



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





## **Principal's Message**

The last fortnight have been extremely busy and full of wonderful opportunities. Some of our children visited the Betty Rushton Garden where they met local volunteers. They picked vegetables and brought them back to school where our school cook Mrs Hughes made delicious Harvest Soup and Hedgehog rolls, which were enjoyed by our Parish community after our Harvest Mass. Thank you to all of you for your very generous donations. These are truly acts of love summed up by Pope Francis:

"Love and charity, are service, helping others, serving others. There are many people who spend their lives in this way, in the service of others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love! And with the washing of the feet the Lord teaches us to be servants, and above all, servants as He was a servant to us, for every one of us."

We made up harvest parcels which the children took out to residents in the local community these were very gratefully received and the local food bank were also very thankful to collect a huge array of items to be distributed to those in need across the city.

Year 2 have also been on a tour of the city linked to their History work they have been finding out all about the famous people of the Potteries – even stopping at the one and only home of Mr Robbie Williams! Children across the diocese came together on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October to pray the rosary. Stoke city and 'PotterMus' also came to visit this week to tell us all about the team and the football league. Our school disco was a great success and it was lovely to see so many children enjoying themselves and dancing along to the music. A lovely end to the half term! We also held our open morning and it was lovely to see so many new faces who want to come and join our OLSB family. We look forward to welcoming them soon.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term and we will see you back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

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.

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. The best place to apply is online at :

[https://admissions.stoke.gov.uk/CitizenPortal LIVE/en](https://admissions.stoke.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

Please call into the school office if you require any support in completing your application.



### **A Harvest Prayer**

Generous God, we thank you for the gifts you have given for all people to share. We plant seeds of hope and nurture them as we seek a harvest of plenty for all.

Forgive us for the times these seeds fail to take root in our hearts.

We grieve when homes and crops are washed away by floods, when lives are uprooted by disaster, or trampled by fear and greed.

Living God, you lead us to a new way of being.

Move us to help one another in our times of need,

to care for the earth and to love one another, sharing your harvest with all. Amen.



# Stars of the Week



Name	Class
<b>Week Beginning 14th October 2024</b>	
Yasmina Dinca	N
Kamil Horoszczak	R
Archie Allen-Cartwright	Y1
Nikola Gorska	Y2
Christian Solomon	Y3
Sofia Brett	Y4
Chase Carter-Watson	Y5
Roman-Jay Riordan	Y6
<b>Week Beginning 21st October 2024</b>	
Nora Omoregbe	N
Savannah Stone	R
Omorefe Omoregbe	Y1
Willow Lewis	Y2
Sophia Morgan	Y3
Samia Mamoun	Y4
Sophie Smith	Y5
Maximus Lewis	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 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	
First Place	Nursery
Second Place	Reception
Third Place	Year 3
Fourth Place	Year 5
Fifth Place	Year 2
Sixth Place	Year 1
Seventh Place	Year 4
Eighth Place	Year 6
<b>Week Ending 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	
First Place	Nursery
Second Place	Year 3
Third Place	Reception
Fourth Place	Year 5
Fifth Place	Year 2
Sixth Place	Year 4
Seventh Place	Year 1
Eighth Place	Year 6
The winning classes have been awarded the attendance trophy and stickers. Well done.	



# OLSB Dates



4/11/24	Inset Day SCHOOL CLOSED to all pupils
5/11/24	School opens for all pupils
5/11/24	Bonfire Day –Forest-ALL CHILDREN Forest Clothes
6/11/24	Y6 Visit to Apedale Mine
7/11/24	MP Visit to school
11/11/24	Meeting re Confirmation for Parents Y5 Y6
12/11/24	Sohan – Indian Dance and Workshop
12/11/24	Parents Evening
14/11/24	Parents Evening
15/11/24	Whole School Photographs
18/11/24	Y1 Brampton Museum Vist
18/11/24	Y4 Jewish Schul Synagogue Visit
20/11/24	EYFS- Road Safety
21/11/24	Y3 Six Town Tour



**OUTSTANDING**

**"Pupils are known, loved and feel safe"**  
- Ofsted 2024

Places for Nursery and Reception are open! Enquire now.  
 ☎ 01782 234 646    ✉ office@olsbprimary.org.uk    [ourladyandstbenedict.co.uk](http://ourladyandstbenedict.co.uk)







# OLSB Dates



<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 Y4 –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