



22nd October 2026





PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

On the 29th September some of our children represented the school at the Combined Schools Mass at St Gregorys in Longton this was a wonderful occasion where we all came together in faith and prayer. We heard the inspiring words of St Francis reminding us of the importance of kindness, peace, love and caring for God's wonderful creation. Our Harvest Mass was a wonderful opportunity to thank God for his gifts of creation and for us to share what we have with others. We received so many donations which were shared with our Local Community via the Asha Project, The Foodbank and with the elderly in their homes. It was wonderful to see so many of you at Mass and for you to return to school to join us for Harvest Soup and Rolls, with the vegetables kindly picked and donated by the volunteers at the Betty Rushton Garden. A huge thankyou for all of your very generous donations.

On the 12th October we dressed in Yellow for World Mental Health Day and we thought about how we must find time for ourselves and to support others.

Following our Trip to London where we met the MP for Stoke Central Gareth Snell he has written letters to every child in Year 5 and we look forward to inviting him into school soon to meet the rest of our school.

Father Adrian has blessed the Gabriel Rose Bush which has been planted in our school prayer garden. This bush was sent to us from St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi Academy Trust as a sign of Faith Unity and Resilience. We pray that it may bloom as a sign of compassion and love.

It has been a lovely end to the half term seeing so many of you in school this week for Parent's Evenings. Wishing you all a wonderful half term and we will see you back in school on Monday 2nd November.

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 31st October 2026. The easiest way to apply is online

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 of from Dominoes on Leek Road.

HARVEST

The Betty Rushton Community Garden volunteers picked vegetables and brought them back to school where our school cook Mrs Hughes made delicious Harvest Soup and rolls which were enjoyed by our Parish community after our Harvest Mass. It was wonderful to see so many of you at Mass and a delight for you to join us for harvest soup. We made up harvest parcels which the children took out to residents in the local community these were very gratefully received. We also sent a huge array of items including our boxes of cereal to the local food bank and the Asha Charity which will be distributed to those in need across the city.

A HUGE Thank you to all of you for your very generous donations and all of your support.. These are truly acts of love summed up by Pope Francis:

"Love and charity, are service, helping others, serving others. There are many people who spend their lives in this way, in the service of others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love! Should you find yourself in need at any time please do not hesitate to contact the school office or Miss Franklin or Miss Ward who will of course support you in seeking support from the foodbank or Alice Charity. This will be dealt with in confidence.



A Harvest Prayer

Generous God, we thank you for the gifts you have given
for all people to share. We plant seeds of hope and nurture them as we seek a harvest of plenty for all.
Forgive us for the times these seeds fail to take root in our hearts.
We grieve when homes and crops are washed away by floods,
when lives are uprooted by disaster, or trampled by fear and greed.
Living God, you lead us to a new way of being.
Move us to help one another in our times of need,
to care for the earth and to love one another, sharing your harvest with all. Amen.

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 9-11am** 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 9-11 am

- 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)



