



6th March 2026



Principals Message

The children have returned to school after the half term break and have settled back to work beautifully. Our Early Years children enjoyed a visit from Rent a Beast and loved finding out and holding all of the bugs ! Our Year 5 children enjoyed a Star Gazing evening using the telescopes to view the stars and even saw the craters on the surface of the moon. On Tuesday we had a visit from Jo from the Father Hudson Society who spoke to us all about the wonderful work this charity does in supporting those with disabilities. Jo was very impressed with our wonderful children. We have chosen to support this charity throughout Lent and we will be holding a Lent Walk on Monday 23rd March and taking part in the Father Hudson appeal. Today the school came together to join with One Life Music in a virtual retreat based around Lent. It was wonderful to hear the children joining in with songs of praise around the school. World Book Day was a great success and the children loved dressing up in all of their costumes showing their talents and what they wanted to be when they were older. We had a whole host of ideas from astronauts, scientists, teachers, singers artists, cooks, and emergency services workers. We have had so many visitors to school this week all who have inspired our children from the amazing author and illustrator Matt Buckingham who shared his stories and worked with all of our children, the police officers who brought their police car, midwives, nurses and make up artists to name but a few. Thank you for all of your support which made the day a great success.

Mrs Clowes



Stars of the Week



Name	Class
Week Beginning 23rd February 2026	
Calix Antwi	N
Sheneli Rathnayake	R
Cheyanne Stanway-Richards	Y1
Hanna Tewelde	Y2
Connie Phillips	Y3
Mikeel Wlazlo	Y4
Mason Abbott	Y5
Lucas Woolley	Y6
Week Beginning 2nd March 2026	
Afnan Alnour	N
Ocean Knapper	R
Musa Asghar	Y1
Sapphira Deaville	Y2
Jonathan Hairwadzi	Y3
Autumn Hughes	Y4
Nikodem Pawlikowski	Y5
Kyra Shepherd	Y6
Well done, All children have received a book from the school vending machine as a prize.	

Attendance Awards

Name	Class
Week Ending 27th February 2026	
First Place	Year 4
Second Place	Year 6
Third Place	Year 5
Fourth Place	Reception
Fifth Place	Nursery
Sixth Place	Year 1
Seventh Place	Year 3
Eighth Place	Year 2
Week Ending 6th March 2026	
First Place	Year 6
Second Place	Year 1
Third Place	Year 2
Fourth Place	Reception
Fifth Place	Year 5
Sixth Place	Year 4
Seventh Place	Nursery
Eighth Place	Year 3



OLSB DATES



9/3/2026	Y3 Recorder Festival at Trentham Gardens
10/3/2026	Y4 Cinema Trip
11/3/2026	Y2 Cinema Trip
12/3/2026	Y3 Kinder Scout Mountain Trip
13/3/2026	EYFS Mothers Day Event 2.15pm
16/3/2026	Reception Class HOOZOO Dinosaurs **Note change of date**
17/3/2026	Y3 Cinema Trip
18/3/2026	Y1 Ford Green Hall Trip
19/3/2026	Mass 9.15AM at Church ALL WELCOME
21/3/2026	First Reconciliation at Church y3 and y4
24/3/2026	Y5 Cinema Trip
24/3/2026	Parents Evening
25/3/2026	Bee Active Spring Term Behaviour Treat (Non Uniform Day)
26/3/2026	Y4 Birmingham Museum
26/3/2026	Parents Evening
27/3/2026	Stations of the Cross 2.15pm
27/3/2026	School Closes for Easter 3.20pm
13/4/2026	School Opens for all Children

TERM DATES 2025/2026

Academic Year 2025/2026

SPRING TERM – 2026

Half Term Monday 16th February -Friday 20th February

School opens to pupils Monday 23rd February

School closes Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM – 2026

School opens to pupils Monday 13th April

May Day – school closed Monday 4th May

Half Term Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

School opens to pupils Monday 1st June

School closes Friday 17th July



As we continue our journey through this Lenten season. We remember that Lent is a sacred holy season, a time to say sorry and ask for forgiveness, and a time to think about how we can change to grow and become closer to God. During Lent we travel towards the great feast of Easter Sunday.

Please find below the mass times for the Third Sunday of Lent: **Saturday 7/3/2026 5pm** at Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Church, Abbey Hulton

Sunday 8/3/2026 9.30am St George and St Martin's, Birches Head

Stations of the Cross: Friday 10.15 am at OLSB Saturday 9.45 am SGSM

On Sunday we hear Jesus talking to a Samaritan woman at a well. This story reminds us that God loves all people no matter where they are from. God asks us to be like Jesus and to respect and care for all people no matter who they are. God calls us to love and care for all people no matter who they are, because we are all part of one global family. We are called to help each other when things are difficult and to work together to make the world a better place for everyone to live in.

Caring God, fill our hearts with love for all your people. Move us to treat all people with kindness and respect and to work to make the world a better place for everyone to live in. Amen.

EASTER

Easter Arrangements

Nursery & Reception

Easter Bonnet Competition – Wednesday 25th March 2026



All of school

Easter Egg Picture Design – Wednesday 25th March 2026



Easter Attendance Tracker

As we approach the Easter season, I am writing to share an exciting initiative to encourage and celebrate excellent school attendance at Our Lady & St Benedict Catholic Academy.

Attendance is crucial to your child's educational success. Being in school every day allows pupils to access our outstanding curriculum and the remarkable opportunities we provide. To make attendance both motivating and fun, we have developed an Easter Attendance Tracker.

Here is how it works: Each day your child arrives at school before the register closes, they will have the opportunity to colour in a dot on their personal Easter egg tracker. Every Friday is a special 'star day', and pupils who have diligently coloured all their dots and reached the star will be entered into a fantastic raffle with prizes including:

- £50 gift vouchers
- £20 gift vouchers
- £10 gift vouchers
- Easter Eggs and prizes

Important dates to remember are the 6th, 13th, and 20th of March. On our final day before the Easter Holidays, children who have achieved 100% attendance for the month - having coloured every dot and reached the green star - will be awarded an Easter Egg or prize.

Easter Egg Tracker

