

## Loving Learning and Looking Forward in Christ

NEWSLETTER

17.11.2023

Dear Parents,

Children have returned from half term and have settled back into the many learning opportunities here at Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Academy. In addition to the curriculum on offer children in Year 4 and Year 5 have taken part in 'Bikeability' road safety training. The bikeability leaders reported back that the children really enjoyed the training and were well-mannered throughout. Photographs have been taken in school today and proofs have been sent home for you to view. If you wish to purchase these please do follow the link online. On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November every class in the school got to experience a real life bonfire in our forest and enjoyed time sitting around the fire with friends, feeling the warmth and enjoying a hot chocolate and 's'mores'. It was a lovely but muddy day! On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> we gathered together and took part in 2 minutes of silence to remember all those who have lost their lives fighting for our country.

*During the month of November we remember those who have died:*

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them."*



*We hope you like the art work that the children have created to remember those who have gone before us.*

Over the last fortnight we have had many visitors into school all who have commented upon the children's excellent behaviour and their polite manners. Each day they make us proud and we know that this was reported to you at our recent parents evening. Thank you once again for your support.

### School Video

We are proud to present our AMAZING school video to you all! Please do take the time to watch and enjoy everything that is wonderful about OLSB. The video is now on our website for you all to view, please visit: <https://www.ourladyandstbenedict.co.uk/page/title=virtual+tour&pid=19>

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

<u>10.11.23</u>		<u>17.11.23</u>	
<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>
N	Savannah Stone	N	India Jones
R	Albie Bennett	R	Eadie Howard
Y1	Bradley Foster	Y1	Connie Phillips
Y2	Brian Kenneth	Y2	Francesca Seadon
Y3	Usman Shirzad	Y3	Alfie Foster
Y4	Lauren Wightman	Y4	Kaja Paice
Y5	Jack Mountford	Y5	Oscar Gorski
Y6	Marcus Paice	Y6	Kaeden Shepherd



## **Admission to Primary School September 2024**

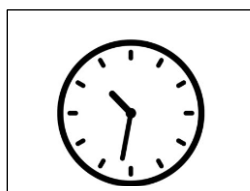
The application process for a place at Primary School (Reception class) has opened and will close on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. If your child's fifth birthday is between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025 then you need to apply for a place. The easiest way to apply is online at

[https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school\\_admissions/132/reception\\_class\\_admissions](https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions/132/reception_class_admissions)

If your child currently attends our Nursery Class or your children have brothers or sisters wanting to join in September 2024 you will still need to apply for a place online.

**Punctuality** – Thank you for your efforts to arrive at school on time, improvements have been seen in this area. We know that arriving late to school means that children miss out on learning time and can cause children to be unsettled in a morning. Please keep up your efforts. The gates will be locked promptly and should you arrive late you will need to enter school via the gated pedestrian walkway and come into the school office to sign in your child. Please don't cross the carpark as this can be busy. Please find a reminder of our start and end times:

Class	Times
Nursery	8.40-3.10
Reception	8.40-3.10
Key Stage One (Y1 and Y2)	8.45-3.15
Key Stage Two (Y3 Y4 Y5 and Y6)	8.45-3.20



Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 5 Visit to St Margaret Ward
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Mass 9.15am
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Family Mass at OLSB Church 5pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Songbirds Concert
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Visit to St Margaret Ward 'SuperTato' workshops
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	One Life Advent Retreat in school for children. Santa Dash Carols round the Christmas Tree at 3pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Advent Assembly for children in school.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Stoke City Football Club Assembly Y3 Snow Queen SMW
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS – Walk to the post box – letter to Santa
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Mass 9.15am parents welcome
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<u>Wear Non-Uniform or a Christmas Jumper</u> for the Dougie Mac £1 Year 3 Pizza Hut Visit
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nutcracker Themed Tea Party (Non Uniform /Christmas Jumpers) <b><i>If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like this instead, please make sure that you order a Tea Party lunch for your child by Friday 1st December</i></b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1-y6 Christmas Concert @ 2pm and 4pm Tickets to follow for parents – children may remain in school at the end of the day for the production at 4pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1-y6 visit The Nutcracker @The New Vic Theatre The production finishes at 4.30pm. Children will need to be collected from school at 5.15pm (Text messages will be sent) Nursery and Reception Nativity @ 9.30am Tickets to follow for parents
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day (Non Uniform / Christmas Jumpers) <b><i>If your child usually has a packed lunch and would like this instead, please make sure that you order a Tea Party lunch for your child by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</i></b>

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa and the animals in the Forest at OLSB (Forest School Clothes / Christmas Jumpers) Nursery (am) and Reception (pm) New Vic Visit Nutcracker Tale Trail
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Whole School Mass 9.15am parents welcome
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School Closes for Christmas at 3.15/3.20pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School re-opens

*With thanks Mrs Sarah Clowes - Principal*