



24th April 2026



Welcome back to school for the Summer term. The children have returned to school and settled back into all things here at OLSB. They make us proud each and every day and their behaviour is simply fantastic. I thank you for all of your support. It has been wonderful to seeing them enjoying our outdoor space this week, playing on the field, forest school and the playground whilst the sun has been shining.

On Thursday 16th we held a Mass of Thanksgiving for Di Jones and Janet Powell to thank them for their 24 years service as governors of the school.

On Friday 17th April Sophie and Lottie represented the school in the recording of the new SGtACMAT song which was recorded at St Austin's in Stafford. It was a a vey special and memorable day. We are continuing to practice this song and hope to perform it for you soon.

On Monday 20th April the Stardome arrived in school, children entered with great excitement and learnt lots about stars and our solar system. On Wednesday 22nd Year 3 visited the Liverpool Museum to learn lots about The Egyptians !

With thanks, Mrs Clowes

Uniform

A reminder that grey school shorts or summer dresses can be worn during the summer term if you choose or children can remain in their trousers and skirts. Please follow the link for further information.

We believe that a smart distinctive uniform, worn neatly and tidily, helps to instil pride and a sense of loyalty in the school. One of the many advantages is that it makes clear we all belong to one community. It is this belonging and oneness which helps to make the attitude and co-operation in school very special and allows us to stand proud as members of OLSB. **Trainers are not part of school uniform and should not be worn.** We ask that the uniform policy is adhered to and that black school shoes are worn by all children.

A reminder that in line with Uniform Policy jewellery and earrings are not allowed to be worn to school. Hair of shoulder length or longer must be tied up. Make up and nail varnish (including acrylic nails) should not be worn to school. Thank you once again for your co-operation our children look so smart and proud in their uniforms.

<https://www.ourladyandstbenedict.co.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=93>

PE

All children will require a Navy polo shirt (With logo or plain Navy), Black shorts/joggers and Plain black pumps/trainers - suitable for running & outdoor activities for their PE lessons. All children will now require to keep their PE kits within school and they will be returned home each half term for washing, if they do get dirty etc in between these will be sent home.

Water Bottles

We encourage all children to bring a water bottle into school each day. Children can refill their bottles with water in class when required so that they can stay hydrated which is particular important during the warmer weather. We are requesting that all children bring to school a water bottle which contains a closable lid. We ask that Stanley cups and cups with straws and none lockable, closable lids are not brought into school as we have had continual issues with these being knocked over damaging work, exercise books and resources and staining carpets and floors in the school.

Hats

As the forecast shows the sun shining may we ask that you provide a cap or sun hat for your child to wear outdoors to protect them from the sun's rays. Please send these in to school where they can be kept on your child's peg or in their bag.

Curriculum Newsletters

Class teachers have prepared Newsletters for their class showing what children will be taught, and what they will learn across all subjects within the curriculum during the summer term. Please do take the time to read these. These can be found on the school website.

<https://www.ourladyandstbenedict.co.uk/page/?title=Summer+Curriculum&pid=28>

BEFORE / AFTER SCHOOL

We open our gates in a morning and welcome you onto the school playground. We would rather do this and allow the children to access the playground, which is a safe environment rather than you queuing outside on the footpath or near the busy road until the bell rings. A reminder that children are in your care until the school doors open in a morning. Children should be accompanied by an adult and must not be left unaccompanied on the yard before the start of the day when the children are then handed over into the care of the school. We invite the children to play on the playground or in the Muga with parental supervision. We ask that children do not use the fitness equipment. This is for use in PE lessons and during supervised play only. There are concerns around accidents when the children are not supervised and the equipment is also not designed for young children. We would also request that bikes and scooters are not ridden around the busy yard. Please bring them to the gate and walk them to the bike / scooter store. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter to ensure that all children are safe before and after school.



Stars of the Week



Name	Class
Week Beginning 13th April 2026	
Tommy Thorley	N
Avaya Mandebvu	R
Emmie Carter-Sims	Y1
Osman Jahid	Y2
Nancy McNairn	Y3
All of Class	Y4
Jacob Buckler	Y5
Jessica Aubrey	Y6
Week Beginning 20th April 2026	
Maya Knapper	N
Charlie Grannon	R
Maryamawet Solomon	Y1
Antonina Guz	Y2
Tj Gosling	Y3
Sophia Morgan	Y4
Dominic Owen	Y5
Leo Hulme	Y6
Well done, All children have received a book from the school vending machine as a prize.	



OLSB DATES



27/4/2026	Scholars Graduation Manchester University Y5
29/4/2026	Handball Tournament year 5 and year 6 Team
30/4/2026	Mass 9.15AM at Church ALL WELCOME
4/5/2026	MAY DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
6/5/2026	Y2 Emma Bridgewater Trip - Art
10/5/2026	First Holy Communion 11am
11/5/2026	Y6 SATS WEEK
14/5/2026	Ascension Day Mass at Church 2pm ALL WELCOME
14/5/2026	Handball Tournament Year 3 and Year 4 Team
15/5/2026	Y6 Manchester War Museum Trip
18/5/2026	Y6 Hoodies and Celebration
21/5/2026	Crowning of Mary Mass 9.15am at Church ALL WELCOME
22/5/2026	School closes at 3.20pm
25/5/2026-29/5/2026	Half Term School Closed
1/6/2026	School Opens for all pupils
1/6/2026	Y4 Multiplication Check begins
8/6/2026	Y1 Phonic Screen Check Begins
10/6/2026	Year 5 Think Tank Museum
11/6/2026	Mass 9.15AM at Church ALL WELCOME

OWLETS

Parent, Baby and Toddler group at Our Lady & St Benedict Catholic Academy

Come along and enjoy a safe, fun and educational environment with your child, aged 0-5 years. Meet other families and enjoy different activities each week for FREE.

Every Thursday 9:15am-10:45am

Free to attend

Meet other local families

Every Thursday (term time)

thrive at five

SUMMER TERM – 2026

School opens to all	Monday 13 th April
May Day – school closed	Monday 4 th May
Half Term	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May
School opens to all	Monday 1 st June
School closes	Friday 17 th July

Academic Year 2026/2027

AUTUMN TERM – 2026

Inset Day (school closed to pupils)	Tuesday 1st September
Inset Day (school closed to pupils)	Wednesday 2nd September
School opens to pupils	Thursday 3rd September
INSET Day (School closed to pupils)	Friday 23rd October
<i>Half Term: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October</i>	
INSET Day (School closed to pupils)	Monday 2nd November
School opens to pupils	Tuesday 3rd November
School closes	Friday 18th December
<i>Holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January</i>	

SPRING TERM - 2027

INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)	Monday 4th January 2027*
INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)	Tuesday 5th January 2027
School opens to pupils	Wednesday 6th January 2027
<i>Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February</i>	
School opens to all	Monday 22nd February
School closes	Thursday 25th March
<i>Holiday: Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April</i>	

SUMMER TERM – 2027

School opens to all	Monday 12 th April
May Day – school closed	Monday 3rd May
<i>Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June</i>	
School opens to all	Monday 7th June
School closes	Wednesday 21st July
<i>Holiday: Thursday 22nd July to Friday 3rd September</i>	