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School Newsletter – 14

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To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another term, we can look back at the fond memories that we made as well as the skills and knowledge that our children have further acquired in their learning. We now look forward to a well-earned break for the children and for us all to spend valuable time with our family and friends. Whatever your plans are for this Easter break, please remember to make time for our Lord, just like He makes time for each and everyone of us – whether this is by listening, comforting or supporting us. In addition to the Easter break, we hope that you have had time to read through our recent CSI (Catholic Schools Inspectorate) report which can be found by following this link:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/compassion/UploadedDocument/5ba39dc4-fb5f-4985-b243-7e63bfb5db61/2024-03-csi-report-our-lady-of-compassion-olton-1.pdf>

We are so proud of this and all who were involved in such a successful outcome. Have a wonderful Easter break and we will see you all on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April for the summer term. God bless you all,  
Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

## Wednesday Word



**“Praise God always, no matter the time of day.”**

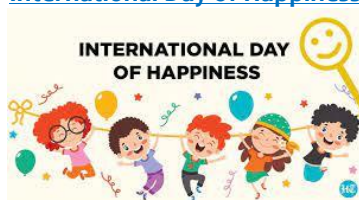
**St Benedict**

In this Sunday’s Gospel, the people praised Jesus. There are many things for which we can praise God (eg a loving family, good friends, caring teachers and for always having a good friend – Jesus – who loves us and never forgets us). Praising God brings happiness; it’s what we were made for. How can we praise God this week? Perhaps we can: think of all the good things that we have received from God (like the beauty of nature and all creation, for our homes and for each other) and say a quiet prayer of thanks and praise; regularly pray the ‘Glory Be’ – a simple prayer of praise.

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## International Day of Happiness



On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, we celebrated International Day of Happiness. Children had the opportunity to share with their class the things that makes them happy. We hope the children brought a little bit of happiness with them home.

## Summer Term Uniform



As we begin the Summer Term after Easter we will now change to our Summer Uniform. This will be in place up until the October half-term in the next academic year. Children can also wear caps, and suncream should be applied before your child comes to school. To view our school uniform policy please follow this link:

<https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

## Dates for 2023/24



24.3.24 – Palm Sunday  
29.3.24 – Good Friday  
31.3.24 – Easter Sunday  
8.4.24 – School reopens to all pupils  
16.4.24 – National offer day for FS2 (2024-25)  
16.4.24 – Swimming begins for Class 5H  
22.4.24 – Earth Day  
23.4.24 – St. George's Day  
24.4.24 – One Life Music Retreat for Year 3 @ OLC  
4.5.24 – First Holy Communion – Group 1 @ 11am  
6.5.24 – May Bank Holiday – School Closed  
7.5.24 – Y5 Bikeability Week  
11.5.24 – First Holy Communion – Group 2 @ 11am  
13.5.24 – Y6 SATs week  
17.5.24 – May Procession  
19.5.24 – Pentecost  
20.5.24 – Y6 Residential @ Alton Castle  
24.5.24 – Last day of Half-Term  
3.6.24 – School reopens to all pupils after half-term break  
5.6.24 – World Environment Day  
12.6.24 – Class Photographs  
16.6.24 – Father's Day  
20.6.24 – World Refugee Day  
27.6.24 – UKS2 Sports Day – 9.15am  
27.6.24 – FS Sports Day – 10.30am  
27.6.24 – LKS2 Sports Day – 1.15pm  
27.6.24 – KS1 Sports Day – 2.15pm  
4.7.24 – Provisional Sports Day if required due to weather  
9.7.24 – Last day of Swimming for Class 5H  
10.7.24 – Year 6 Production – 10am  
18.7.24 – Year 6 Leaver's Awards – 10am  
19.7.24 – Year 6 Leaver's Mass at Friary – 10.15am  
19.7.24 – Year 6 Leaver's Celebrations – 1.30pm  
19.7.24 – Last Day of School Year

## Olton Friary Link

To hear all about the wonderful events that take place at the Olton Friary please follow this link below that will lead you to their notice page on their website:  
<https://www.oltonfriary.org.uk/weekly-notice/>

## Communication

We try our best to communicate with parents through a variety of ways. Below are the communication channels we currently use:

- A member/s of the leadership team on the school gate in the morning and afternoon.
- Class teachers available to communicate with parents through email and phone calls and at the end of the school day.
- School Website (with links to our newsletter and twitter feed).
- Fortnightly Newsletter.
- School App – please ensure that you have downloaded and activated this.
- Emails – please remember any emails sent from OLC will have the address: Primarysite.
- Twitter.

## FS2 2024/5

After the Easter holidays, parents who have applied for a place in FS2 (Reception) from September 2024 will receive the offer from the local authority; this will be sent out on 16<sup>th</sup> April by email and may arrive the evening before.

