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To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

School Newsletter – 17

Date: Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,



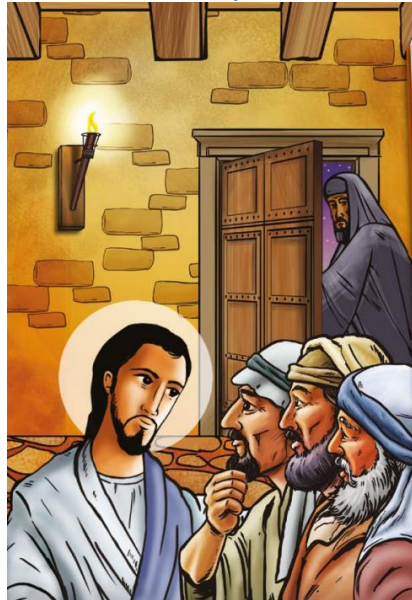
Habemus Papam: We have a Pope!

We have been filled with joy following the announcement of our new Pope Leo, brought to us last week with his first words to the world: Peace be with all of you. We pray that this message of peace continues to be heard by those who are troubled by war and that it can help to bring an end to the troubles in Ukraine, Gaza and India/Pakistan. As a school community we have been following the conclave closely so that our children experienced the passing of a legacy from one Pope to another. The children have embraced this event across the school and we will continue to pray for the Holy Father that he may guide the Church and inspire us all to be the light of Christ.



Have a wonderful weekend.
Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

Wednesday Word



Love is life's greatest blessing. St Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do that matters ... but how much love we put into it." In Sunday's Gospel, we listen to the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Jesus gives his friends, the disciples, a new commandment – they must love one another as Jesus loves them, with whole-hearted and unlimited generosity. The new commandment which Jesus gave to his friends is for us too – today! Everyone likes to be loved and family and school life become more joyful when we follow Jesus' command to love one another.

Olton Friary Link

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

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.

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May Procession



As we continue to honour Mary during the month of May, we look forward to our May Procession at 2pm on Thursday 22nd May which will be led by our Year 1 and 2 children. Parents are more than welcome to join us and weather permitting, the procession will take place out on the school playground.

Dates for 2024/25

17.5.25 – Y3 First Holy Communion – Group 2 – 11am
18.5.25 – Going Forth Mass for Y3 @ Olton Friary – 9am
19.5.25 – Y5 to begin Bikeability
22.5.25 – KS1 May Procession
23.5.25 – Sweets and Chocolate donation for Summer Fayre
23.5.25 – School finishes at normal time for May Half-term
24.5.25 – 10th Year Anniversary of Laudato Si
2.6.25 – School reopens after Half-Term break
8.6.25 – Pentecost
9.6.25 – Feed a family of 4 (LKS2) 2.30pm
11.6.25 – Class Photographs
19.6.25 – Food Promotion – into the Deep Blue
20.6.25 – MAC Sports Day for Year 6 @ Tudor Grange
21.6.25 – Summer Fayre @ Olton Friary – 12pm – 3pm
26.6.25 – UKS2 Sports Day – 9.15am
26.6.25 – FS Sports Day – 10.30am
26.6.25 – LKS2 Sports Day – 1.15pm
26.6.25 – KS1 Sports Day – 2.15pm
27.6.25 – Whole School Mass @ Olton Friary – Sacred Heart
1.7.25 – Provisional Sports Day if required due to weather
2.7.25 – Year 6 Residential to Alton Castle
8.7.25 – Year 6 Production – 10am
10.7.25 – Year 5 Commitment Mass @ Friary – 1.30pm
17.7.25 – Year 6 Leaver's Awards – 10am
17.7.25 – Food Promotion Day – The Big Picnic
18.7.24 – Year 6 Leaver's Mass at Friary – 10.15am
18.7.24 – Year 6 Leaver's Celebrations – 12.45pm
18.7.25 – School finishes at 2pm for Summer Holidays

Change of Dates

Please note that there are two changes of dates on the calendar (dates) from the previous newsletter. The KS1 May procession will now be held on the 22nd May and not the 16th May and the Year 6 end of year production will now take place on Tuesday 8th July at 10am instead of Wednesday 9th July. Thank you for your understanding with these changes.

Year 6 KS2 SATs

Well done to all of our Year 6 children who completed their end of KS2 SATs tests this week. We could not be prouder of the way that you conducted yourselves throughout this week and we know that whatever results you achieve, you are all superstars! We now look forward to celebrating your last 8 weeks with us and all the end of year celebrations that come with it. Enjoy your weekend and have a well-earned rest - you certainly deserve it. A special thank you also to all of the staff who prepared the children so well.

Altar Servers/Choir

If your child has received their First Holy Communion and is in Year 3 and above, please do consider if they would wish to action their faith further by becoming an Altar Server at the Friary. If they are interested, please let Father Biju or Father Austin know. The Friary are also looking for anyone interested in joining the 6pm choir at 6pm Mass on a Sunday.

Sacred Heart/Year 5 Commitment Mass

We look forward to the above Masses taking place after the half-term. The Sacred Heart Mass is an annual event which is an opportunity to thank God for the community of the Olton Friary and in particular our Parish Priest Father Biju, Father Austin, the Brothers of the Friary and all of the clergy. Please do feel free to join us on Friday 27th June at 10.15am.

We would also like to invite our parents from Year 5 to the Year 5 Commitment Mass on Thursday 10th July at 1.30pm. This is the start of the children becoming Confirmandi in preparation for their Confirmation.

VE Day

On Thursday 8th May, we celebrated the 80th anniversary of WW2 Victory in Europe Day. Children thoroughly enjoyed wearing colours representing the Union Jack, or clothing from the 1940s, taking part in old fashioned games and participating in a dances, which were a delight to watch.



Year 5 Bikeability



During the week commencing 19th May children in Year 5 will be taking part in Bikeability. This is a great opportunity for children to become even more skilled with riding a bike safely. If you have not returned the forms to the office, please do so as soon as possible. If children wish to bring their bikes to school on the Monday and leave them in school throughout the week, we are more than happy for them to do so, however, we are unable to take responsibility should they get damaged or lost.

£1
EACH



Friends of OLC
Olton Friary, Leamington



OLTON FRIARY
Leamington Spa, Warwickshire

POPCORN
MACHINE

UNDER
12'S
FREE

BOUNCY
CASTLE

PENALTY
SHOOT-OUT

2025
SUMMER
FAYRE

21st June
12pm - 3pm

Olton Friary gardens

CHOCOLATE
TOMBOLA

CAKE
STALL

BOTTLE
TOMBOLA

SOFT DRINKS,
TEAS, COFFEES
AND ALCOHOL
AVAILABLE!

LOTS OF GAMES FOR
CHILDREN TO GET
INVOLVED IN

GRAND
RAFFLE

TEDDY
TOMBOLA

BBQ
FOOD

JIGSAW
SWAP

FANCY
GOODS