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School Newsletter – 9

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To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

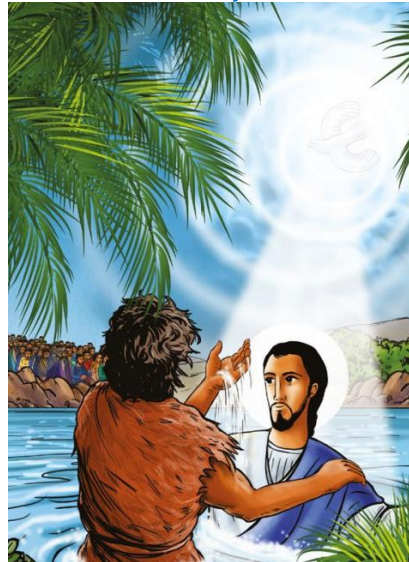
Dear Parents, Carers and Children,
We hope that you have all had a joyous Christmas - we were so excited to see the children return to school on Monday. We are now looking forward to the Jubilee Year with a theme of Pilgrims of Hope - a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation in which people are invited to grow in their relationship with God, with one another and with all of creation. A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years. This has been the case since 1470 when Pope Paul II changed it from every 50 years. Pope Francis has invited us as Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can 'restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone'. We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as 'pilgrims on the earth' rather than masters of the world.

The 2025 Jubilee Year began on Christmas Eve 2024 and concludes on 6th January 2026. The beginning of the Jubilee Year is marked by the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. It is only during a Jubilee Year that these doors are opened.
Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

FS2 (Reception) Applications 2025/26

The application process for Reception placements for next year is now open. To apply for a place, please contact your Local Authority. Please note that the closing date for admissions is 15th January 2025.

Wednesday Word



In Church this Sunday we celebrate a special feast – the Baptism of the Lord. The new year presents an opportunity to remember, or to discover, the blessings received at Baptism. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins his mission to the world when the Holy Spirit comes down upon him – the same Spirit we receive through Baptism and Confirmation. Pope Francis reminds us that, "Faith is a gift which we receive in Baptism and which allows us to encounter God." Jesus came for everyone: to draw us all into his family so that we can become more like him and joyfully share in God's own life.

Hair Reminder

ALL hair (boys and girls) **MUST** be tied up if it is long enough to touch their shoulders. If no band is supplied and hair is loose, school will supply a band so that the hair can be tied up during the day. **Dyed, shaved and or patterned haircuts/tramlines in hair are not suitable for school. Unfortunately, we have noticed several children of late with tramlines in their hair. We ask you to support our school uniform policy and refrain from children having these in their hair.**

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Catering Reminder

Thank you to all parents who have now registered on BlueRunner and are booking meals for their children. Where parents have not pre-booked their child's lunch we are ordering this in class.

If you have not yet done so, please register using the link below to get started: <https://olaas.myschoolmealorders.com/login>

We are keen for all parents to now book their child's lunch on BlueRunner.

Dates for 2024/25

Further dates will be added throughout the term

- 15.1.25 – Closing date for FS2 (Reception) applications
- 16.1.25 – Wheel of Fortune – Food Promotion Day
- 17.1.25 – Food Tasting Session – 2.45pm
- 18.1.25 – Christian Unity Week
- 19.1.25 – Peace Day
- 21.1.25 – FOLC AGM – School Hall
- 24.1.25 – Jubilee Launch Day – Pilgrims of Hope
- 24.1.25 – FOLC Disco – School Hall
- 24.1.25 – FS1 (Nursery) Offer for September 2025
- 27.1.25 – Holocaust Memorial Day
- 31.1.25 – Year 6 Reconciliation
- 2.2.25 – Candlemas
- 3.2.25 – Children’s Mental Health Week – Dress to impress Day
- 7.2.25 – Year 6 Confirmation @ Olton Friary – 7pm
- 11.2.25 – Safer Internet Day – theme “Too good to be true?”
- 13.2.25 – Power Heroes – Food Promotion Day
- 14.2.25 – We Love School Day
- 14.2.25 – Last day of half-term
- 16.2.25 – Racial Justice Day
- 24.2.25 – School Closed – INSET Day
- 25.2.25 – School reopens after half-term
- 25.2.25 – Random Act of Kindness Day
- 27.2.25 – Young Voices Concert for School Choir
- 28.2.25 – St. David’s Day – children to wear a splash of yellow to school
- 1.3.25 – Secondary School Offer Day
- 1.3.25 – Women’s History Month
- 5.3.25 – Ash Wednesday – Start of Lent
- 6.3.25 – World Book Day
- 6.3.25 – World Book Day – Food Promotion Day
- 7.3.25 – World Women’s Day
- 8.3.25 – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Y3
- 12.3.25 – Parents’ Evening
- 13.3.25 – Parents’ Evening
- 13.3.25 – Lent Fast Day
- 14.3.25 – School Closed – INSET Day
- 17.3.25 – St. Patrick’s Day
- 20.3.25 – International Day of Happiness
- 28.3.25 – FS1 Mother’s Day Assembly 9.30am
- 28.3.25 – FS2 Mother’s Day Assembly 2.30pm
- 30.3.25 – Mothering Sunday
- 10.4.25 – FS1 and FS2 Easter Bonnet Parade – 9.30am
- 10.4.25 – KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Easter Bonnet Parade – 10.30am

