

ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIXTH APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Sunday 13th October 2024



After the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 13th October we will process to the parish hall for special devotions to Our Lady of Fatima on the anniversary of her sixth appearance to the three young children.

Our Lady of Fatima told the children that she would like a chapel built at the Cova in her Honour. She wanted them to continue saying the Rosary every day for the end of war. She said "I am the Lady of the Rosary" 70,000 people had assembled and witnessed the miracle of the sun as it spun and danced in the sky. The Holy Family also appeared as well as Our Lady of My Carmel. This was Our Lady's last appearance.

SYCAMORE

SYCAMORE – ‘YEAR OF PRAYER’ PATHWAY WEEKLY COURSE FROM AUTUMN 2024!

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/year-of-prayer/>

WEEK 5 (7th October 2024) MERCY AND MISSION

There is so much suffering in the world. We are all looking, in different ways, for peace and healing. This Sycamore film explains how we can find forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession. It looks at the different graces that come when we are anointed in the Sacrament of the Sick. And it explores different ways that we can share our faith with others and become part of Christ’s great mission to the world.

- **Forgiveness and the Sacrament of Confession.**
- **Healing and the Sacrament of the Sick.**
- **Christian mission and the call to share our faith.**



Film 16 – Forgiveness, Healing and Mission: <https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-16-forgiveness-healing-and-mission/>

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?"

There are marriages which are failures, which break up, bringing in their train of deep and painful wounds. The gospel today tells us first and foremost: this does not conform to God's design for the human couple, not as the author of Genesis expresses it with such a sense of wonder. But this passage also records the quick reaction of Jesus to the men of law who have a purely legalistic conception of marriage. 'No! it is not this thing you reduce it to: a contract concluded by a human will and which can be annulled by this same will. Marriage is a much deeper reality which involves God himself. Don't destroy it, it is sacred, it is the work of God, the rest is only a pleasant subject for juridical discussion!' The precise question which is posed to Jesus has to do with repudiation, a very special form of divorce by which the husband, in renouncing his rights over his wife, allows her to marry another man. For, according to Jewish law, husband and wife are not equal: the woman is the property of her husband, a possession among others; she has no claim to the fidelity of her husband, who cannot therefore in juridical terms be accused of adultery towards her. Now Jesus of adultery the husband who sends away his wife, at the very moment when, juridically, she ceases to belong to him! Marriage is the indissoluble unity of two persons committed as equals.



Our Lady of
The Rosary



October

Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat: - 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.15am – Morning Prayer

Followed by 1st Saturday confessions until 10.00am

9.30am – Rosary & 15 minutes quiet Rosary Prayer

10.15am – First Saturday Devotions

10.30am – For the Conversion of Sinners

5.00pm – Richard & Sheila Cronin & Teresa

O'Connor - Anniversary

Sun – The church opens at 7.00pm

8.00am – Cecilia Obiwelozor & Family – Thanks. Int

9.30am – Philomena Gomez - RIP

11.00am – Inacin Rodrigues Lukhezo – Anniv of Birth

5.00pm – Willie Simon – Anniversary of Birth

Mon – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Frances Paul - Anniversary

No Adoration this morning

Tues – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Lawrence Fernandez - Anniversary

Wed - 8.15am – Church Opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – In Honour of the Sacred Heart

Thu – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Patsy White - RIP

Adoration until 11.00am

Fri 5.00pm – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – Veronica Baio- Gbanie & Baby

Veronica Baio - RIP

Followed by Chaplet of St Michael

Sat – 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Private Intention (MC)

No Confessions today

5.00pm – Eileen Lacey - Unwell

Sun – Church opens at 7.00am

8.00am – Phyllis Robinson - RIP

9.30am – Philomena Gomez - RIP

11.00am – Kathleen Fitzsimmons - RIP

5.00pm – Marilyn Theodore – Recovery

Tues 15th October – St Theresa of Avila - Virgin

Thur 17th October – St Ignatius of Antioch - Martyr

Fri 18th October – St Luke – Evangelist - Evangelist

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONFESSION

Saturday 28th Sept from after

Morning Mass until 11.00am

Saturday 5th October from

8.30am to 10.00am

Please do take advantage of these times. Always a very special time of the year and so good for us to put things right with God and with ourselves. Face to face or private confessions in the sacristy.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Monday 7th October 2024

Rosaries will be blessed at all Masses on weekend 5th/6th October.

AUTUMN FAITH SHARING 'Calling People of Goodwill'

The Bible and the Common Good

The common good is central to the Christian imagination – in the words of St John Chrysostom, 'it's the highest point' – because God calls people to live in relationship with him and each other.

Timetable

Monday 7th October 10.45am Small Groups begin meeting in the Parish Hall.

