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**To Live As Jesus Taught Us.**

**School Newsletter – 6**

**Date: Friday 21<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,  
As we come to the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope this Friday, we give thanks for the many blessings this year has brought to our school community. Hope is a gift from God - a light that guides us even in times of uncertainty. Throughout this year, we have seen hope alive in our children's joy, in the dedication of our staff, and in the love and support of our families.

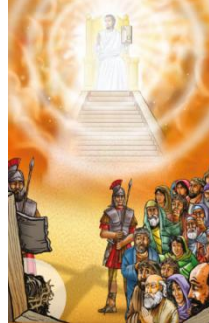
Pope Francis reminds us: "Hope is bold; it knows how to look beyond personal convenience, the small securities and compensations which limit our horizon, to open ourselves to great ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile." This call challenges us to keep hope active - not as a distant dream, but as a daily choice to trust in God's promises and to work for a future filled with faith, love, and peace.

As we close this Jubilee Year, let us carry its spirit forward. May our school continue to be a place where hope is nurtured, where Christ's light shines, and where every child knows they are cherished by God.

**Lord Jesus, You are our hope and our salvation. As we end this Jubilee Year, fill our hearts with trust in Your promises. Help us to bring Your light to others and to live each day with faith, courage, and joy. Amen.**

Thank you for walking this journey with us. Let us step into the future with hearts full of hope.  
Have a wonderful weekend.  
Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

## Wednesday Word



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In this Sunday's Gospel, the leaders, the soldiers and the people all mock Jesus as God's Chosen One and as king. Jesus' kingship is not one of military or political power, but one of love and mercy. Jesus forgave those who crucified him. He also showed mercy to the criminal who was sorry and called him to share in his kingdom – an offer Jesus also makes to us today. In life, we all make mistakes, but we never have to be afraid to ask God for forgiveness — God is pure mercy. Each one of us receives mercy as a gift from God, and it is a gift we are called to share with others too.

## Advent and Christmas Events

We are delighted to share that our Advent and Christmas celebrations are just around the corner! This is such a cherished time for our school community - a chance to come together and share the joy of Christmas. To make sure that everyone can enjoy these events safely and comfortably, we kindly ask parents to request tickets in advance. For each event, you will receive an email with a link to a Microsoft Form where you can request tickets. You are very welcome to include relatives and friends - our hall has plenty of space for everyone to enjoy the festivities! Please remember to bring your ticket with you on the day so that we can sign you in smoothly. Thank you so much for your understanding and support in helping us make these celebrations special for all.

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## Nursery Admission 2025/26



If you are interested in places for 2025/26 for your child to join us in Nursery, please contact the school office.

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



- 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

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



Our much-loved Christmas Fayre is just around 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:

**Friday 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!

**Friday 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 can't wait to celebrate with you!

**Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday**  
 For further information, please visit the National Online Safety website.



**Maths Calculations Policy**



To support you in helping your child with their maths calculations, please find our policies by using this link:

[Maths Calculation Policies](#)

**Youth Group at Olton Friary**

Our children are blessed with the opportunity of attending a Youth Group at the Friary which takes place every Friday evening from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. This is very popular and a great opportunity for young people to participate in exciting activities, meet other young people and make new friends.

**Parents' Evening**

It was great to see so many parents at our Autumn Term parents' evening meetings this week, to celebrate the progress and successes of the children across the school. We know that the children particularly enjoyed finding the 'proud parent' stickers once again and the recognition it provides from you all. Thank you to all who supported the Book Fair which will help us provide more books for the children at OLC. We also hope you enjoyed sampling some of the food from Aspens, our catering provider and experiencing the food the children eat. **If, however, for any reason you were unable to attend your appointment, please contact the school office to arrange a time to meet with the class teacher so as to support your child's learning.**

**Olton Friary Link**

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

**St Andrew's Day**



On the 28<sup>th</sup> November, children will be able to wear a splash of blue and/or white with their school uniform for St Andrew's Day which falls on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. This could be a ribbon, a scarf, socks or an item of clothing added to your child's uniform to celebrate St. Andrew's Day.