



23rd September 2024





Principal Message

We have had a wonderful fortnight here at OLSB. Year 1 visited Packington farm where they enjoyed meeting the pigs apparently 'they had very curly tails'. They also enjoyed going pond dipping at the farm. Year 3 have visited Hulton Abbey as part of their History work. Year 6 visited St Margaret Ward for a Music afternoon and enjoyed playing the keyboards. Year 5 enjoyed the Penkhull Music Festival. Our first Mass of the term was a wonderful celebration to come together as the OLSB family in the presence of God and to receive his grace. It was wonderful to reflect upon the amazing achievements of the school in 2023-2024 and to look forward to the future successes of the school.



We are delighted to share that Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Academy have achieved the Live Simply Award. This award is part of our transformational journey, showing us standing in solidarity with our global family and being active stewards of God's creation.

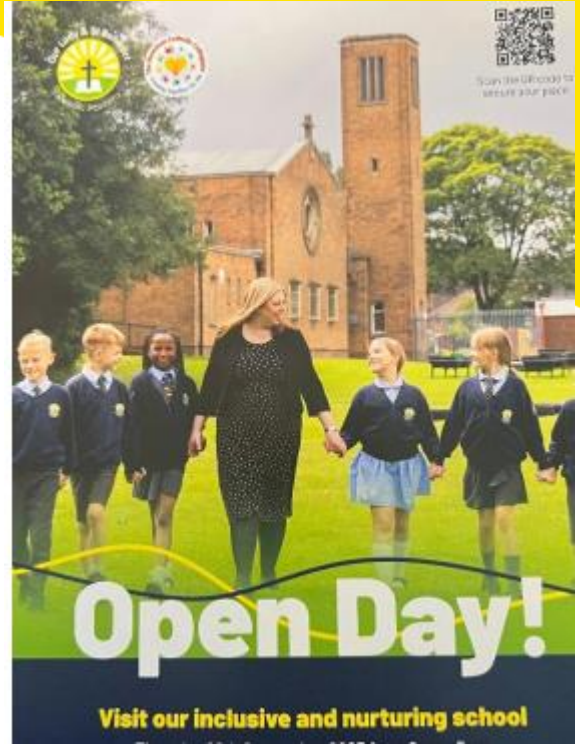
Our report said : " It has been a pleasure to hear about your faith inspired actions, demonstrating how you have been living simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with the world's poorest communities. This is a fantastic achievement, and we warmly congratulate you, your pupils, and your staff team. Thank you for your involvement and success in the LiveSimply Award, it truly demonstrates your commitment to LiveSimply as a vital part of the Catholic life and mission of your school. "

This is truly something to be proud of.

Mrs Clowes

Reception Class September 2025

You need to apply for a school place for September 2025 for your child to join the Reception Class if your child's fifth birthday is between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026. Please come along to our Open day on Wednesday 23rd October 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 2025. Please come along and we can help you with your application.



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 2024. The easiest way to apply is online at Secondary or high school admissions

https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions/134/secondary_or_high_school_admissions

We strongly advise that you consider St Margret Ward Catholic Academy part of our family of schools within The Newman Catholic collegiate. We now have a bus in operation which takes children to and from St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy each day.

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>



Stars of the Week



Name	Class
Week Beginning 16th September 2024	
Harper Cartwright	N
Zachery Rowlands-Lee	R
Sapphira Deaville	Y1
Nami Tewelde	Y2
Izzie-Grace Greensmith	Y3
Divine Kenneth	Y4
Jesse-Mai Hill	Y5
Maisie-Drew Morgan	Y6
Well done, All children have received a book from the school vending machine as a prize.	

Attendance awards

Name	Class
Week Ending 19th September 2024	
First Place	Nursery
Second Place	Reception
Third Place	Year 3
Fourth Place	Year 5
Fifth Place	Year 1
Sixth Place	Year 4
Seventh Place	Year 6
Eighth Place	Year 2
Week Ending 13th September 2024	
First Place	Reception
Second Place	Nursery
Third Place	Year 3
Fourth Place	Year 4
Fifth Place	Year 5
Sixth Place	Year 6
Seventh Place	Year 1
Eighth Place	Year 2
The winning classes have been awarded the attendance trophy and stickers. Well done.	



OLSB 2024 -2025 Calendar

Academic Year 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM – 2024

Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 2nd September

Inset Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 3rd September

School opens to pupils

Wednesday 4th September

Half Term

Monday 28th October- Friday 1st November

INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Monday 4th November

School opens to pupils

Tuesday 5th November

School closes

Friday 20th December

SPRING TERM - 2025

School opens to all

Monday 6th January 2025

Half Term

Monday 17th February -Friday 21st February

INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Monday 24th February

School opens to all

Tuesday 25th February

School closes

Friday 11th April

SUMMER TERM – 2025

School opens to all

Monday 28th April

May Day – school closed

Monday 5th May

Half Term

Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

School opens to all

Monday 2nd June

School closes

Friday 18th July