Please do consider signing up for one of our Small Prayer Groups. A time for sharing, listening and praying. All part of preparing for Jubilee Year 2025!

SYCAMORE

**SYCAMORE – 'THE YEAR OF PRAYER'
WEEKLY COURSE – AUTUMN 2024**

Please join us as we follow this course on Monday 7th October 2024

Five sessions about Christian prayer and the adventure of the spiritual life. For those who are just beginning and also for those who have been praying for a long time! We begin with supper at 7.15pm. Do join us in the hall

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

October 2024 – For a shared mission

Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

DEANERY DAY FOR READERS

Saturday 12th October: 10.30am – 3.30pm

A Day of Recollection focussed on the new translation which we start using on 1st December. The aim is to nourish readers spiritually and include fresh reflections on God's word. Fr John Hemer MHM will run the day. Please bring lunch to share. Drinks provided. Please let Fr John know asap.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER

Signing of Secondary School References

Fr John will be available in the parish hall only on Thursday 10th October from 5.00pm to 6.00pm to sign references. Phone 8804 2396 to make an appointment. **Bring the child, birth and baptismal cert and prof of address. Please be on time.**

PARISH DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 12th October 2024

There will be a day Pilgrimage from the parish to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham on Saturday 12th October. A coach will leave from the church at 7.30am and we will leave from Walsingham at approx. 5.15pm. The cost will be £20 per seat on the coach. Please put your name to the list in the porch and pay the money at the same time. Cancellations at the last moment means empty seats on the coach

MARY'S MEALS

An appeal

Mary's Meals can make money for their work by collecting any unwanted mobiles/ipads/jewellery/watches/cameras. If you have any of these and would be willing to donate them, pop them in a bag. Mark the bag Mary's Meals and hand it in next time you are at Mass. David Chapman will pick them up and deliver them to the Mary's Meals office. Thank you for your support.

FRIDAY LUNCH

Our Friday Lunch Club is very popular but we are in desperate need of help for a short time to move heavy tables and to help unload food off the van when it is delivered – for about an hour and half from about 9.00am. Help.

Parish Shop – October Magnificat, Rosaries, Candles, Occasional Cards, all kinds of Statues, Crucifixes, Medals, all kinds of Devotional items – have a look!

YOUNG ADULTS DEANERY MEETINGS

Ages 18 – 35

The idea is for young adults (ages 18-35) to meet up once a month at one of the parishes in the Enfield deanery on a weekday evening for a time of prayer, worship (with a talk) and a social. This will allow young adults to grow and develop in their faith with mutual support and friendship. The next meeting will be on Friday 13th September (7-9pm). Venue to be announced. For further details please contact: annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk

HARVEST WEEKEND

5th/6th October 2024

CAFOD Family Fast Day is on Friday 4th October. Please do try and make some sacrifice of food on that day and maybe give what you save to **CAFOD** at the special collection during the Harvest weekend – 5th/6th October. **CAFOD'S** policy is to help people in need to help themselves.

LEGION OF MARY

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom
Meeting on Sunday 6th October at
2.45pm

An opportunity to meet together and say our Legion prayers together and to give our reports on the work we have achieved over the past week or so.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE 6TH APPARITION OF O.L. OF FATIMA

Sunday 13th October 2024

The anniversary of the 6th Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima falls on a Sunday this year. After the 11.00am Mass there will be our usual devotions – we will process to the parish hall and follow the devotions there. Please do join us on that day for this special time in honouring Our Lady.



Parish Shop – Open for Rosaries, Candles, Statues and Occasional Cards.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Friday Evenings
from 5.00 – 7.15pm
Saturday Mornings
from 7.00 – 8.30am
*During this Year of Prayer,
Try and give a little
more time to Our Lord*

MASS INTENTIONS

Wanting a Mass said for a person or occasion is good but a reminder that if you wish a special date then you must hand in your request well in advance if you do not want to be disappointed. Thanks

SPECIAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday 19th October at 12 noon.

Our Lady of Lourdes parish, New Southgate would like to invite families who have lost a child or children to a Remembrance Service. The service will have readings and musical reflections. It is to honour the memories of beloved children and share in a space of comfort and healing with others.

Prayers please:

Sick: Daphne Sullivan, Fergal Sherry, Mehil Ftoni, Agnes Robinson, Peter Thorpe, Joe Harper, Mary Conway.. Suzi Modi, Agnes Guveya, Liz Freeman, Adreina Sifari, Margaret Felgate, Mark Keighrey, Marilyn Theodore. Sara Malaki, Phyllis Robinson, John Keighrey, Dan Heath, Geoffry Nwachukwu. Maureen Walker, Jennifer Browne, Eamon Fitzpatrick, Phyllis Robinson.

