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To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

School Newsletter – 8

Date: Friday 19th December 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,
As we come to the close of the Autumn Term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible efforts and achievements across our school community. I am immensely proud of the way our pupils have embraced every opportunity to grow and succeed. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for their unwavering commitment, to our families for their continued support, and to all the FOLC who have generously given their time and energy to enrich school life. Your contributions - supporting events or lending a hand behind the scenes - make a real difference and are deeply appreciated. As the festive season approaches, I hope you all find time to relax, celebrate, and enjoy special moments with loved ones. May this holiday bring warmth, joy, and peace to your homes. In the words of Anne Frank, "No one has ever become poor by giving". And as Robert Ingersoll reminds us, "We rise by lifting others". Thank you for giving so much to our school community. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another exciting chapter filled with new opportunities.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

ParentPay

Please ensure that your ParentPay account is kept in credit. We have several accounts in arrears at present. Please check your accounts to make sure they are up to date.

Wednesday Word



In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist had heard about Jesus Christ's miracles and all the other wonderful things that he was doing. Christ was offering people forgiveness and healing, both physical and spiritual. Forgiving and healing was his task all those years ago and, if we put our trust in him, this is what he can do for us even today.

"For those who love, nothing is too difficult, especially when it is done for the love of Jesus Christ." St Ignatius of Loyola

Jesus Christ came to draw everyone into his love - to joyfully share in God's own life. How can we live and love more like Christ as we journey through Advent? Perhaps we can: always try to be fair, honest, generous and ready to go out of our way to help anyone who is in need; as a family, resolve to support a local or national good cause in the coming new year; make a special effort to let other family members know how much we love them.

OLAAS Newsletter

Please follow this link to view our MAC, Our Lady and All Saints Autumn Term newsletter:

https://heyzine.com/flip-book/OLAAS_NewsletterAutumn2025

Swimming

Class 6D have now finished their swimming sessions. Class 5/6F will begin their swimming sessions after the Christmas break on Tuesday 13th January. Please ensure that the Microsoft Form that has been sent out has been completed and submitted.

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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.

Thank You

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for your kind gifts. As always, we do not expect any gifts; however, we certainly appreciate your kind sentiments. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Dates for 2025/26

Further dates will be added throughout the term

5.1.26 – School reopens to pupils
7.1.26 – Young Voices Concert
13.1.26 – Swimming to begin for Class 5/6F
13.1.26 – Confirmation meeting for Y6 parents (virtual) – 5pm
15.1.26 – Closing date for FS2 (Reception) applications
18.1.26 – Christian Unity Week
21.1.26 – Peace Day
22.1.26 – FOLC AGM – School Hall – 5pm
23.1.26 – FS1 (Nursery) Offer for September 2026
27.1.26 – Holocaust Memorial Day
30.1.26 – Year 6 Reconciliation
2.2.26 – Candlemas
2.2.26 – Children’s Mental Health Week – Dress to impress Day
5.2.26 – Social Media Assembly for Parents – 2.30pm
6.2.26 – Year 6 Confirmation @ Olton Friary – 7pm
8.2.26 – Racial Justice Day
10.2.26 – Safer Internet Day – theme
“Together for a better internet?”
13.2.26 – We Love School Day
13.2.26 – Last day of half-term
18.3.26 – Ash Wednesday – Start of Lent
22.2.26 – First Sunday of Lent
23.2.26 – School Closed – INSET Day
24.2.26 – School reopens after half-term
24.2.26 – Random Act of Kindness Day
27.2.26 – St. David’s Day – children to wear a splash of yellow to school
1.3.26 – Secondary School Offer Day
1.3.26 – Women’s History Month
5.3.26 – World Book Day
6.3.26 – World Women’s Day
7.3.25 – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Y3
11.3.26 – FS1 Mother’s Day Assembly 9.30am
11.3.26 – FS2 Mother’s Day Assembly 10.30am
11.3.26 – Parents’ Evening
12.3.26 – Parents’ Evening
13.3.26 – INSET Day – School Closed to Pupils
15.3.26 – Mothering Sunday
17.3.26 – St Patrick’s Day

Dates for 2025/26 continued

17.3.26 – FS Stay and Pray – 2.30pm
18.3.26 – KS1 Stay and Pray – 2.30pm
19.3.26 – UKS2 Stay and Pray – 2.30pm
20.3.26 – LKS2 Stay and Pray – 2.30pm
20.3.26 – International Day of Happiness
20.3.26 – FOLC Disco
26.3.26 – FS1 and FS2 Easter Bonnet Parade – 9.30am
26.3.26 – KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Easter Bonnet Parade – 10.30am
27.3.26 – LKS2 (Y3 and Y4) to lead Stations of the Cross – 9.30am
27.3.26 – Last day of term – 2pm finish for Easter Holidays

Christmas Jumper/Clothes Day



Thank you to all who made the £2 contributions towards Christmas Jumper Day last week which will be used to purchase further resources to enhance our enrichment programme in the school. If you have not had chance to make a contribution the item on Parent Pay is still open.

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.

Hair Reminder

ALL hair (boys and girls) MUST be tied up if it is long enough to touch their shoulders. If no band is supplied and hair is loose, school will supply a band so that the hair can be tied up during the day. **Dyed, shaved and or patterned haircuts/tramlines in hair are not suitable for school. Unfortunately, we have noticed several children of late with tramlines in their hair. We ask you to support our school uniform policy and refrain from children having these in their hair.**

Supporting Our New OPAL Initiative

We are excited to announce that after the Christmas holidays, we will be introducing OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) to enhance play opportunities for our pupils. To make this initiative a success, we are looking for donations of items that will spark creativity and fun outdoors. If you have any of the following at home and no longer need them, we would love to give them a new purpose:

- Old pots and pans
- Fancy dress costumes
- Small household items suitable for imaginative play

Your contributions will help us create a rich and engaging outdoor environment for all children. Please bring any items to the school office in the new term. Thank you for your support in making OPAL a reality!

Year 6 Confirmation Parents’ Meeting



As part of our ongoing preparation for your child’s Confirmation, we would like to invite Year 6 parents to an virtual meeting on 13th January at 5pm where we will share important updates and next steps in the journey. During the meeting, we will outline the upcoming schedule, discuss key requirements, and answer any questions you may have. Your support is vital in helping the children deepen their understanding and commitment during this special time. Please make every effort to join us, as this will ensure you have all the information needed to guide your child through this sacrament. Thank you for your continued partnership in their faith journey.

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-notice/>

FS2 (Reception) Applications 2026/27

The application process for Reception places for next year is now open. To apply for a place, please contact your Local Authority. Please note that the closing date for admissions is 15th January 2026.