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**To Live As Jesus Taught Us.**

School Newsletter – 21

Date: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we have shared and express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. This year has been filled with growth, learning, and many proud moments. From academic achievements and creative projects to sporting triumphs and community events, our children have continued to amaze us with their resilience, curiosity, and kindness. It has been a joy to watch them flourish both in and out of the classroom. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff, whose passion and commitment make our school such a special place. Their tireless efforts ensure that every child is supported, challenged, and inspired to reach their full potential. To our parents and carers – thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership. Your involvement plays a vital role in the success of our school, and we are truly grateful for the trust you place in us. To our Year 6 leavers, we send you off with pride and best wishes for the exciting adventures ahead. You leave behind a legacy of leadership and friendship, and we know you will continue to shine in your next chapter. As we look ahead to the new school year, we do so with optimism and enthusiasm. We have exciting plans in place and look forward to welcoming both familiar faces and new members to our school family in September. Until then, I wish you all a restful, safe, and joyful summer break.

Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

### Wednesday Word



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus knows that household jobs are important, but he reminds us how important it is to take time to listen to God. Jesus does not force us to listen to him, but he knows what's best for us. Listening is a sign of real love – it's a powerful way of showing that we care. Ask your child if they know someone who is a really good listener. Who does your child like to listen to? Do they know people who speak with kindness and love, and want good things for them and others? It may help your child if you give them an example of your own.

**“Before we speak, it is necessary for us to listen. God speaks in the silence of the heart.” St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)**

This Gospel reminds us that rushing frantically around can stop us hearing the wisdom of Jesus. We need first to listen to Jesus, to be reminded of what's really important in life; then it's time to swing into action. As the summer holidays approach, explore ways that can help you to listen to Jesus in these coming weeks.

### Thank You



Thank you to all the staff for their hard work this year. We thank God for each and every one of them. We hope they have a well-earned rest. A BIG thank you to you all from all of our staff for your kind gifts. As always we would never expect any gifts, but greatly appreciate your kind sentiments.

### Sacramental Dates

We are pleased to share that the Sacramental Dates for 25/26 are as follows:

Year 6 Confirmation - Fri 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7pm;

Year 3 First Holy Communion - Sat 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 10am.

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### 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/>

## Dates for 2025/26

### Further dates will be added throughout the term

- 1.9.25 – Season of Creation begins
- 1.9.25 – INSET day – School closed to pupils
- 2.9.25 – INSET day – School closed to pupils
- 3.9.25 – School reopens to pupils for new academic year
- 5.9.25 – Our Lady's Birthday
- 5.9.25 – Non-uniform day in exchange for bottle donation towards FOLC Fun Day
- 8.9.25 – After School Clubs begin
- 10.9.25 – Guitar lessons begin for Class 4B (Mr Brennan's Class)
- 12.9.25 – FOLC Family Fun Day – 3pm
- 14.9.25 – Education Sunday
- 15.9.25 – Donations of Harvest Gifts
- 16.9.25 – Swimming begins for Class 6D (Miss Dowling's Class)
- 16.9.25 – FS Working Together Meeting – 4pm
- 16.9.25 – KS1 Working Together Meeting – 5.15pm
- 17.9.25 – UKS2 Working Together Meeting – 4pm
- 17.9.25 – LKS2 Working Together Meeting – 5.15pm
- 18.9.25 – St. Peter's Open Day – 5.30pm
- 21.9.25 – International Day of Peace
- 22.9.25 – Fairtrade Fortnight begins
- 24.9.24 – National Fitness Day
- 26.9.25 – Day of Thanksgiving for Harvest
- 29.9.25 – Little Way Week
- 1.10.25 – School Photographs
- 1.10.25 – Black History Month begins
- 1.10.25 – Month of the Holy Rosary begins
- 1.10.25 – Feast Day of St. Therese
- 2.10.25 – Feast Day of Guardian Angels
- 3.10.25 – Cafod Family Fast Day
- 3.10.25 – Season of Creation ends
- 3.10.25 – Year 6 Prefect Service at Friary – 2pm
- 7.10.25 – Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary
- 9.10.25 – Feast Day of St John Henry Newman
- 10.10.25 – World Mental Health Day – children to wear splash of yellow with school uniform
- 10.10.25 – FS2/Y6 Buddies Service – 2.15pm
- 11.10.25 – Olton Friary Pilgrim of Hope Flower Festival
- 12.10.25 – Feast Day of St Wilfrid
- 13.10.25 – Feast Day of St Edward
- 16.10.25 – World Food Day
- 17.10.25 – Year 6 Trip to St. Chad's
- 17.10.25 – FOLC Disco at OLC
- 20.10.25 – Diwali
- 23.10.25 – Last day of half-term for pupils