Recently Dead: Pauline Warriner, Angelo D'Vito, Kathleen Tracey,, . Thomas Lawlor. Brid McGonagle, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Djomou Julienne, George Ssentamu, Cynthia Grant, Liam Sullivan, Fr David Williamson. Rose Tonkin, Frank Sebaggala, Rosemarie Warnesuriya, Elvera Nardone, Victor Saldhana, Fr Damien Crimes, Patrick Mukasa.

Anniversaries: Marianna Amato, Dennis Swanton, Stephanie Molloy, Eileen Swanton, Agnes Fernando, Sheila Saldhana, Theresa Ragbir, Marie Mendy, Vermeil Joson, Anscarina Dinha, Margaret Paul, Diane Bunker.

Morning Prayer & Rosary – is said before all weekday Masses. Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings at 8.30am and Friday evening at 6.30pm before Mass.

Legion of Mary – the next meeting of the Legion of Mary is on Sunday 1st September at 2.45pm in the hall.

Friday Lunch – is served every Friday in the hall from 11.30am onwards – open to all comers – no cost!

Contactless Offerings to the Parish – you can find the Dona Contactless Terminal in the porch of the church for any donations you may wish to make to the parish and for payment for any purchases from the parish Repository. Not for special collections

THE YEAR OF PRAYER

Following the Year of the Council we now enter the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025. It is a weekly resource of prayer and meditation based on Pope Francis' recent catechesis on prayer. It is compiled in 52 parts providing a reflection for each week of the year. You will find them on the table in the porch each week.

Please remember: Please take advantage of the times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church. So important as a help to building a relationship with Jesus.

SUNDAY PLUS

Celebrate littleness

Beginning together

By Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

Every great religion has sacred stories which account for the beginning of creation and humanity. The book of Genesis has two stories of creation, the second of which we hear in today's first reading. God fashions a man of dust from the soil and then breathes into his nostrils a breath of life. God's breath is man's life. When God plants a garden in the midst of the wasteland, this garden becomes man's first address.

The man that God creates is humanity; he embodies in his person the whole of humanity. He is not one human being among many: he is *the Human*. To relieve man's aloneness, God begins work at creating a helper. Then there is the striking and comical image of God creating all the beasts and the

birds which he brings to man to see if he will name any of them "helper". There is a long procession of candidates for the post: man gives names to them all, but none is named helper. After the interviews, man is still alone. Clearly, God has to think again.

So, the Lord takes something from the man. What is taken is enclosed in flesh to become a new creature, a woman. When God brings the woman to the man, this time there is success as the man exclaims, "At last..." In marriage the two separate human beings become one body. Only marriage captures the original completion of the total human in one body.

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptorist Publications, www.rpbooks.co.uk.

Today let us ask the Virgin Mary for a huge grace, that of littleness: to be children who trust the Father, certain that he will not fail to take care of us.

Pope Francis

Childhood innocence

By Krista Nelson

I'm so lucky. I get to co-lead Children's Liturgy every week. Yes, I miss my priest's homily, but I get to learn from children instead. I'm supposed to instruct them – but it often feels the other way around. Hearing their interpretations of the Gospels and how they can live out Jesus' teachings is to see firsthand what receiving "the

Kingdom of God like a child" looks like. Maybe it's because they're still so aware of what it looks and feels like to have doting parents and feel safe in their care that imagining God's love for them is so easy. We ask them how they can be Jesus' hands and feet on earth, and they don't hesitate before giving us excellent examples: "Help find someone's lunch box," "Unload the dishwasher," "Play with someone lonely," and on and on. They instinctively understand, as Mother Teresa said, doing "small things with great love."

Krista Nelson is a mum of four, catechist and editor.



Feast of the week
Friday 11 October

Pope St John XXIII
(1881-1963)

Pope John XXIII surprised those who expected him to be a caretaker pope by calling the historic Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), the first session opening on 11 October 1962. His passionate views on equality were summed up in his famous statement, "We were all made in God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike."

The Catholic Church celebrates his feast day, not on the date of his death (3 June), as is usual, nor his birth, or even on the day of his papal coronation (as is the case with several canonised popes, such as John Paul II) but on 11 October – the day of the first session of the Second Vatican Council. This is understandable, since the Council was his idea and it was he who convened it.

Lord of life and hope, watch over, bless and protect all children everywhere, whether young, middle-aged or old.  Amen.

