

## Loving Learning and Looking Forward in Christ

NEWSLETTER

25.9.2023

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful fortnight here at OLSB. Our Year 6 pupils have returned today from their week away 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.



### Reception Class September 2024

You need to apply for a school place for September 2024 for your child to join the Reception Class if your child's fifth birthday is between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025.

Please come along to our Open day on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September to find out more about our school. If your child is currently in our Nursery Class you do still need to apply for a place in our Reception Class for September 2024. Please come along and we can help you with your application.

### Stars of the week – Well done you are all stars !

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>
Tenaya Onasanya	Nursery
Archie Allen- Cartwright	Reception
Maham Shirzad	Year 1
Ethan Harding	Year 2
Aliya Clarke	Year 3
Lucas Woolley	Year 4
Oluwaseyi Adetoro	Year 5
All of class!	Year 6



### 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.

### **Attendance**

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 where you will need to sign your child in on the screen and give a reason for the lateness. Please don't cross the carpark as this can be busy. Please find a reminder of our start and end times:

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Class	Times
Nursery	8.40-3.10
Reception	8.40-3.10
Key Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2)	8.45-3.15
Key Stage Two (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6)	8.45-3.20

### **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 under the curriculum tab.

<https://www.ourladyandstbenedict.co.uk/page/?title=Autumn+Curriculum&pid=30>

### **Wraparound Care Before and After School club**

Here at Our Lady and St Benedict Catholic Academy, we offer OWLS NEST 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 are lots of fun activities led by the staff. 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.

[Our Lady and St Benedict Catholic Academy - OWLS NEST Before and After School Club](#)

### **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.

**Admission to High School September 2024 –(CURRENT YEAR 6 CLASS)** The application process for a place at High School has opened and will close on 31 October 2023. The easiest way to apply is online at [Secondary or high school admissions | Secondary or high school admissions | Stoke-on-Trent](https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions/134/secondary_or_high_school_admissions)  
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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. We now have a mini bus in operation which takes children to and from St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy each day.



**ST MARGARET WARD  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**  
**YEAR 6 SATURDAY OPEN MORNING**  
**SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 10:00-12:00**  
**PLEASE [CLICK HERE TO BOOK](#)**

Secondary School Application Deadline: 31st October 2023  
 School transport service available for our 2024/25 Year 7 cohort,  
 with pick up locations at all Collegiate Primary Schools.  
 Please contact Mrs Munden if you have any questions or queries.  
 rmunden@smwca.org.uk or 01782 883000

Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	St Margaret Ward Information Afternoon with tea and Cakes here at OLSB 2.30pm
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	St Margaret Ward Open Morning 10am -12

**Dates to remember**

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Open day at OLSB for New Pupils
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	One Life Music in school
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Y6 Swimming Begins 5 a side football y3/y4
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Girls 5 a side Football
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Mass 9.15am All are welcome
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Visit St Margaret Ward
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Mass 9.15am All are Welcome
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability Y4
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	School Closes for Half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School Closed to all children INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	School Opens for all children Bonfire Dinner Whole School Photographs
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability Y5
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Mass 9.15am

*Dear Loving and Compassionate God, Giver of all gifts, we pray especially today for the mercy and love You give us. Open our hearts and minds to You. Give us the grace to accept your mercy. As we live each day, we pray for those less fortunate, especially those who are hurting, and whose wounds need to be healed. Help us become involved in ways that show them how deeply we care. Give us the personal courage to listen to their concerns and help them find the solutions to which they are entitled.. Amen.*

With thanks Mrs Sarah Clowes - Principal