



11th September 2026





PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

A huge welcome to the new members of the OLSB family as many new children and families have joined us this week. A huge welcome back to our existing families. Thank you for all of the kind words we have received on our return to school.

During the summer extensive works were completed across the site to install new boilers and a new heating system. These works are near full completion and we hope this will be the end to the heating issues we have experienced in previous years in the winter months. We can't wait to be toasty warm across the site ! School has also had a new Early Years entrance and has been painted and refreshed. Thank you to all of the staff who came together to put school back together and for your patience and understanding during this time. School looks wonderful for our children.

A huge thank you to parents for your support with our school uniform policy. The children have returned to school looking very smart in their uniforms and have settled back into life here at OLSB beautifully. It has been wonderful to see so many smiles around school this week and to see children working in their new classes with their teachers and teaching assistants.

Our first Mass of the term was a wonderful celebration to come together as the OLSB family in the presence of God and to receive his grace. It was wonderful to reflect upon the amazing achievements of the school in 2025-2026 and to look forward to the future successes of the school.

We can't wait to see what this year holds for us all here at OLSB. We are excited to go on new adventures together. With thanks, Mrs Clowes

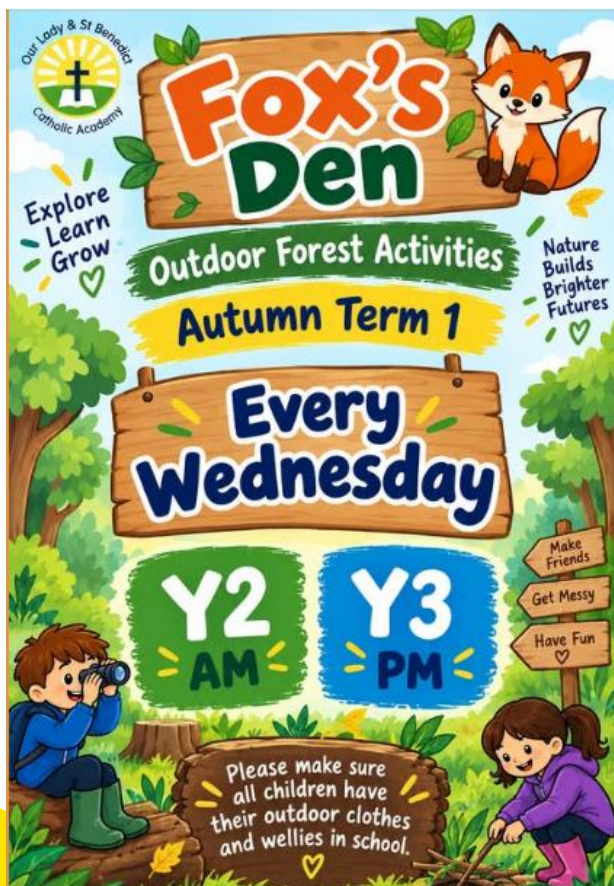


PE

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 be required to keep their PE kits within school and they will be returned home each half term for washing, if they are dirty etc these will be sent home.

Fox's Den

This half term Year 2 and Year 3 on a Wednesday in Fox's Den in partnership with Peak District Survival School. If the session is in a morning please ensure that your child comes to school in their outdoor clothes and that they bring their uniform with them. If the session is in an afternoon please come to school in uniform and bring the outdoor clothes with you. Outdoor clothes should consist of old, warm clothes, a coat and sensible shoes / boots that are weather appropriate.



Admission to High School September 2027 –(CURRENT YEAR 6 CLASS)

The application process for a place at High School has opened and will close on October 2026. The easiest way to apply is online

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https://www.stoke.gov.uk/homepage/191/secondary_school_admissions

We strongly advise that you consider St Margret Ward Catholic Academy part of our family of schools within The Newman Catholic collegiate. Over the next few weeks Year 6 pupils will be visiting St Margaret Ward and teachers will also be coming into OLSB to work with the children. There is now a school bus in operation which takes children to and from St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy each day collecting and dropping off from Dominoes on Leek Road. **On Saturday 3rd October** St Margaret Ward will be holding an Open morning from **10 am-12pm**. Please do consider making a visit to see the school.