- 10.4.25 – Food Promotions Day – Delicious Deserts
- 11.4.25 – LKS2 (Y3 and Y4) to lead Stations of the Cross – 2pm
- 11.4.25 – Last day of term

FOLC AGM



On Tuesday 21st January the FOLC will be holding their annual AGM in the school hall at 5pm. This is a great opportunity to meet with members of the committee to hear about all the wonderful works of the FOLC in supporting OLC. It is also an opportunity for anyone interested in putting themselves forward to be part of the committee or become a ‘helping hand’. Please do put this date in your diary and come along to meet with the wonderful team of volunteers.

Food Tasting Session

On Friday 17th January from 2.45pm there will be an opportunity for parents to sample the food that children have during their lunchtime - this will take place in the school hall. On the day, we will open the school gate earlier at the end of the day so that you can access the session.

Wheel of Fortune ~ Food Promotion Day ~



Through the wheel of fortune, children have a chance to have their favourite meals for a day – the children have chosen hot dogs for their meal on Thursday 16th January. If you would like your child to have a hot dinner on this day please book this online through Blue Runner by Wednesday 15th. All children who are Free School Meals of Universal Free School Meals (FS2, Year 1 and Year2) will automatically have this promotion.

Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday

For further information, please visit the National Online Safety website.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

MEET OUR EXPERT

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

CYBERBULLYING

TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Y6 Confirmation



Please keep our Year 6 children in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 7th February at the Olton Friary. We know that the children are looking forward to this celebration.

Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed the parental questionnaire before Christmas. The results can now be viewed on our website following this link: <https://www.ollsch.uk/page/?title=Parental+Questionnaire&pid=65>

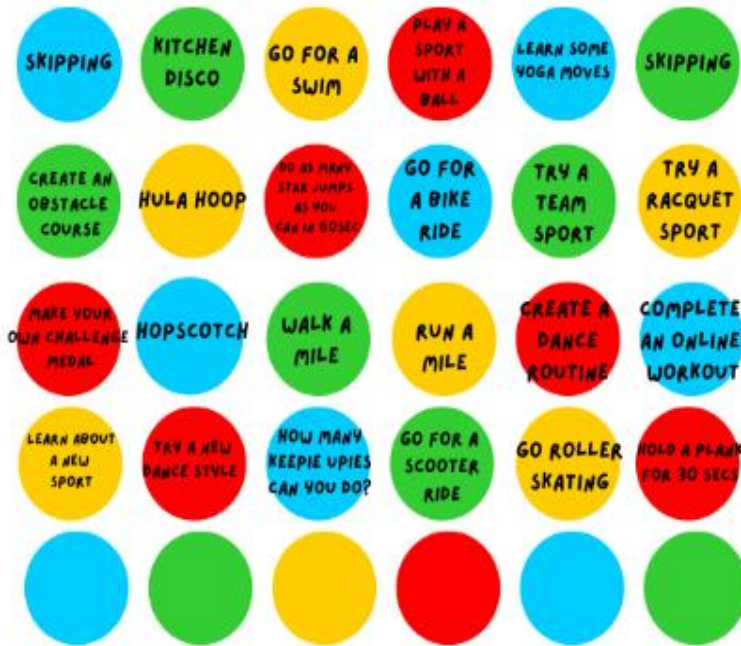
FOLC The 2025 Challenge

The FOLC are launching this voluntary challenge which we hope as many of you will take part in during the month of January. For more information, please see the letter emailed to you during the week and sponsor form that came home with your child(ren) this week.



The 2025 CHALLENGE

To Celebrate the beginning of 2025, we are challenging you to get active over the month of January & raise funds for your school. Select a challenge and get your family and friends to sponsor you. Your goal is to raise £20.25. Let's get Active!



Why not create your own challenges? 

Name:

Class:

Amount Raised: £.....

Please return cash donations in an envelope by 1st February 2025



Scan the QR Code to donate online

Thank You



Our Crossing Patrol Warden, Jo, would like to thank you for all her wonderful Christmas cards and gifts at the end of last term. She was certainly overwhelmed by your generosity.

Jewellery



As a reminder, one pair of stud earrings may be worn in school. These will need to be removed by children before PE lessons or swimming lessons. Under no circumstances should hoop or drop earrings be worn. No jewellery is to be worn in school (except stud earrings as detailed above).

Fun Fest



The February half-term timetable has gone live on the Fun Fest website: <https://fun-fest.co.uk/oltonview/> and bookings are now being taken for the holiday club during February. If however parents from OLC are unable to book due to spaces being full, please contact FunFest via the following email address: solihulloffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk