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School Newsletter – 14

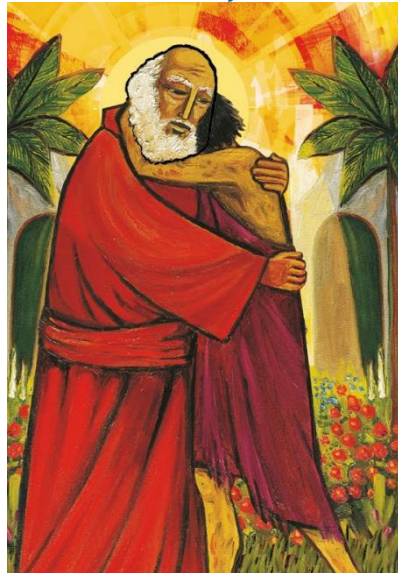
Date: Friday 28th March 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,
As we continue our Lenten journey together and our call to prayer, it has been a privilege to experience the children using their time of prayer to support one another through challenges and obstacles they face. It has also been pleasing to see the children in each class using the Stations of the Cross that are placed across our school, to walk with Jesus during his final days on earth. This reminds us of the sacrifices he made for each and every one of us and how we can make sacrifices too in our own lives, for the good of all. This weekend, we also turn to Mary, the mother of all, as we thank her for the gift of all mothers - we hope that over the weekend the children shower you with love. We also remember those in our school community who find Mother's Day difficult and mourn the loss of loved ones.

Have a wonderful Mother's Day weekend and we hope the sun shines brightly for you all.

Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

Wednesday Word



Forgiveness is the lifeblood of any family or community. In this Sunday's Gospel the younger son insults his father; his inheritance is all he thinks about. To make matters worse, his reason for returning is not love or consideration for his father, but simply his own desperate hunger. The father doesn't even question his son's motives. He welcomes his son back with the open heart and the open arms of forgiveness. The message for us is that, whatever we may have done wrong, if we are truly sorry, we can still count on the loving forgiveness of God, who is our Father, and on the freedom that his forgiveness brings.

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Fond Farewell



It is with a heavy heart that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bailey at the end of this term. Mrs Bailey has worked at OLC for up to 18 years and supported many children during her time with us. We know that she will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best as she leaves us to begin her retirement.

Summer Fayre

Please save the date for the annual Summer Fayre that takes place at the Olton Friary where the parish and FOLC come together. This will take place on Saturday 21st June between 12pm and 3pm.

Nursery

Admission 2025/26
If you are interested in places for 2025/26 for your child to begin with us in Nursery, please contact the school office.

Term Dates 2025/2026

For our term dates for the next academic year, please follow this link:
https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/_site/data/files/users/key-info/486273DB1B75A3E35744D09541C57C6B.pdf
You will also see the INSET dates for the next academic year and any other dates of when the school is closed.

Dates for 2024/25

Further dates will be added throughout the term

- 30.3.25 – Mothering Sunday
- 4.4.25 – Non-Uniform Day - £1 pledge
- 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 – 9.30am
- 11.4.25 – Last day of term

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 talk to parents through email and phone calls and at the end of the school day
- School Website (with links to our newsletter)
- Fortnightly Newsletter
- Emails
- BlueSky

Women's History Month



As Women's History Month draws to a close, we thank all of the children for sharing their work with us all and the great women in our world that have inspired us all. UKS2 (Years 5 and 6) have been enjoying researching and showcasing their findings to their peers last week; LKS2 (Years 3 and 4) were particularly fond of Simone Biles' athletic achievements and the way she overcame many difficulties with her bravery and courage.

Stay and Pray – Lent

Last week we were blessed to see so many parents joining their children for the Stay and Pray sessions in school. It was great for us to share a snippet of what happens in OLC each day.



Food Promotions Day – Delicious Deserts

If your child would like a school dinner on the 10th April, please book on Blue Runner.



All children on Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals (FS2, Year 1 and Year 2) will already have these as their option for the day. However, we ask you book your child's choice by Sunday 6th April.

Easter Bonnet Parades and Stations of the Cross



As we draw closer to Easter, we look forward to our FS (Nursery and Reception) and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) taking part in the Easter Bonnet parade – so it's that time of year for parents and children to get creative and make those bonnets in time to showcase them to parents on the 10th April. Our Year 3 and 4 children are busy in their preparations for the retelling of the Stations of the Cross that they will perform to parents on our final day of the term (11th April) in the School Hall.

BlueSky



We have recently changed our Social Media channel to the new platform: Bluesky. Please do follow us on this platform to see events and activities that take place in school. Our Bluesky feed is @olcolton.bsky.social. We have already been uploading many of the wonderful events that take place at OLC.



Easter Holidays

14th - 17th April 2025
Fun Fest Olton



HOLIDAY CLUB	AM	PM
Mon	Treasure Quest Go-Karting	The Kube Sports Action
Tues	Sublime Slime Great Outdoors	The Chase Cheerleading
Weds	Creative Cooks Superheros & Princesses	Around The World Easter Puppet Making
Thurs	Lego Adventures Easter Gardens	Easter Party
Fri	CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	

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22nd - 25th April 2025
Fun Fest Olton



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Mon	CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	
Tues	Messy Mayhem Dodgeball	Mission Impossible Pottery
Weds	Creative Cooks Sports Action	Easter Gardens Nerf Challenge
Thurs	Jewellery Making Mini Olympics	Space cadets Bonkers Bingo
Fri	Dynamic Dinosaurs Bonkers Bingo	Fun Day Friday

Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Live streaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities - and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in their discussions about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS
Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES
While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

MISINFORMATION
Streamers are, in many ways, just like us - and they can get things wrong or rest off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

FINANCIAL HARM
Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to send money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME
If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS
For younger viewers, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that - influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS
While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers - despite many being dogged by controversy.

DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION
Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS
You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

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Water Bottles



Children are encouraged to drink regularly across the school day - please ensure that they bring a water bottle with them to school. As a reminder, **children are not to bring metal water bottles to school** - please ensure that your child's water bottle is plastic and reusable. Thank you all for your support with this.

have a
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WEEKEND