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School Newsletter – 20

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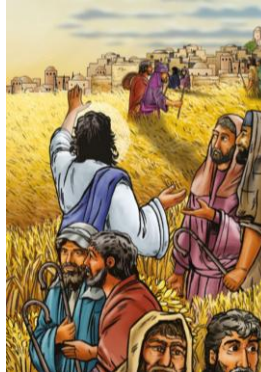
Dear Parents, Carers and Children,
Since our last newsletter, which seems like was only in the blink of an eye away, we have enjoyed some wonderful moments at OLC such as the annual Summer Fayre, Sports Day, Sacred Heart Mass, Moving Up Day, Year 6's transition days to their secondary school, meetings with new parents for September, FS1 Pool Party and our Year 6 residential - the events do not stop there!



We now look forward to the Year 6 production, the leaver's awards and leaver's mass. It is at times like this that you have to simply take a step back and thank God for all that he has provided us with, and how our children have again taken that next step forward within their learning journey. We do hope you are all enjoying these moments as much as we are!

Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

Wednesday Word



God loves all people equally and invites everyone to share in his kingdom – today! This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Jesus came to establish a kingdom. With Jesus' blessing, his friends are sent on an urgent mission to all who will listen. What are they sent to tell the people? They are to announce the good news of God's kingdom – to make present God's blessing of peace and healing. Today, the Church invites us all to enter into God's kingdom and to help it to grow here on earth. Everywhere I go I can spread either gossip or peace, either hurt or God's healing – the healing which Jesus brought as he went round the countryside.

Alton Castle

Our Year 6 children today arrived back today from their residential at Alton Castle. What a great time they all had as can be seen from the few photos below (you can find more of the memories the children have made by following us on BlueSky). The children now look forward to their next event ... the Year 6 Production! So much to do ... so little time ...



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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/>

Dates for 2024/25

- 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

Sports Days



Last week we enjoyed our annual sports day a slight interruption with the weather after the UKS2 had competed it was an uninterrupted event. Thank you to all involved for making it such a smooth event which ran without delay and to the parents for being great sports and joining in at the end with the parents race. We are pleased to announce that this year it was St. Raphael’s house team that won overall amassing a whopping 209 points!

- 1st St. Raphael - 209
- 2nd St. Anne - 204
- 3rd St. Joseph - 193
- 3rd St. Gabriel - 193

Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday

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

End of Year Reports

We are looking forward to sharing our end-of-year reports with parents by Monday 14th July which is when they will be emailed out. We ask that all parents respond to the online form that can be accessed through a link via the email to which the reports will be attached, to confirm receipt - it is also an opportunity for you to share comments with us. We ask that you share with the school office any recent changes to your email address so that we can ensure you receive the report on the 14th July.

Parent Pay

As we approach the end of term, we would 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 ParentPay account. This can be done by going into communication / message alerts on your account. Please note, however, that there is a charge of 6p for any text alerts; email alerts are free of charge.

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 your views on our current school uniform, and we therefore ask that you complete the short survey by Friday 18th July: <https://forms.office.com/e/pLJKafc7DD>

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.

Summer Fayre

Thank you to all involved in ensuring the Summer Fayre was a great success! It was such a joyous event, with music, games and wonderful weather (just a slight downpour midway) – what more could you want! It was made even more memorable by the amount raised - £4700 - which will be split between the Parish and School. Thank you also to the following companies who donated raffle prizes and to all the volunteers for your time and contributions – moments like these remind us of what special places both Olton Friary and OLC are.

Fond Farewell



It is with a heavy heart that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Comerford at the end of this school year. Mrs Comerford began her time with us working in ACE (the Breakfast and Afterschool prior to Footsteps). She then moved further into the school setting and has worked in our FS1 for over 7 years. We know that she will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best as she begins her time teaching at St Andrew’s in their school nursery.



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	Imagineering 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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VIPs

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7–12 year olds

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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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Classes 2025/26

During the 'Moving Up' Day this week children had the opportunity to meet their teachers for the next school year. Please find the classes below:

FS1 – Mrs Sandhu-White
FS2 – Mrs Kinchin and Mrs Monington/ Mrs Haycock
Y1 – Mrs Mitchell
Y1/2 – Miss Hannah
Y2 – Mr McEvelly
Y3 – Mrs Kendrew/Miss Cottrell
Y3/4 – Miss Sidwell
Y4 – Mr Brennan
Y5 – Mrs Redfern
Y5/6 – Mrs Freeman
Y6 – Miss Dowling

We welcome back Mrs Kinchin and Mrs Freeman who will both be returning from maternity leave. Miss Chick, who is expecting, will work with different classes before she starts her maternity leave,

Staffing Updates 2025/26

We would like to share with you some changes that will be taking place at the end of this school year. We will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Humphris and Mrs Day and we thank them for the commitment and dedication they have shown throughout their time at Our Lady of Compassion. However, both Mrs Humphris and Mrs Day will not become strangers, and we are sure they will be back to cover classes throughout the next school year as needed.

End of School Procedures

To support our end of day procedures and the safety of the children we politely ask that once children are dismissed to their parents, they do not then start to play football on the astro turf football pitch located by the KS1 playground. We also ask for your support with children leaving on their bikes and scooters outside the school main gate and that they do not ride these down the drive or path but walk them down until they have left the school drive. We thank you as always for your support with these matters.

Earrings

Following Governor approval, our school uniform policy has been amended for September 2025 where **children will no longer be able to wear earrings to school**. We ask that in September, all earrings are removed before a child arrives at school - where parents are thinking of having their child's ears pierced, we ask that these are done at the start of the summer holidays to give enough time for the ears to heal. We thank you for your support with this matter which will help us ensure that all children are safe when they attend school.

Children's Books



At the end of the school year, we will be sending the children's books home. As there are a lot of books to send home, we will be releasing these books to you throughout the final week.