



Loving Learning and Looking Forward in Christ

NEWSLETTER

7.10.2022

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful fortnight here at OLSB. Year 1 made a visit to the Packington Farm and were able to see all of the animals. They told me that they liked the pigs best of all! Year 3 have visited Hulton Abbey as part of their History work. Year 6 visited St Margaret Ward for a science morning and enjoyed making rockets and making explosions whilst learning some fantastic science facts. Last Friday the whole school took part in the One Life Music Autumn Live stream and the children enjoyed taking part in a prayerful reflection with songs and music about God's gifts of creation and the Harvest.

**Stars of the week** - Well done you are all stars!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
Ronnie Hurd	Nursery
Connie Phillips	Reception
Jersey-Rae Redfern	Year 1
Ivy-Mae Greensmith	Year 2
Rebecca Mutate	Year 3
Olivia-Rose Cartlidge	Year 4
Ivy Ingram	Year 5
Joshua Robertson	Year 6



**Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Church**

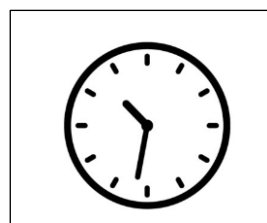
If any children missed out on being baptised due to covid, Father Adrian MacNamara would like you to know that church has now re-opened and baptisms have re-commenced. You are very welcome to contact him on 01782 543300 or via email- [olsb.stokeontrent@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olsb.stokeontrent@rcaob.org.uk) to arrange this.



All are welcome to mass every Saturday at 5pm at Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Church next door to school.

**Punctuality** - We are still experiencing a number of late arrivals. The gates will be locked promptly and should you arrive late you will need to enter school via the gated pedestrian walkway and into the school office. Please don't cross the carpark as this can be busy. Please find a reminder of our start and end times:

Class	Times
Nursery	8.50-3.00
Reception	8.50-3.00
Key Stage One	8.40-3.10
Key Stage Two	8.45-3.20



## Harvest Mass-



The children will be attending Harvest Mass at Our Lady and

Saint Benedict Catholic Church on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am. A separate letter has been sent out about Harvest collections for those in need. You are most welcome to join us.

**Admission to High School September 2023** - The application process for a place at High School has opened and will close on 31 October 2022. The easiest way to apply is online at [https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school\\_admissions/134/secondary](https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions/134/secondary)

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.

**Academy Committee (School Governors)-** The Academy Committee have met recently and would like to inform you that we currently have the following vacancies:

2 x Foundation Representatives (Must be a practicing Catholic and be attending church regularly)

1 x Parent Representative

If you, or anyone you know would like to apply for one of these positions, please contact Miss Clark in the school office.

**Early Years** - We do still have some spaces available within our Nursery and Reception Class. If these places are of interest please contact the school office.

**Curriculum Newsletters-** Class teachers have prepared Newsletters for their class showing what children will be taught and will learn across all subjects within the curriculum. Please do take the time to read these. These can be found on the school website on your child's class page.

**After School Clubs-** After schools clubs have commenced and it has been lovely to see the children taking part in such a wide range of activities. These include multi skills, Drawing, PE, Yoga, Reading, Football and ukulele. A huge thank you to all of our staff who make this possible.

## Future Dates

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	CAFOD visitor
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Combined Schools Mass at St Gregory's Longton
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October- Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Inset Day School Closed
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Pupils return to school

*Generous God, We thank you for the gift of food – For how it brings us together and nourishes us. We pray for those without, whose harvests and store cupboards are empty, Help us work together to share the world's resources so that everyone can be fed. Lord of the Harvest, hear our prayers.*

With thanks,  
Mrs Sarah Clowes  
Principal