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NEWSLETTER

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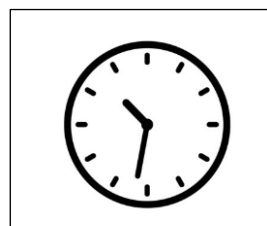
Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful fortnight here at OLSB. Our Year 6 pupils visited Staffordshire University and were particularly inspired by the engineering department. They have also returned today from their 4 day trip to Stanley Head where they have completed various activities including abseiling, archery and canoeing. Their behaviour was wonderful throughout both trips and they were great ambassadors of OLSB. Well done Year 6.

**Attendance** - Thank you to the vast majority of parents who support and encourage attendance. There is strong evidence to support that any missed time from school is detrimental to a child's education. Attached to this Newsletter is a letter about attendance procedures from the Catholic Senior Executive Leader -Mr Ian Beardmore, please do take the time to read this letter so that you are clear that Attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. This means it's your legal duty as a parent to send your child to school regularly if they are registered at one. As Principal of the school, I must follow the law around attendance and have no option but to follow it. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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



**Wraparound Care Before and After School club** - A reminder about our Before and After School Club. From September 2022, here at Our Lady and St Benedict Catholic Academy, in conjunction with Port Vale, we will be able to offer full wraparound care for your child. This is available for all children in Reception-Year 6. Our aim is to provide a wraparound childcare service that is flexible enough to suit the needs of all parents and pupils who use it. There will be lots of fun activities led by the Port Vale sports leaders. In the club, we offer opportunities for sports,

play and recreation activities that are both fun and challenging. Before School Club will run from 7:45am until the start of school. There is no admission after 8.20am. After School Club will run from the end of the school day and will close at 5.30pm - with a snack included. For costing, further information and to read a copy of the letter please follow the link below.

<https://www.ourladyandstbenedict.co.uk/before-and-after-school-club/>

**The children will be attending Mass at Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Church on the following dates. You are most welcome to join us.**

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Mass - Harvest
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**Admission to High School September 2022** - 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\\_or\\_high\\_school\\_admissions](https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions/134/secondary_or_high_school_admissions)

We would love you to consider St Margret Ward Catholic Academy part of our family of schools within the Newman Catholic collegiate. You are warmly invited to visit the school and join key staff at their open morning event on the 1<sup>st</sup> October from 10-12.



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.

**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 what they 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** - The following after school clubs will be commencing week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Day	Club	Year Group	Time
Monday	Multi Skills with Port Vale	Y1 & Y2	3:10pm - 4:00pm
Tuesday	Drawing Club	Y1 & Y2	3:10pm - 4:00pm
	PE with Mr Sigley	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	3:20pm - 4:15pm
Wednesday	Yoga/Mindful Session	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	3:20pm - 4:15pm
Thursday	Reading Club	Y1 & Y2	3:10pm - 4pm
	Football Club	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	3:20pm - 4:15pm
	Ukulele Club	Y4, Y5, Y6	3:20pm - 4:15pm

### **Future Dates**

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Y1 Farm Visit
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Stoke City visit school
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 SMW Science Visit
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	One Life Worship Autumn
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Combined Schools Mass at St Gregory's Longton
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October- Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Inset Day School Closed

*Each encounter with Jesus fills us with joy, with that deep joy which only God can give."*  
Pope Francis

With thanks,

Mrs Sarah Clowes

Principal