[You can book a place on the open morning by following this link or simply turn up on the day.](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1991908279284?aff=oddttdtcreator)

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Medicine School staff are only able to administer prescribed medicines to pupils. If your child needs to receive prescribed medicine during the school day a signed medical form (available from the school office) must be completed, medicine will not be administered if a signed form is not completed. Where possible, unless advised it would be detrimental to health, medicines should be prescribed in frequencies that allow the pupil to take them outside of school hours - this includes those prescribed three times a day – before school, after school and bedtime. Non-prescribed medications will not be administered at school and pupils should not bring them to school for self-administration.

Breaktime Snacks / Fruit in School Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 benefit from the National Fruit Scheme, which provides a piece of fruit each day for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The fruit is usually given out before the end of the school day. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer fruit to children in Key Stage 2. In line with many other schools locally and nationwide, and to promote healthy eating, we encourage all children in Key Stage 2 should bring either fruit, vegetables or a small quantity of raisins to eat at morning break. Children should not bring nuts, crisps, chocolate bars, etc, for morning break.

School Lunches Lunch money for KS2 pupils (Year 3-Year 6) is £3.25 Nursery meals are £2.50. Payment can be made via Arbor. Current menus are available on the school website. If you think that you qualify for **Free School Meals** please contact the school office. All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are **automatically** entitled to **Universal** infant Free School Meals but registering for **Income Assessed Free School meals** could give the school extra money called **pupil premium**.

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.

Before and After School Club

Please book via Arbor

 **After School Clubs**  Learn Make Friends Have Fun 

Monday	Tuesday
 Benedictines Y2 – Y6	 Drawing Club Y1 & Y2
 Songbirds Y1 – Y4	 Board Games Y3 – Y6
 Recorder Club Invite only	

Wednesday	Thursday
 Lego Club Y1 & Y2	 Football Club Y5 & Y6
 Dancing with Angela Beardmore Dance School Y1 & Y3	 Reading Club Y1 & Y2
 Fox's Den in the Forest Y4 & Y5	

 **Clubs start W/C 14th September** 

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**
Free to attend

 Meet other local families

 Every Thursday (term time)



Please join us every Thursday morning, 9:15am – 10:45am.

Spread the word to family and friends.





OLSB Dates



14/9/2026	Year 6 Visit St Margaret Ward
17/9/26	Year 4 Lowry Trip Manchester
18/9/26	Year 1 visit Packington Farm
18/9/26	Year 6 Monitor Badge Assembly
22/9/26	Swimming starts Y5 /Y6
23/9/26	London Trip YEAR 5
24/9/26	Mass at Church ALL WELCOME 9.15am
25/9/26	Dougie Mac Coffee Morning
25/9/26	Year 5 Penkhull Music Festival
25/9/26	Year 6 Visit St Margaret Ward
1/10/26	Year 3 Fossils Trip
2/10/26	One Life Music Autumn
8/10/26	Father Hudson Mass 6pm
15/10/26	Mass at Church ALL WELCOME 9.15am Harvest
20/10/26 & 22/10/26	Parents Evening
21/10/26	Year 6 Visit Apedale Mine
22/10/26	School closes at 3.20pm for Half Term
23/10/26	INSET DAY – school closed to all pupils
2/11/26	School Opens to all children



OLSB 2026 -2027 Calendar

Term Dates

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

EXTRA INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSURE: *Thursday 3rd September*

EXTRA INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSURE: *Friday 4th September*

School opens to ALL pupils *Monday 7th September*

School opens to pupils

Thursday 3rd September

INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Friday 23rd October

Half Term: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

School opens to pupils

Monday 2nd November

School closes

Friday 18th December

Holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January

SPRING TERM - 2027

INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

Monday 4th January 2027*

School opens to pupils

Tuesday 5th January 2027

Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

School opens to all

Monday 22nd February

School closes

Thursday 25th March

Holiday: Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April

SUMMER TERM – 2027

School opens to all

Monday 12th April

May Day – school closed

Monday 3rd May

Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

School opens to all

Monday 7th June

School closes

Wednesday 21st July

Holiday: Thursday 22nd July to Friday 3rd September