



**11<sup>th</sup> October 2024**





## Principal's Message

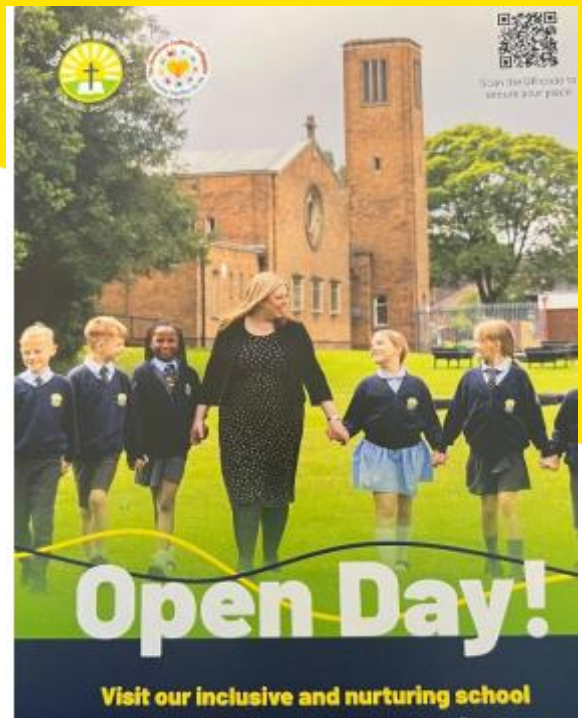
We have had a wonderful fortnight here at OLSB. Last Friday we took part as a school in the One Life Music Autumn Live stream and the children enjoyed taking part in a prayerful reflection with songs and music about God's gifts of creation and the Harvest. On Tuesday 6 children had the amazing opportunity to visit London to watch "Alice in Wonderland" performed by the world-renowned classical ballet dance company, The Royal Ballet at The Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. On Thursday evening we gathered and joined 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. The children were wonderful ambassadors of OLSB. This is truly something to be proud of. Some of our girls competed in the Lioness Football Competition at Northwood and were wonderful participants. Our Year 6 children have visited Stanley Head this week. Throughout the week the children have taken part in various activities including bouldering, abseiling, hiking to Lud's Church to name but a few. A huge thank you to all of our staff who have given their time to support this visit. Throughout the week we have received wonderful feedback around the children's enthusiastic attitudes, polite manners and excellent behaviour. Well done and Thank you Year 6

We are looking forward to our Harvest Mass on the 17<sup>th</sup> October. Please do send any Harvest items into school before this date and do come along and join us. Harvest Soup will be served after Mass.

With thanks, 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. We are also accepting applications for our Nursery Class. **Please come along to our Open day on Tuesday 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](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.

**Year 6 Roles** A huge thank you to our parents and families who joined us for Celebration Assembly on Friday. Here we gave out school council badges and announced the Year 6 positions for this academic year. Every member of Year 6 has been given a special job which I know they will carry out with pride throughout the academic year. Well done Year 6.

<b>Head Boy</b>	Oscar Gorski
<b>Head Girl</b>	Olivia-Rose Cartlidge
<b>Deputy Head Boys</b>	Jaiden Morley & Leo Abraham
<b>Deputy Head Girls</b>	Maisie-Drew Morgan & Livia Chen



# Stars of the Week



Name	Class
<b>Week Beginning 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>	
Avaya Mandebvu	N
Arlo Newton	R
Eadie Howard	Y1
Charlotte Smith	Y2
Mikeel Wlazlo	Y3
Nevaeh Olugosi-Booth	Y4
Vilte Campbell	Y5
Benny Mountford	Y6
<b>Week Beginning 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	
Ivy-Rose Price	N
Sadie-Mia Fletcher	R
Christopher Poole	Y1
Hiruyi Solomon	Y2
Evangeline Campbell	Y3
Oliver-Lee Cotton	Y4
Poppy Cresswell	Y5
All of class	Y6
<b>Well done, All children have received a book from the school vending machine as a prize. Please look out for our NEW star of the week photographs on Facebook.</b>	

# Attendance awards

Name	Class
<b>Week Ending 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	
First Place	Nursery
Second Place	Reception
Third Place	Year 3
Fourth Place	Year 1
Fifth Place	Year 2
Sixth Place	Year 5
Seventh Place	Year 6
Eighth Place	Year 4
<b>Week Ending 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	
First Place	Year N
Second Place	Year R
Third Place	Year 3
Fourth Place	Year 2
Fifth Place	Year 6
Sixth Place	Year 1
Seventh Place	Year 5
Eighth Place	Year 4
The winning classes have been awarded the attendance trophy and stickers. Well done.	



# OLSB Dates



<b>14/10/24</b>	Flu Immunisations
<b>15/10/24</b>	ALL CHILDREN Be Bright Be seen Road Safety
<b>16/10/24</b>	Y2 S-O-T Road Trip History of the Potteries
<b>17/10/24</b>	Harvest Mass at Church 9.15 am ALL WELCOME
<b>17/10/24</b>	Following Mass Harvest Soup in the school hall
<b>18/10/24</b>	EYFS visit to Church
<b>22/10/24</b>	School Disco
<b>23/10/24</b>	Open Morning for Prospective Nursery and Reception Parents 2025
<b>25/10/24</b>	School closes at 3.20pm for Half Term
<b>28/10/24</b>	HALF TERM
<b>4/11/24</b>	Inset Day SCHOOL CLOSED to all pupils
<b>5/11/24</b>	School opens for all pupils
<b>5/11/24</b>	Bonfire Day –Forest-ALL CHILDREN Forest Clothes
<b>7/11/24</b>	MP Visit to school
<b>12/11/24</b>	Parents Evening
<b>14/11/24</b>	Parents Evening
<b>15/11/24</b>	Whole School Photographs
<b>18/11/24</b>	Y4 Jewish Schul Synagogue Visit



# OLSB Dates



<b>20/11/24</b>	EYFS Road Safety Workshop
<b>21/11/24</b>	WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9.15AM ALL WELCOME
<b>22/11/24</b>	Y3/Y4 Road Safety Workshop
<b>23/11/24</b>	Y5/Y6 Confirmation Pupils Commitment Mass
<b>25/11/24</b>	Songbirds Concert
<b>3/12/24</b>	9.10am Advent Liturgy Led by Y3 –Parents Welcome
<b>4/12/24</b>	Y3 Pizza Hut Trip
<b>5/12/24</b>	WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9.15AM ALL WELCOME
<b>5/12/24</b>	AM Nurs/Rec Pantomime PM Y4/Y5 Pantomime
<b>6/12/24</b>	EYFS Nurs / Rec Christmas Nativity
<b>10/12/24</b>	9.10am Advent Liturgy Led by Y4 –Parents Welcome
<b>10/12/24</b>	Y1-Y6 Christmas Nativity Concert
<b>13/12/24</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>16/12/24</b>	New Vic Theatre Vist Y1-Y6 The Three Musketeers
<b>17/12/24</b>	9.10am Advent Liturgy Led by Y5 –Parents Welcome
<b>17/12/24</b>	Christmas Dinner and Non Uniform
<b>18/12/24</b>	Christmas Treat Day – Plans to Follow
<b>19/12/24</b>	WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9.15AM ALL WELCOME 2.30pm Advent Liturgy Led by Y6 –Parents Welcome
<b>20/12/24</b>	3.20pm School Closes for Christmas Holidays



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> November

School closes

Friday 20th December

#### SPRING TERM - 2025

School opens to all

Monday 6th January 2025

Half Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> April

May Day – school closed

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30th May

School opens to all

Monday 2nd June

School closes

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July