Today:
Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16

Monday:
Galatians 1:6-12
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday:
Galatians 1:13-24
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday:
Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday:
Galatians 3:1-5
Luke 11:5-13

Friday:
Galatians 3:7-14
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday:
Galatians 3:22-29
Luke 11:27-28

Next Sunday:
Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

THE *Wednesday*
WORD



Encountering Christ
The Wednesday Prayer Custom
for Homes, Schools & Parishes

Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families



Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

1

Read

The Gospel for Sunday 6th October 2024

TWO BECOME ONE FLESH

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" "Moses allowed us," they said, "to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce." Then Jesus said to them, "It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide." Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, "The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too." People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Taken from Mark 10:2-16 The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

The Pharisees are putting a trick question to Jesus, as is clear in Matthew's fuller account in his gospel. They knew the Law, which permitted divorce, and they will quote this Law to Jesus. The Law allowed divorce for 'indecency', but teachers were divided about what this meant: did it mean adultery or a lesser fault? So their real question is: what does Jesus consider grounds for divorce? As so frequently in his discussions with the legal experts, Jesus' response goes beyond and much deeper than a simple answer to the question: God made man and woman such that they should bond together permanently and become one thinking, living being. The word used for one 'body', or one 'flesh', really means one entity, not a hunk of meat, but a single, vibrant personality. God's intention was not that the two should be separable again. So Jesus does not answer the question about grounds for divorce at all. It is striking that here – and on other occasions too – Jesus' authority is such that he feels able to alter the sacred Law of Moses. For the Jews the Law of Moses was God's own gift, sacred and unalterable by any human authority. By altering it, by annulling the permission for divorce under certain circumstances, Jesus is implicitly claiming divine authority. **What does Jesus teach about marriage? And what does his welcoming of the children have to say about God's kingdom?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

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Pray for Families

This Wednesday's word for our school families is **OPENNESS!**

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of **Sunday 6th October 2024**



1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

God gives Man a Partner

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate." So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed, "This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man." This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.



The stories at the beginning of Genesis are intended to explain how God designed things and what their purpose is. The stories are, of course, not meant to be historical, but their teaching is of the highest importance: they show how things were meant to be. By giving the animals their names the Man is taking part in their creation. Made in the image of God, the Man's task is to promote God's work and foster creation and foster life, just as God himself does. The creation of human beings is the climax of creation, which means that human beings have a responsibility towards the rest of creation. The warm relationship between God and the Man before the Fall is particularly touching. God's care for the Man, putting him to sleep before the surgical operation which produces Woman, with God himself sewing up the wound, is delightful. So is God's careful moulding of the Woman and the presentation of his handiwork to the Man. It is important to see that there is no unevenness, no inequality between the sexes; each is personally moulded by God. The author paints word-pictures; the welcoming between the Woman and the Man is the author's way of showing that the bonding between them in marriage is a divine institution.

What does this story from Genesis say to us about the relationship between the sexes, and about our relationship with God?



2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

The Leader to Salvation

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Letter to the Hebrews is going to be read during Mass for the next seven Sundays, right up until Advent. Its author is completely unknown, but it is very likely that the letter was written for Hebrew priests, who had become Christians and were missing the traditional rites of their people. It assumes knowledge of the Jewish ritual, and, with many allusions to scripture, it highlights two themes. Firstly, it shows that the Jewish sacrificial rituals were a pale shadow, but that their reality and fulfilment comes in the perfect sacrifice of Jesus. Secondly, it points out that the People of God are still on pilgrimage. God's promise that they would reach a place of rest was not fulfilled by their arrival in the Holy Land under Joshua; it will be fulfilled only in heaven. In today's reading we glimpse part of the first theme. Jesus humbled himself to become man, only a little less than the angels (the author is alluding to Psalm 8), in order to become perfect through his suffering. He had to become fully human, so that by being made perfect he might lead all his brothers and sisters to the same perfection.

What does it mean when it says that Jesus became "perfect" through suffering? How do we too become "perfect"?

By being made perfect Jesus leads all his brothers and sisters to the same perfection.

The Wednesday Word Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**

LOVE, LISTEN AND LEARN

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

Due to the fact that there are now fewer pupils in London (there is a continued decrease in the population of children) and the issues with finding affordable housing we currently have some places in our Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 2024/2025 year groups.

Please contact the school if you wish to apply for a place for your child.



**THANK YOU PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS FOR
RECOMMENDING OUR SCHOOL AND HELPING TO BUILD
UP OUR PUPIL NUMBERS.**

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'Pupils are eager to come to school each morning because their teachers do their best to help them learn...Pupils learn in a calm environment. This is because the school has high expectations for pupils...Pupils conduct themselves well because they know what is right and have been taught how to behave well. Pupils achieve well across a range of subjects. They are proud to talk about their work which is presented with pride...Warm, caring relationships permeate the school... Pupils are confident that adults will listen to their worries and help them. This means they feel happy and safe...The curriculum is ambitious and well structured...Adults have secure subject knowledge...Leaders have high expectations and are ambitious for pupils...Safeguarding is a priority here.'
(OFSTED Inspection, November 2023).