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To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

School Newsletter – 19

Date: Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,
What wonderful weather we are experiencing – and just in time for the annual Summer Fayre at the Olton Friary this weekend which we hope you can join us for. Last week as part of our Outreach initiative, Mrs Redfern had the opportunity to support St. Chad's Sanctuary in Birmingham for the day and learn about the wonderful work that takes place supporting many refugees who have not long entered the country after a long and often challenging journey where they have had to flee war-torn situations. We are keen to forge further links with St. Chad's and would like to ask for any clothes that you may be willing to donate. These can be both adult or children's clothes (but in particular adult men's clothes would be greatly appreciated) - we ask that these are brought into school on Thursday 26th June at Sports Day. We will then transfer these kind donations to St. Chad's. As always, thank you for your support and have a wonderful weekend.

Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

Wednesday Word



This Sunday, the Church celebrates the great feast of Corpus Christi [two Latin words which mean 'the Body of Christ']. In some parts of the world there are processions through the streets. This is traditionally a time when children make their First Holy Communion. The gathering in this Sunday's Gospel wasn't just a huge, miraculous, open-air picnic. This was a sign of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) which Jesus would establish with his disciples at the Last Supper. Jesus makes the same offer to nourish us today, especially when we receive Holy Communion - a sacred moment, when we receive a gift from heaven – we receive Jesus. This helps us become closer to Jesus and closer to each other - to keep growing in goodness and love.

Y5 and Y6 Family Education

During this half-term, our Year 5 and 6 children will be participating in their Family Education lessons (please see Key Dates). You can access more information on this through the following link on our website: <https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/rse/>

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-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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MAC Athletics



A group of our Year 6 children competed in our annual MAC athletics, joining the other schools in the spirit of community in sport. The children had an amazing day and truly demonstrated their collaborative skills. Well done Year 6 and thank you to Mr Brennan and Mrs Monington.

Dates for 2024/25

- 21.6.25 – Summer Fayre @ Olton Friary – 12pm – 3pm
- 24.6.25 – Year 6 Family Education Session
- 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
- 30.6.25 – Moving Up Day
- 30.6.26 – Year 6 Transition Day to St. Peter's
- 30.6.25 – FS2 (2025/26) Parent Induction Meeting (School Hall) – 1.30pm
- 1.7.25 – FS1 (2025/26) Parent Induction Meeting (School Hall) – 5pm
- 1.7.25 – Provisional Sports Day if required due to weather
- 2.7.25 – Year 6 Residential to Alton Castle
- 7.7.25 – FS1 Graduation – 9.15am
- 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

Footsteps



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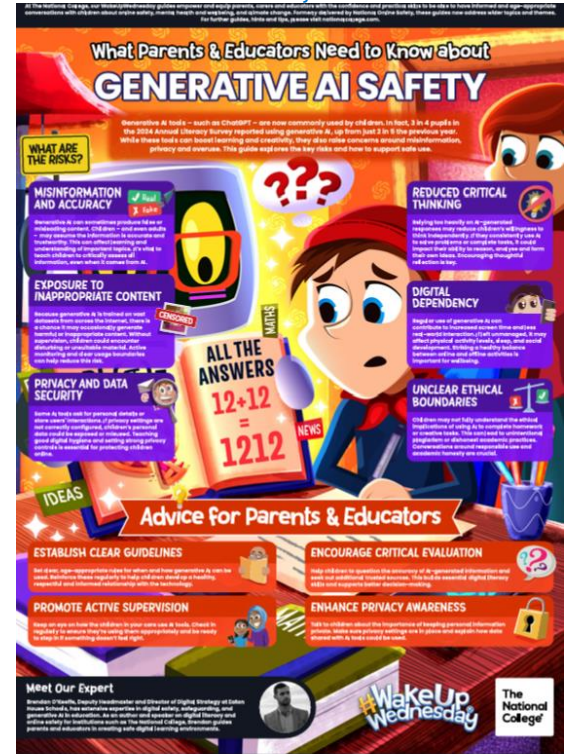
If you would like your child/children to attend Footsteps Before and After School Club next academic year (from September 2026) you will need to submit a request for a place on a Footsteps Microsoft Booking Form (for each child.) You should have received the link to the form by email on Friday 6th of June. The form must be submitted by June 20th 2025 for your request to be considered according to Footsteps' admission criteria. Further information for 2025/2026 can be seen in the Footsteps Information Booklet on the Footsteps page of the school website. The booking form link can also be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/8iM4KREaTH>

If you did not receive the email, please check your junk mail or if the school office do not have your latest email address, please email the office with your up to date contact details.

Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday

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



Parent Pay

As we approach the end of term, we ask everyone to check the balance on their ParentPay account and clear any outstanding amounts. You might also find it useful to set up balance alerts on your Parentay account. This can be done by going into communication / message alerts on your account. However, please note there is a charge of 6p for any text alerts. Email alerts are free of charge.

Sports Days

This term, we will be hosting our annual Sports Day (please see the Key Dates section of the newsletter). We are looking forward to welcoming parents and friends to these events. It would be great to see many parents attending to support the children – you may even want to wear trainers yourselves in case you get the chance to take part in the parents' race.

School Uniform Survey

Following a Government announcement regarding the costings of school uniform and new legislation that will come in effect in schools from September 2026, we would like to gather feedback on our current school uniform and therefore we ask that you complete the short survey by Friday 18th July: <https://forms.office.com/e/pLJKafc7DD>

Sacred Heart / Year 5 Commitment Mass



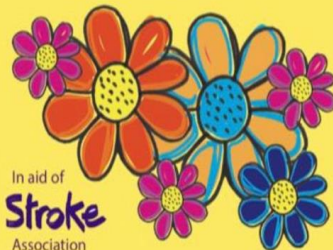
We look forward to the above Masses taking place in the coming weeks. The Sacred Heart Mass is an annual event which is an opportunity to thank God for the community of the Olton Friary and in particular our Parish Priest Father Biju, Father Austin and the Brothers of the Friary and all of the clergy. 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 the Confirmandi in preparation for their Confirmation.

St Bernard's in Bloom

St Bernard's in Bloom OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 29th June 2025
1pm - 5pm

Pimms & Live Music • Tea Gardens • Plant Sales
£5 to see all the Open Gardens



**Fun Fest Summer Bookings Now Open –
5 Weeks of Fun Await!**

We are excited to announce that **Fun Fest Holiday Club bookings** are now open for five fantastic weeks of summer fun!

We have made some exciting updates this year — **our 7–12-year-olds are now VIPs!** This age group will enjoy their very own schedule of activities, along with new resources tailored specifically to their interests and needs.

We are also pleased to confirm that we will once again be offering **HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) sessions** from 22nd July to 22nd August, running 8am–1pm daily.

To book your HAF sessions, please contact Emma at solihulloffice@funfestholidayclub.co.uk, who will be happy to guide you through the process.

Please note:

Each child is entitled to a **maximum of 16 HAF sessions**.

We have **limited availability**, with **only 10 spaces per day** due to high demand across local providers.

We will operate a **waiting list** where needed to accommodate as many families as possible.

If you are from **Our Lady of Compassion Primary**, you will be given **priority access** to spaces.

We cannot wait to welcome you to Fun Fest this summer!

Fun Fest HOLIDAY CLUB
Summer Week 1
22nd – 25th July 2025
3–7 year olds

	AM	PM
Tues	Lego Creations, Wacky Races	Nerf Challenge, Great Outdoors
Weds	Imagining, Pottery	Summer Gardens, Treasure Quest
Thurs	Stagecoach, Crafty Creations	Under the Sea, Cupcake Heaven
Fri	Superheroes & princesses, Sports Action	Fun Day Friday & Water Fight

Book early to avoid disappointment!

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Tues	Lego Creations, Athletics	Gymnastic, Roots & shoots
Weds	Nerf Challenge, Pottery	Traillblazers, Tennis
Thurs	Stagecoach, Creation Zone	Cupcake Heaven, Badminton
Fri	Spa Experience, Mission Impossible	Friday Finale & water Fight

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2025 SUMMER FAYRE
21st June
12pm - 3pm
Olton Friary gardens

£1 EACH
UNDER 12'S FREE
POPCORN MACHINE
BOUNCY CASTLE
PENALTY SHOOT-OUT
CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA
CAKE STALL
SOFT DRINKS, TEAS, COFFEES AND ALCOHOL AVAILABLE!
LOTS OF GAMES FOR CHILDREN TO GET INVOLVED IN
GRAND RAFFLE
TEDDY TOMBOLA
BBQ FOOD
JIGSAW SWAP
BOTTLE TOMBOLA
FANCY GOODS

Friends of OLC OLTON FRIARY

Community Concern

It has been reported to us that unfortunately a number of parents are parking on the yellow lines on Swanswell Road which creates a serious hazard for both road users and residents, leading to congestion and increasing the risk of traffic accidents. In recent weeks, it has been observed that some pupils are running through residents' gardens and even jumping over fences during drop-off and collection times. This causes damage to property and can be quite distressing for residents, particularly when it occurs as they are leaving or returning to their homes. We are keen to avoid any incidents that could reflect negatively on our school or its families.