

### 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023











### **Principals Message**

It has been lovely to see so many of you in and around school supporting both of the Christmas concerts, School Mass and our Santa and the Alpacas visit. It has been a wonderful end to the autumn term. The children have had a wonderful fortnight here in school. It has been great to see many final pieces of learning being produced in many subjects across the school showing that the children have certainly learnt and remembered more. Children have thoroughly engaged with our Nutcracker text and enjoyed the experience of not only reading the story in school but visiting the New Vic Theatre to watch a live performance. The children have produced writing and art work based around this story, which can be viewed in our corridors. School looks simply wonderful ! Santa and the alpacas bought smiles to everyone's faces and was a lovely treat for the children for the end of term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful staff here at OLSB who truly go above and beyond on a daily basis to ensure our children get the very best and to all of our families who support us each and every day. OLSB has so much to be proud off!

Staffing- Today we say goodbye to Mrs Lisa Machin as she moves onwards in her career. Mrs Machin will be greatly missed and we thank her for her service to OLSB, and wish her all the best for her future career! In January, Year 3 will continue to be taught by Mrs Stephanie Hepworth, and Mrs Janine Exon will join the class on a Friday.

On Wednesday we had some very special visitors here at OLSB. The story the Alpaca who saved Christmas was shared with the children before they got to meet Santa and the alpacas themselves. All children received a gift. The children really enjoyed the day. Our thanks go to the Peak Survival School team and Wetley Moor Alpacas who supported this day.







This very day in David's town a Saviour has been born - Christ the Lord.

Designed by Livia Chen a pupil at Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Academy

Wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and thanking you for your continued support with best wishes from Mrs Clowes and everyone here at OLSB.



# OLSB Dates 2024 ☆



Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School closed to all children
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens to all children
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Class eye tests
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass at Church 9.15am ALL WELCOME
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Family Mass at OLSB Church 5pm
Thursday 1st February	Y6 Visit to The Black Country Museum
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Mass at Church 9.15am ALL WELCOME
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes at 3.20pm for Half Term



## Stars of the week



Name	Class
Kianna Ndlovu	N
Everyone	R
Nathaly Olahova	Y1
Harper Stott	Y2
James-Henry Robertson	Y3
Vincent Seadon	Y4
Jasmine Ghag	Y5
George Robertson	Y6

### **Christmas Masses and Services**



#### **Mass Dates and Times**



Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass SGSM 5pm
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve OLSB 7.30pm
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass of Midnight SGSM 9.30PM
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day Mass SGSM 9.30am
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Feast of St Stephen Mass SGSM10.00am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	St John the Apostle Mass SGSM 10.00am
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Feats of St Thomas Beckett Mass OLSB 10.00am
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Feast of the Holy Family Mass OLSB 5pm

OLSB=Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Church, Abbey Hulton. SGSM= St George and St Martin Catholic Church, Birches Head.

Father Adrian sends his prayers for a very blessed and joyful Christmas and wishes you all a peaceful and prosperous 2024.

