



To Live As Jesus Taught Us.

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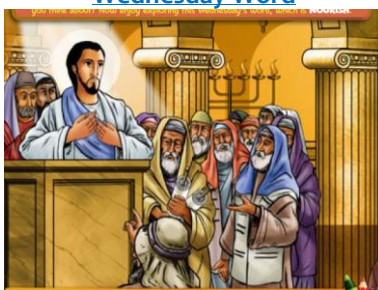
Dear Parents, Carers and Children,
Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. I hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed some precious time together as a family. This last term is always a special one in school life, filled with celebration, reflection and the many moments that remind us how much our children have grown and achieved throughout the year. This week, our Year 6 pupils showed us exactly this during their residential visit to Blackwell Adventure. They were a real credit to the school, demonstrating resilience, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the experience. We are incredibly proud of how well they represented our school, and I would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the staff who supported the visit and gave their time and care to make it such a success. As we enter the month of June, we are reminded that it is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - a powerful symbol of Christ's deep and unconditional love for each one of us. This devotion invites us to reflect on how we show love, compassion and kindness within our school community and beyond.

This week we also celebrate the beautiful feast of Corpus Christi, which reminds us that Jesus is truly present with us in the Eucharist - the Bread of Life given for us all. It is a time to deepen our understanding of faith and to recognise the importance of coming together as a community, nourished and strengthened by Christ. In his recent encyclical letter *Magnifica Humanitas*, Pope Leo XIV calls us to reflect on the dignity of every person and to ensure that all we do is rooted in love, truth and the common good. This message challenges us to live out our faith with purpose - showing care for one another and striving always to act with kindness and integrity in our daily lives.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr N Emery (Headteacher)

Wednesday Word



“Prayer nourishes the friendship of the soul with God.” St Teresa of Ávila

To nourish means to feed and help grow. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is offering to nourish us. Jesus continues to nourish us through the Church today. He offers us eternal life through the gift of himself which we receive in Holy Communion.

“Jesus is the Bread of Life for our families. Let us be united to Jesus, nourished by daily prayer, by listening to the Word of God”

Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

With Jesus' love we will always be nourished. Just as we eat bread to nourish our bodies, Jesus (in Holy Communion) nourishes our souls – to help us to keep growing in goodness and love.

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.

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/>

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Whole Class Photographs

On Wednesday 10th June, we will be having photographs taken for each class. All children are to wear their winter uniform on the day for consistency; any classes that would usually have PE are to bring their PE kit to change into before their PE lesson. We are also asking that ties are not worn on the day to ensure that we can have consistency for the photographs.

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



- 10.6.26 – Class Photographs
- 11.6.26 – International Day of Play
- 12.6.26 – Whole School Mass @ Olton Friary – Sacred Heart
- 18.6.26 – Food Promotion – Sunshine Splash
- 20.6.26 – Summer Fayre @ Olton Friary – 12pm – 3pm
- 20.6.26 – World Refugee Day
- 21.6.26 – Father's Day
- 24.6.26 – UKS2 Sports Day – 9.15am
- 24.6.26 – FS Sports Day – 10.30am
- 24.6.26 – LKS2 Sports Day – 1.15pm
- 24.6.26 – KS1 Sports Day – 2.15pm
- 30.6.26 – Provisional Sports Day if required due to weather
- 7.7.26 – Year 6 Production – 10am
- 7.7.26 – FS1 Pool Party
- 10.7.26 – Festival of Faiths and Culture Day
- 15.7.26 – FS1 Graduation
- 16.7.26 – Year 6 Leaver's Awards – 10am
- 17.7.26 – Year 6 Leaver's Mass at Friary – 10.15am
- 17.7.26 – Year 6 Leaver's Celebrations – 12.45pm
- 17.7.26 – School finishes at 2pm for

Sacred Heart Mass & Year 5 Commitment Mass

We look forward to celebrating the Sacred Heart Mass after the half term. This annual Mass is a special opportunity to give thanks to God for the community of Olton Friary, and particularly for our Parish Priest Father Biju, Father Austin, the Brothers of the Friary and all clergy who support our school and parish life. Families are very welcome to join us on Friday 12th June at 10.15am. We would also like to warmly invite our Year 5 parents to attend the Year 5 Commitment Mass on Monday 6th July at 1.30pm. This marks the beginning of the children's journey as Confirmandi, as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Online Safety #Wake Up Wednesday

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



Food Promotion Day – Sunshine Splash

If your child would like a school dinner on the 18th June, please book on Parent Pay. As part of the Promotion Day children will be able to sample the menu below:



All children who are entitled to Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals (FS2, Year 1 and Year 2) will already have these as the option for the day. However, we ask you book their choices by Sunday 14th June.

