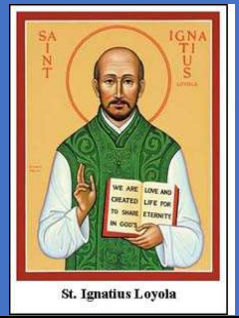




Ad Majorem
Dei Gloriam

To the Greater
Glory of God

R.E. News At Loyola



Christmas
Term
2025

We are delighted to be back at school and thank God for keeping us blessed and safe over the summer break. On our return, it has been wonderful to hear of so many great things you have done as families and new skills the boys have learnt or shared with others. I have to thank Mrs Carmel Thomas and boys, past and present, who accompanied her to represent Brentwood Diocese with Bishop Alan on their pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. The boys sang and prayed with thousands of people, as they were invited to lead Masses, sing as a group or as a solo where many were left in awe of their talent and reverence. The families kindly bought a candle in honour of family and friends of Loyola, and Leo was chosen to say the Hail Mary in front of a crowd of thousands! The families I have spoken to spoke of such a wonderful and moving time that was shared with so many from around the world. It was certainly an experience they will never forget. Thank you boys for bringing such joy to so many.



Continuing with The Jubilee Year, as a school community, we made a pledge to follow our mission statement and looked at how we can ensure our values are accessible to all. With help from the boys, we have incorporated signs we can make, whilst saying our Jesuit values, to show our understanding and that we are aiming to uphold them through -out our everyday lives. If you would like to learn the signs, ask your son to show you!

	We do everything for God's Glory: We do everything with love for God and to make Him proud.
	We care for everyone: Be kind and look after each other.
	We do our best: We always try hard and keep learning.
	We see God everywhere: We find God in people and the world. He is always with us.
	We help others: We share, care, and stand up for what is right.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam – for the greater glory of God

This term we have reminded the boys how Catholic Social Teaching (CST) permeates through all we do and how we will be focusing on one particular aspect per term. This term we are focusing on Care for Creation in line with the programme, Rooted in Love.

At Loyola, we support the boys in their acts of worship which can take the form of prayer, meditation, song or reflection. This can be individually, in groups or as a whole school. Please see our timetable below for an overview of prayer & liturgy but also when your son's class will be leading the Mass or service. Everyone is welcome to join us at Mass or at our Celebration Assembly.



Day	Daily Prayers	Gospel Assembly	Hymn Practice	Mass	Class Worship	Celebration Assembly
Monday	All classes	Rec & KS1 (am) KS2 (pm)				
Tuesday	All classes		KS2		KS1	
Wednesday	All classes		KS1 <i>(Rec join after transition period)</i>	KS1 & 2 <i>(Rec join after transition period)</i>		
Thursday	All classes				Rec, KS1 & 2	
Friday	All classes					Rec, KS1 & 2

Class Masses or services are on a Wednesday at 10.30am. We celebrate Mass in the school hall and all are welcome.

17 th September	Rudiments: Exaltation of the cross	5 th November	Rudiments: All Saints
24 th September	Figures: Sharing	11 th November	Prep: Remembrance Day
1 st October	Prep: St Francis of Assisi	19 th November	Schola: St Cecilia
8 th October	PP2: Our Lady of the Rosary	26 th November	Christ the King
15 th October	PP1: Harvest	3 rd December	Advent
22 nd October	Elements: Peace	End of term: EYFS & KS1 Nativity performances	

Please take the time to look on Planbook to see how you can support your son with his faith journey. Loyola has now adopted the new Religious Education Directory (RED) and Prayer & Liturgy Directory.



Whole School Focus	
Christmas Term 1	Creation & Covenant
Christmas Term 2	Prophecy & Promise



Charity, rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, is an ongoing effort to uphold the dignity of every person and work for the common good, especially by caring for those who are most vulnerable. There is always something we can do to alleviate the suffering of others. It is not about how much we give, but the love and willingness with which we give. This term, we encourage all our boys to live out compassion and solidarity by considering the needs of others before their own. This could mean making a donation to a charity of their choice or contributing to local Food Bank collections, such as Noah's Ark or the Epping Food Bank. Through these small yet meaningful acts, we respond to the call of the Gospel, lighten the burdens of others, and walk more closely in the footsteps of the Lord. *"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."*

Proverbs 19:17

Let us remind ourselves of the Jubilee Prayer.

Father in Heaven,

May the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
And the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
Reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos

In the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
Your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

