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**To Live As Jesus Taught Us.**

School Newsletter – 5

Date: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,  
As we begin this new term and journey towards the season of Advent and Christmas, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome back to each and every one of you. The Autumn Term is always a special time in school life, filled with renewed energy, and the comforting rhythm of learning and growing together.

This term, our focus turns to the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Human Dignity. At the heart of our faith is the belief that every person is made in the image and likeness of God, and therefore deserves respect, compassion, and care. In our classrooms, playgrounds, and wider community, we will be encouraging our pupils to recognise this value in themselves and in others - celebrating the unique gifts that each person brings.

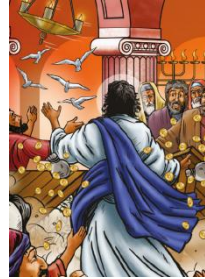
We also turn our attention to the Gospel Values of being Learned and Wise. To be learned is to seek knowledge with curiosity and purpose; to be wise is to apply that knowledge with discernment, kindness, and integrity. These values will guide our teaching and learning, helping our pupils grow not only in academic understanding but also in moral and spiritual depth. As we move through the term, may we all be inspired to uphold the dignity of others, to learn with open hearts, and to act with wisdom in all that we do.

Wishing you a joyful and purposeful term ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

## Wednesday Word



Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple there he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and money changers sitting at their counters. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market". Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The people in the Temple said to Jesus, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up". The people replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple: are you going to raise it up in three days?" Now the Temple Jesus was talking about was his own body. And later when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had told them.

## Winter Uniform



As a reminder, we now ask that children wear their winter uniform. The school uniform policy can be found by following this link: <https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

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## Nursery Admission 2025/26



If you are interested in places for 2025/2026 for your child to begin with us in Nursery, please contact the school office.

**Dates for 2025/26**  
**Further dates will be added**  
**throughout the term**



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

**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/>

**Parents' Evening Meetings**

We look forward to our Parents' Evening Meetings taking place next week, where you will have the opportunity to hear about your child's progress. If you have not yet booked your slot, or are having trouble booking this, please contact the school office. Please note that there is no parking on site during either of these evenings.

**Road Safety Week – 17.11.25**



Thank you to all the parents/carers who ensure the safety of our children by parking responsibly when dropping their children off and collecting them from school, crossing the road safely and considering our neighbours. As always, it is important we work together with our neighbouring area to keep our children safe. We therefore ask the following:

- Please park in the areas around the school that are safe to do so.
- When crossing the road, it is important to set the right example to our children by crossing with Lucy, our crossing patrol warden. It is important that you do not walk behind, or cut across the railings at the front of school.
- Please respect our neighbours' driveways by not allowing children to go up and down the drive.
- As children enter or leave the school site, we ask that they do not ride their bikes or scooters on the drive and that they walk along the pathway or drive.

**Care and Behaviour Policy**

To continue to support the great behaviour and attitude of the children at OLC, we have recently updated our Care and Behaviour Policy. This can be found on our website by following this link:

<https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=259&type=pdf>

**Anti-Bullying Week: Using Our Power for Good**



Anti-Bullying week will be taking place from 10<sup>th</sup> November. During the week, we are focusing on the theme of "Power for Good" - encouraging children to recognise the positive impact they can have on others through kindness, respect, and standing up against bullying. To launch the week, children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November with their school uniform. It is a fun way to celebrate individuality and remind us all that our differences make us special. Together, we will explore how we can use our voices and actions to make school a safe and supportive place for everyone.

**Children in Need**

On Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, children can wear non-uniform and come dressed in attire that has spots so that we can all look SPOTACULAR for the day. We are asking for a £1 donation from every child (or whatever they wish to donate) – donations will be raised in aid of the children's hospital in Birmingham. All donations are to be paid directly to ParentPay.

**Mobile Phones**



As a reminder, mobile phones should only be brought into school by children in Y5 and Y6 who may be walking home by themselves, and must be handed over to a member of staff at the school gate each morning.

**Vision and Values**

Each year our Vision and Values are reviewed. These can be found on our website following this link: <https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/our-vision-and-values/>

If as parents you have any suggestions or thoughts to support and enhance these please feel free to email these to our school office at [office@olc.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@olc.solihull.sch.uk).

## Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday

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

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE**

With over 550 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superheroes, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and other practical safety tips to help address them.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

Fortnite is a free-to-play battle royale game. It's one of the most popular online games, with over 550 million registered users. It's available on PC, PS4, Xbox One, and Switch. The game is rated PEGI 12. It's important to be aware of the risks associated with online gaming, such as cyberbullying, inappropriate language, and exposure to violence. Parents and educators should have conversations with children about these risks and how to stay safe online.

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**FREQUENT UPDATES**

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**POP CULTURE REFERENCES**

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**Advice for Parents & Educators**

**DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION**

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**Meet Our Expert**

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## Christmas Fayre Donations – Let's Make It Magical!

**Christmas Fayre**

Friends of OLC ALTON PRIORY

**Come to See Me! Ho! Ho! Ho! SANTA'S GROTTO**

**ENTRANCE £1 ADULTS**

**RAFFLE** **BOTTLE TOMBOLA** **GAMES** **CHRISTMAS CRAFTS** **TOYS** **PHOTO WITH SANTA!** **TURKEY BAPS** **ELF TRAIL** **CAKES**

**COME AND JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE. EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 12PM - 3PM AT OLC SCHOOL**

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Our much-loved Christmas Fayre is just round the corner, and we would be so grateful for your support with donations to help make it a festive success! Here is how you can get involved:

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Bottle Donations

Children who bring a bottle (sealed and unopened – from soft drinks to sauces, to something a little stronger!) can enjoy a non-uniform day as a thank you!

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Sweets and Chocolates

Donations of sweet treats will be rewarded with extra playtime – a well-deserved treat for helping out!

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Cakes

Homemade or shop-bought, all cakes are welcome and will help make our Fayre deliciously festive.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. We cannot wait to celebrate with you!

## Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Day



DEAR has been developed to instil a love of reading. At different points in the day, the whole school will put down their pens, pencils, paintbrushes or balls and pick up their reading books, where they will engage in individual reading. This will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

### Contact Details

As a reminder, if any of your contact details change, such as telephone numbers, emails or home addresses, please let the school office know as soon as possible so that we have the correct information on our system.

### School News + School App

We are excited to announce the launch of our new school App: Juniper Education. We ask that you follow the instructions sent by email to download the App so that we have a further method of communicating with parents. In addition to this app, there is also an App, called School News that you can download which is a mini-version of the school website and has links to particular areas parents would need. Once you download the School News app, please search for our school.

### RHE

Relationship, and Health Education (RHE) became a statutory subject for all schools several years ago. In recognition of this, a working group of parents, staff and governors worked together to ensure that the programme is fully in line with our Catholic ethos. You can access the RHE programme by following this link: [RSE at OLC](#) to ensure that you are familiar with your child's RHE programme throughout the year.