## Dates for 2025/26 Continued

- 24.10.25 – School Closed to pupils for INSET Day
- 31.10.25 – Closing date for Secondary Applications
- 1.11.25 – All Saints' Day – Holy Day of Obligation
- 3.11.25 – School reopens for Autumn Term 2
- 4.11.25 – FS1/FS2 Open Day – 5pm
- 10.11.25 – World Science Day
- 10.11.25 – Anti-bullying Week
- 11.11.25 – Remembrance Day
- 12.11.25 – Parents' Evening
- 13.11.25 – Parents' Evening
- 14.11.25 – Children in Need
- 17.11.25 – Road Safety Week
- 17.11.25 – Flu Immunisations (FS2 to Y6)
- 19.11.25 – Drop Everything and Read Day
- 20.11.25 – World Children's Day
- 20.11.25 – OLAAS MAC celebration Day
- 20.11.25 – One Life Retreat Day – Y6
- 21.11.25 – End of Jubilee Year
- 23.11.25 – Christ the King – Youth Mass
- 30.11.25 – St. Andrew's Day
- 30.11.25 – Advent begins
- 3.12.25 – FS2 Nativity – 9.20am
- 6.12.25 – Christmas Fayre at OLC
- 9.12.25 – Last Swimming Session for Class 6D
- 10.12.25 – FS1 Nativity – 9.20am
- 11.12.25 – Y4/Y5/Y6 Reconciliation
- 12.12.25 – Christmas Jumper Day
- 12.12.25 – FS1 Application Deadline for 26/27
- 12.12.25 – KS1 Carols – 9.30am
- 12.12.25 – LKS2 Carols – 10.30am
- 12.12.25 – UKS2 Carols – 2.30pm
- 16.12.25 – Stay and Pray Whole School – 2.30pm
- 17.12.25 – Christmas Dinner Day
- 18.12.25 – Party Day
- 18.12.25 – Whole School Theatre performance at School for children
- 19.12.25 – Toy Day
- 19.12.25 – Last Day of Term before Christmas Holidays – School finishes at 2pm

## Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday

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



## End of Year Reports

The end of year reports were emailed out on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July. We ask that all parents respond to the online form that can be accessed through a link on the cover page to confirm receipt of the report. If, however you have not received the report by email, please email the school office.

## 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.

## 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. However, please note 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 feedback on our current school uniform and therefore we ask that you complete the short survey by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July:

<https://forms.office.com/e/pLJKaf7DD>

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

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

We've 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're 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](mailto: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're from **Our Lady of Compassion Primary**, you'll be given **priority access** to spaces.

We can't wait to welcome you to Fun Fest this summer!

**Gaelic Football Tournament**



Last week the girls and boys from Year 5 competed at Páirc na hÉireann in the Catholic Schools Gaelic Competition. The team competed marvellously and eventually finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall. We were so proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout - thank Miss Dowling and Miss Cottrell for all of their support in preparing the team so well.

**Sports Clubs**



We are looking forward to our Sports Clubs getting up and running after the Summer Holidays once again. If you would like to book onto any of these please follow this link to our website: <https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/school-clubs/>

**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.

**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!

**Year 6 Production**



What a treat! Thank you to our Year 6 children who performed their end of year production: 'I'm a Year 11 pupil, get me out of here!' They certainly made a great impression and left the audience in awe!



**Fun Fest VIPs**  
**Summer Week 1**  
 22nd – 25th July 2025  
 7–12 year olds

	AM	PM
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

Book early to avoid disappointment!

**THE CARLO ACUTIS YOUTH GROUP**  
 INVITES YOU TO THE  
**SUMMER CELEBRATION**

**FRIDAY 18th JULY**  
**6:30PM – 8:30PM**  
**ON THE OLTON FRIARY FIELD**

**BBQ, BOUNCY CASTLES, FOOTBALL, ROUNDERS AND MORE!**

**£3 ENTRY**

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