OPAL Community Build Day - Thank You -

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Community Build Day during the half-term break. It was wonderful to see such fantastic support from our wider community, including JLR and E.ON, alongside our dedicated staff, parents and children volunteers. Thanks to this collective effort, we achieved so much in a short space of time. The music wall has been completed, the village area extended, a new social space created, and the next phase of our woodland area developed. These improvements are already making a real difference to the children's play experiences. Work on the sandpit is continuing and is currently in development, with completion expected within the next two weeks. We are hoping to organise a further Community Build Day in the summer term and will share the date with you as soon as possible.

Request for Leave

If you need to request leave for your child during school time, please complete a leave request form and return it to the school office. Forms can be collected in person or requested by email from the office. Once your request has been received, the school will respond with a follow-up letter.

Y5 and Y6 Family Education

Our Year 5 and 6 children will be participating in their Family Education lessons in the wb 15th June - you can access more information on our website: <https://www.olc.solihull.sch.uk/page/?title=PSHE+%2F+HEALTH+and+WELLBEING+EDUCATION+AT+OLC&pid=46>

Sports Days

This term, we will be hosting our Sports Days (please see the Key Dates section of the newsletter). We are looking forward to welcoming parents and friends to these events. It would be great to see any parents attending to support your children – you may even want to wear trainers yourselves in case you get the chance to take part in the parents' race.

Use of Social Media and Communication

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all members of our school community about the importance of using social media and parent messaging groups positively and responsibly. These platforms can be helpful for sharing information; however, we ask that all communication remains respectful and does not include the naming of staff or the sharing of unverified or inaccurate information.

If you are ever unsure about a situation or have a concern, we strongly encourage you to contact the school directly so we can provide clarity and avoid any confusion or frustration.

Similarly, if concerns arise involving children, we kindly ask that these are shared with the school rather than being discussed between families. This allows us to ensure that the appropriate processes are followed and that all children and families are supported in line with our school's ethos and values.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a respectful, supportive and caring school community.

Footsteps Bookings 2026–2027

You would have received an email with a link to book a place for the 2026–2027 academic year (including current children). As a reminder:

- Deadline: Friday 12th June 2026
- Late applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis
- Places will be offered (not confirmed) by 3rd July 2026.
- Once offered, parents must register on iPAL (if not already), clear any outstanding balance, and pay a £25 deposit per child.
- Bookings will then be assigned, and monthly invoices issued.

FS1 Update

We are excited to let you know that our FS1 Pool Party will be taking place on Tuesday 7th July – a lovely way for the children to celebrate together and enjoy some end-of-year fun! Further details will be shared with you shortly. In addition, invitations will soon be sent out for our FS1 Graduation, which will take place on Wednesday 15th July at 9.15am. This is always a special occasion as we celebrate the children's achievements and mark this important milestone in their journey. We look forward to sharing these memorable events with you.

World Cup Excitement



With the World Cup kicking off next week (11th June), we are looking forward to our children catching the excitement and “fever” of this global event. Across the school, pupils will be taking part in a range of activities linked to different countries involved in the tournament, helping to deepen their understanding of the world around them while celebrating this special sporting occasion. We are sure it will be a fantastic opportunity for learning, teamwork and fun!

Summer Fayre – Message from the FOLC



We are very excited to invite you to our annual Summer Fayre on Saturday 20th June, taking place at the Friary from 12.00pm to 3.00pm. It promises to be a wonderful community event for all our families.

Donations Needed

If you are having a clear-out over the school holidays, FOLC would be very grateful for donations of:

- Good quality toys
- Fancy goods
- Clean, good-quality teddies

These can be brought to the school office anytime up until 19th June

Collection Days

- 19th June – Cake donations for the Fayre

We Need Your Help!

As children move on from the school, we have lost some of our regular volunteers. If you can spare even one hour, it truly makes a big difference. Helping is also a lovely way to meet others and support both the school and the Friary.

Help Needed on the Following Dates:

Thursday 19th June – 12.30pm-5.00pm

- Transporting items to the Friary
- Setting up for the Fayre

Friday 20th June – between 10:00am and 5:30pm

- Helping on stalls
- Preparing before the event
- Tidying away afterwards

If you can help on any of these dates, please contact a FOLC representative.

Raffle Prizes

Do you have any raffle prizes you can donate? Your generosity helps us raise much-needed funds for our children and our school. Please speak to your FOLC representative if you can contribute.

Thank You

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Events like the Summer Fayre are only possible because of the kindness and involvement of our wonderful community.

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