Weight Checks with School Nurse
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	World Kindness Day Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccines
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need 2024 Celebration Worship, 9am (parents will be invited on Wednesday if their child has earned a Headteacher certificate)
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Choir to sing at Kings Chase Shopping Centre for Kingswood Town Council Event from 6pm - TBC
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Non-uniform day in return for Parish Fayre Tombola donations
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Open Morning for Prospective Parents, 10am Year 2 and Year 4 Road Safety Workshops
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Celebration Worship, 9am (parents will be invited on Wednesday if their child has earned a Headteacher certificate) Year 5 PTFA Cake and Uniform sale, 3.30pm
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Parish Christmas Fayre
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 1 + Year 4 trip to Aerospace
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Open Evening for Prospective Parents, 5pm
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTFA Lego Club, 3.15pm (KS2)
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 6 Class Celebration Assembly, 9am (Parents of Year 6 class warmly invited)

### **DECEMBER**

<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Tree Dressing Day at Kingswood Park – Year 4 – Further info. to follow
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PTFA Christmas Secret Room
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PTFA Christmas Disco – Further information to follow
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception and KS1 Nativity, 2pm – Further information to follow
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Christmas Celebration, 2pm – Further information to follow
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Term 2 ends, 3.15pm

### **TERM DATES 2024-2025**

<b>Term 1</b>	<del>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024</del>
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>Term 5</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025 – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
<b>Term 6</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025 – Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025

## INSET DATES 2024-2025

INSET 1	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024
INSET 2	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
INSET 3	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
INSET 4	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
INSET 5	TBC

## OPEN DAYS

1. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 10am

2. Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm



An opportunity for any families who are looking for a place in Reception for September 2025 to have a look around the school and come and hear what we are about. Please spread the word!

## *O. Bell*

### The Inquisitive Mind Of A Child - Poem

Why are they selling poppies, mummy?  
Selling poppies in town today?  
The poppies, child, are flowers of love  
For the men who marched away.

But why have they chosen the poppy, mummy?  
Why not a beautiful rose?  
Because, my child, men fought and died  
In the field where poppies grow.

But why are the poppies so red, mummy?  
Why are the poppies so red?  
Red is the colour of blood, my child,  
The blood that our soldiers shed.

The heart of the poppy is black, mummy  
Why does it have to be black?  
Black, my child is the symbol of grief  
For the men who never came back

But why mummy, are you crying so?  
Your tears are giving you pain  
My tears are for you, my child  
For, the world is – FORGETTING AGAIN

By Anon