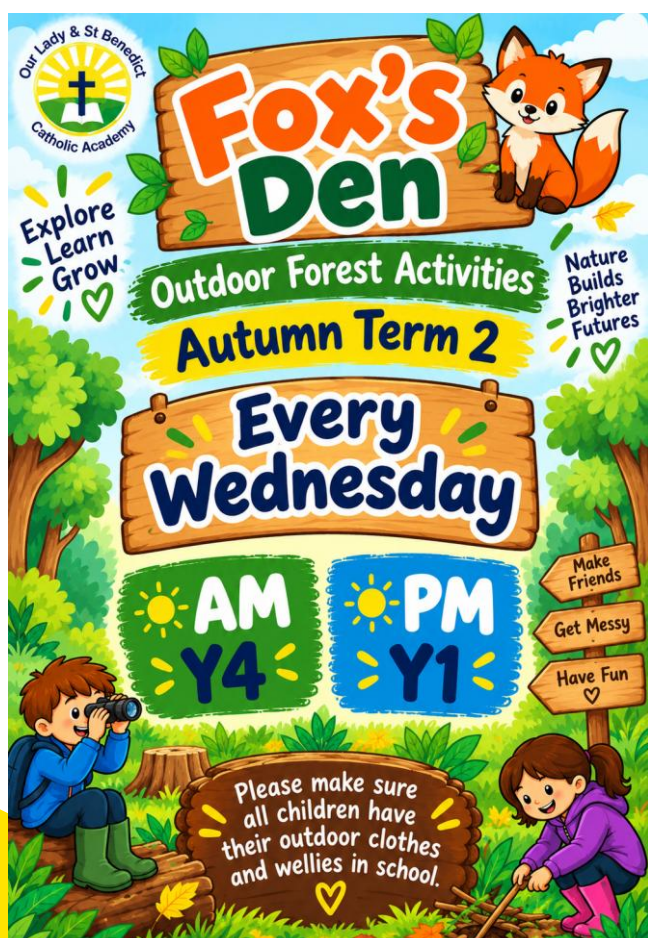
Attendance awards

Name	Class
Week Ending 16th October 2026	
First Place	Nursery
Second Place	Year 6
Third Place	Year 5
Fourth Place	Year 2
Fifth Place	Year 4
Sixth Place	Reception
Seventh Place	Year 3
Eighth Place	Year 1
Week Ending 22nd October 2026	
First Place	Year 3
Second Place	Year 1
Third Place	Nursery
Fourth Place	Year 6
Fifth Place	Year 4
Sixth Place	Year 5
Seventh Place	Year 2
Eighth Place	Reception
The winning classes have been awarded the attendance trophy and stickers. Well done.	



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.



Forest School

Children who have Fox's Den this term need to make sure they bring into school old clothes they don't mind getting muddy, wellies and a waterproof coat.

AM – children can come to school in Fox's Den kit and bring their uniform in their bags.

PM – Children need to come into school in their uniform and bring their Fox's Den clothes in their bags.

Please make sure you bring a spare bag for wellies.



OLSB Dates



23/10/26	INSET DAY – school closed to all pupils
2/11/26	School Opens to all children
3/11/26	Open morning for Reception Class September 2027
3/11/26	Bonfire disco KS1 3.30-4.30 KS2 4.30-5.30
4/11/26	Flu spray for those children with consent
4/11/26	3.30pm Y5 and Y6 Parents Meeting Century Tech
5/11/26	Fox's Den Bonfire Event- Wear Outdoor Clothes
9/11/26	Little Library Van visit Nursery Class
13/11/26	School Photographs
16/11/26	Y2 Fire Engine Visit
17/11/26	Y2 Cinema Trip
19/11/26	9.15 AM Mass at Church ALL WELCOME
21/11/26	Christmas Fayre 2-4pm and Family Mass 5.30pm
23/11/26	Y3 Cinema Trip
24/11/26	Y4 Cinema Trip
25/11/26	Y3 Six Towns Tour
26/11/26	Y4 River Trip
1/12/26	Nursery Post Box Visit



1/12/26	Y3 Advent Liturgy 2.15pm
2/12/26	Y1 Sudbury Museum of Childhood Trip
2/12/26	Songbirds Concert
3/12/26	Y4 Wedgwood Trip
3/12/26	9.15 AM Mass at Church ALL WELCOME - Confessions
4/12/26	One Life Music Advent / Y4 Advent Liturgy 2.15pm
7/12/26	City Voices Concert
8/12/26	Christmas Performance Y1-Y6 2PM and 4PM
9/12/26	EYFS Christmas Performance 2pm
10/12/26	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Jumpers / Home Clothes
11/12/26	Christmas Jumpers / Home Clothes / Y5 Advent Liturgy 2.15PM
14/12/26	Tale Trail at the New Vic Theatre Am Reception Pm Nursery
15/12/26	Borrowers Theatre Trip Y1-Y6
16/12/26	Christmas Treat Day
17/12/26	9.15 AM Mass at Church ALL WELCOME - Confessions
18/12/26	Y6 Advent Liturgy
18/12/26	School Closes for Christmas Holidays at 3.20pm



OLSB 2026 -2027 Calendar

Term Dates

Academic Year 2026/2027

AUTUMN TERM – 2026

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