

Loving Learning and Looking Forward in Christ

NEWSLETTER

27.10.2023

Dear Parents,

We have had another great fortnight here at OLSB. This first half term here of the new school year has flown by. The fortnight started with us gathering and joining schools across the City in the celebration of Mass. A huge thank you to all of our children who represented the school at the Combined School Mass at St Gregory's Church Longton. Mass was led by Cannon Paul McNally. The children were wonderful ambassadors of OLSB and we had front seats! Later Our Harvest Mass was a beautiful celebration. It was lovely for Nursery to join us at mass and for us to thank God for his gifts of the Harvest. The Harvest Samba was a pure delight! The OLSB community have been so generous with their donations and I offer a huge thank you to you all. These will be presented, to the Foodbank to help the many homes and families in need at this time.

Our Fundraising for our chosen charity the Dougie Mac has got off to a wonderful start with our school disco, wear yellow day and this morning's coffee morning. Huge thanks to all parents who attended this event and for all of your support. To date we have raised well over £500!!!! In the words of Saint Mother Teresa. "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love"

We have certainly been make the most of our new school mini bus which has allowed children to make visits out into the local area to enhance their learning across a range of subjects linked to our curriculum. This has included a trip down Apedale Mine by Year 6, a visit to the Jewish Synagogue by Year 4 and a visit to the pond By Year 2. All are wonderful learning experiences.

A reminder that school closes today for the half term break. School re-opens for all children on Tuesday 7th November.

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

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<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>
N	Jaxon-Jay Ellis	N	Kianna Ndlovu
R	Marcel Biskup	R	Kobi Beardmore
Y1	Nikodem Pawlikowski	Y1	Willow Lewis
Y2	Isla Price	Y2	Francesca Seadon
Y3	Ivy-Mae Greensmith	Y3	Hanna Rola
Y4	Blake Nicholls	Y4	Logan Denic-Sheldon
Y5	Ella Aaron-Doyle	Y5	Alisha Olahova
Y6	Taylor Hulme	Y6	George Robertson



Bonfire Day –

The whole school will be taking part in a Forest School Bonfire day on Tuesday 7th November. Please send your children into school in their forest school kit on this day.

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 | 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.

Dates to remember

Monday 6 th November	School Closed to all children INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 th November	School Opens for all children Bonfire Dinner Forest School – Bonfire Parents Evening
Wednesday 8 th November and Thursday 9 th November	Bikeability Y5
Thursday 9 th November	Parents Evening
Friday 10 th November	Reception Class Visit to Stafford Castle
Thursday 16 th November	Year 5 Visit to St Margaret Ward
Friday 17 th November	Whole School Photographs
Tuesday 21 st November	Year 5 Visit to St Margaret Ward
Thursday 23 rd November	Mass 9.15am
Saturday 25 th November	Family Mass at OLSB Church
Tuesday 28 th November	Songbirds Concert
Thursday 30 th November	Year 5 Visit to St Margaret Ward
Friday 1 st December	One Life Music Event in School

God of life, we love you, we thank you and we praise you for all that you have done for us. Help us to love our neighbours, both here and around the world, and treat all people as we would wish to be treated. Amen.

With thanks Mrs Sarah Clowes - Principal