



25th September 2026



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

We have had a wonderful fortnight here at OLSB. Year 3 have visited Hulton Abbey as part of their History work.

Our Mass dedicated to Our Lady was a wonderful celebration where we came together as the OLSB family and praised and thanked God .

I had the absolute pleasure of accompanying Year 5 on their visit to London this week which was such a fantastic opportunity for our children. The trip allowed them to experience a real train and underground journey, to visit The Houses of Parliament, ride the London Eye and see the world beyond their own home location. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and have not stopped talking about the 'best day ever!' The MP for Stoke Central Mr Gareth Snell met the children and spoke with them about his role and issues concerning the children in their local community. I was delighted to receive a message commending the children on their wonderful manners, and polite and courteous attitudes. We look forward to welcoming Mr Gareth Snell into school soon. I think you can tell that I am one amazingly proud Headteacher.

A huge well done to Year 4 who visited the Lowry Museum in Manchester. They had a great day travelling by train and tram past the Skyscrapers ! They enjoyed their tour of the museum seeing the Lowry paintings up close and creating their own paintings in the style of Lowry.

Today our Year 5 children took part in the Penkhull Music Festival where they took part in a music workshop led by Ex Cathedra. The school has been full of yellow today which has made everyone smile at the end of a long week. Thank you to all those who attended our coffee morning and for all of your support in fundraising for the Dougie Mac Hospice. A charity extremely close to my heart who simply do amazing work to support patients and families at the most difficult times.

I think you can tell that I am one amazingly proud Headteacher this week. With thanks, Mrs Clowes

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 St Gabriel the Archangel CMAT. 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 of 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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Year 6 Roles A huge thank you to our parents and families who joined us for Celebration Assembly on Friday. Here we gave out school council badges and announced the Year 6 student leader positions for this academic year. Every member of Year 6 has been given a special job which I know they will carry out with pride throughout the academic year. Being trusted with leadership helps students feel valued and connected to their OLSB family and they model the behaviour, attitude, and school values for the rest of the school. Well done Year 6.

Head Boy	Jasper Abraham
Head Girl	Sofia Brett
Deputy Head Boys	Matia Mutyaba & Divine Kenneth
Deputy Head Girls	Samia Mamoun & Amelia Pointon
Team Captains	Dominic Owen, Nikodem Pawlikowski, Daisy Parker & Mosaab Alnour

Reception Class September 2026

You need to apply for a school place for September 2027 for your child to join the Reception Class if your child's fifth birthday is between 1 September 2027 and 31 August 2028.

If your child is currently in our Nursery Class, you do still need to apply for a place in our Reception Class for September 2026. Admissions open on 2nd November. We invite you to our open day on **Tuesday 3rd November 9:15am-11am** to come and view our wonderful school.



You're invited to our Open Day

Come and take a look around our inclusive and nurturing school.

Tuesday 3rd November 9:15am-11 am

Why choose us:

- Before and after school care options
- 30 hours of free childcare per week
- Extracurricular activities
- Passionate teachers
- Exclusive Forest School

We have spaces available in our school for pupils of all faiths and none. We also welcome pupils to transition from other schools throughout the year.

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Join us every Thursday for our Owlets Group.

This runs from 9:15am – 10:45am.

We have a variety of themes and activities each week.

Please pass onto family and friends.

We are looking forward to welcoming new faces.



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)





Stars of the Week

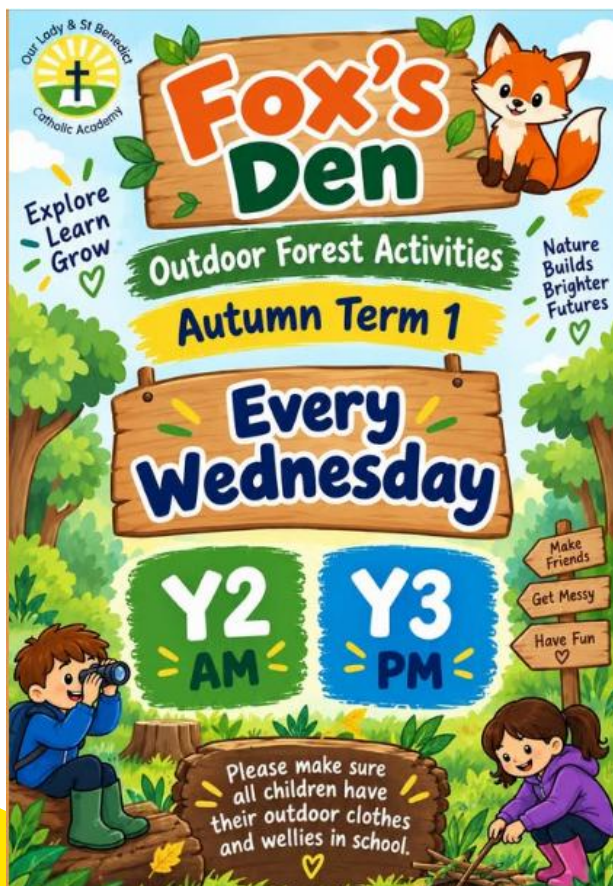


Name	Class
WEEK BEGINNING 14TH SEPTEMBER	
Nursery	All of Class
Reception	Jorgia Bradbury
Year 1	Noah Batkin
Year 2	Terence Osborne
Year 3	Jaden Fernandes
Year 4	Connie Phillips
Year 5	Enzo Jones
Year 6	Jacob Buckler
WEEK BEGINNING 21ST SEPTEMBER	
Nursery	All of Class
Reception	Temi Odunjo
Year 1	Charlie Grannon
Year 2	India Jones
Year 3	Christopher Poole
Year 4	Eva-Clara Trifan-Stasisin
Year 5	All of Class
Year 6	Nevaeh Booth



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

All children will require to bring in old clothes they don't mind getting muddy. They will require wellie boots and a waterproof coat. Please also bring in a spare bag for their wellies to go in.



OLSB Dates



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
19/10/26	YEAR 1 Cinema Trip
20/10/26 & 22/10/26	Parents Evening
21/10/26	Year 6 Visit Apedale Mine
22/10/26	Year 2 Famous Faces S-O-T Tour
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
3/11/26	Reception Open Morning – 9:15am
3/11/26	Bonfire Disco
4/11/26	Flu Vaccines
5/11/26	Bonfire Day – Fox’s Den (outdoor clothes)
17/11/26	Y2 Cinema Trip
23/11/26	Y3 Cinema Trip
24/11/26	Y4 Cinema Trip



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