## LKS2 French Morning



LKS2 had an amazing experience on Tuesday morning when they joined together for a French breakfast and activities – from tasting croissants and fruit, to building the Eiffel Tower!

## Women's History Month

Lower KS2 have been learning all about Mary Earps and her inspiring story in football. They discovered that she had a love of sport from a young age and began playing for a football team at the age of ten. Interestingly, it was only when she reached the end of her university degree that Mary started to think about a professional football career. LKS2 think that she is an inspiring role model who promotes women's football.



## Netball



What an amazing result! The girls absolutely smashed all three netball matches that they played last Thursday, winning all three games: 10-8, 4-2 and 10-2. We could not be prouder of you girls - well done! Thank you to Ms Field and Miss Bailey for supporting the children.



## FOLC News The Giving Machine

The FOLC are excited to announce a wonderful fundraising opportunity in continuing to raise money for several projects across the school. To get involved all it requires you to do is to set up a Giver account on The Giving Machine and click on the retailer link you want to shop at. The purchases you make then generate a donation which will show on your account summary once processed by The Giving Machine. For further information, please visit:

[https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/our-lady-of-compassion-rc-primary-school-friends-of-olc/?ct=t%28EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_school\\_newsletter\\_2021\\_04\\_29%29](https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/our-lady-of-compassion-rc-primary-school-friends-of-olc/?ct=t%28EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_school_newsletter_2021_04_29%29)

These free donations to school, work by online shops who pay millions in sales commissions to other websites that direct shoppers to them (eg search engines and voucher code websites). At The Giving Machine they turn these commissions into donations for schools and charitable causes, at no extra cost to you.

## Good Shepherd Appeal 2024



Father Hudson's Care will be launching the 2024 Good Shepherd Appeal. As the principal social care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, they provide a range of services for people who are disadvantaged, marginalised or experiencing need. They work with people from all walks of life, offering friendship, care and support. To help prepare for the Appeal, we have sent out Good Shepherd Appeal collection envelopes and ask you to fill these with any spare coins throughout the Lenten period and to send these back to school by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

## New 20mph speed limit – Kineton Green Road

Following a 3-week consultation back in October 2023, the Local Authority will be implementing the 20mph speed limit from 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to Kineton Green Road. The aim of this is to achieve safe and appropriate driving speeds, preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the roads run and to avoid the danger to persons or other traffic using the roads or any other roads, or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

## Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday

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

## Nursery Admission 2024/25

If you are interested in places for 2024/25 for your child to begin with us in Nursery, please contact the school office.

## Term Dates 2024/5



Our Term dates can be found on our website following this link and scrolling to the end of the page:

<https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/key-information/>

As well as our Term Dates for this academic year (2023-24), you will also find the Term Dates for the academic year (2024-25). We ask that holidays are booked during holiday periods and not during the school term.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary plans are gathering pace. Make sure you save the date below:



## Friends of OLC Newsletter

Mar 2024 - Spring Term



### Updates from Us:

Please see Dates for your Diaries section to see all the great fun we are planning this year. As usual these events are only successful with everyone's help and support. We rely heavily on the school community to help us raise vital funds for the school.

Over the coming months you will hear lots of exciting things for our annual summer fayre. We will be looking for lots of lovely donations, so if you're having a spring clear out, please bear us in mind before throwing good/quality items away. We will be taking donations of toys, teddies & fancy goods. Any donations can be dropped into the office.

You may also have heard by now but this September is OLC's big birthday, 50 years! We are so excited about this milestone, and how better to celebrate such an event than by having a BIG party. That's right, save the date because on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September we will be hosting a 50<sup>th</sup> celebration at school. We want past/present, pupils, teachers, parents and friends to join us, so please spread the word!

Don't forget our new website is now up and running, you can see all our latest news on there, as well as lots of other good information. We're also now on Instagram, give us a follow. [www.pta-events/folc/](http://www.pta-events/folc/)

Thank you once again for all of your continued support! Please reach out to your class reps if you need any further info on any of our events, school uniform sales, or volunteering opportunities.

Come join us for a night of fun!  
Friday 28th June

**QUIZ NIGHT**

£5 per person, max 6 to a team  
BYO Alcohol, Adults ONLY  
Tickets Available now on our website!

What have we funded so far this year...

Upgrades to Infant Playground  
Easter Gift for all Children  
FS2 Reading Corner



### Dates for your Diaries:

Easter Raffle, book/sweetie sale in school hall - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ School

Movie Night - Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April @ School

Summer Fayre - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June @ Olton Friary

Quiz Night - ADULTS ONLY - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June @ School

OLC 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Family Fun - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September @ School

### How can you support FOLC?

- Help out at one of our Events - message us to join our "Helping Hands" WhatsApp
- Donations for raffles/prizes
- Come along to our events
- Matched Funding from Employers
- Give us a like/follow on FB/Insta