



2nd December 2024





Principal's Message

Over the last fortnight songs have been ringing out around the school as children practice and prepare for our Christmas performances. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school to see the children perform.

The road safety team have visited OLSB and have been working with the children teaching them about how to cross the roads safely and about the importance of wearing seatbelts and using car seats. Such important messages. Please do keep the yellow zig-zag crossing outside school clear so that pedestrians have a safe place to cross clear from traffic.

On Saturday 23rd it was lovely to see so many children and families in church supporting our children who will be confirmed next year. The Bishop has confirmed that the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on the 13th July. We will of course send out more details closer to this date.

On Monday 25th some of our children sang in the Songbirds Choir Concert at the Victoria Hall in Hanley. They sang their hearts out and represented the school beautifully. Well done to them all. Today they have received their songbirds certificates.

Thank you once again to our families who supported us during the closure of Early years due to the intermittent heating issues at that end of the school. It is never an easy decision to close any classes but children's safety will of course always come first. There was simply nothing more that we could do and we had to be led by the engineers who were working on site and identified the issue. Thank you once again for your understanding during this difficult time.

Happy 1st December to you all,

Mrs Clowes

Nursery/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.

You can now apply for a place for your child to join our Nursery place in September 2025.

Christmas Appeal

Our wish this Christmas is that no one should be homeless, hungry or lonely.

We need your help to reach out to the people who are suffering the most by bringing comfort and joy into their lives.

For our advent appeal this year, we would like to make bags for the homeless. We are asking for your help to make these bags.

We are looking for donations of new items that will provide a bit of warmth and comfort to people who are without homes this Christmas.

We have put a list together of things that we feel would help the most and split this between year groups so that we get a range of items.

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) – Gloves, Toothbrushes, small packets of sweets.

KS1 – (Year 1 and 2) – Hats, toothpaste, Small packets of Biscuits

Year 3 and 4 – Socks, Hand sanitiser, small bars of chocolate

Year 5 and 6 – Scarf, Roll – on Deodorant, Bottled water

We understand that this is an extremely expensive time of the year so any item would be greatly appreciated.

On Sunday we entered into the season of advent, a time where we get ready and prepare to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. Our prayer corners in school will turn to purple as we journey through advent. We stay awake, watch and wait, for we do not know the hour or the day of your arrival. Come, Lord, bringer of hope. Create in us a desire for a world transformed to reflect your glory. Come, Lord, bringer of hope. Lead us in your ways, as together we make a change, to dispel the darkness of poverty. Come, Lord, bringer of hope.





Stars of the Week



Name	Class
Week Beginning 18th November 2024	
All Class	N
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Juri Abass	Y1
Milo-Jai Wint	Y2
Pela Qasm	Y3
Hanna Rola	Y4
Janaya Deaville	Y5
Alisha Olahova	Y6
Week Beginning 25th November 2024	
Mohammed Noorzai	N
Kianna Ndlovu	R
Murray Edge	Y1
Eva-Clara Trifan-Stasisin	Y2
Jayden Wang'oo	Y3
Alfie Foster	Y4
Crina Voinea	Y5
Oscar Gorski	Y6
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.	

Attendance awards

Name	Class
Week Ending 22nd November 2024	
First Place	Year 3
Second Place	Nursery
Third Place	Reception
Fourth Place	Year 5
Fifth Place	Year 2
Sixth Place	Year 6
Seventh Place	Year 1
Eighth Place	Year 4
Week Ending 29th November 2024	
First Place	Year 3
Second Place	Nursery
Third Place	Reception
Fourth Place	Year 2
Fifth Place	Year 5
Sixth Place	Year 6
Seventh Place	Year 1
Eighth Place	Year 4
The winning classes have been awarded the attendance trophy and stickers. Well done.	



OLSB December Dates



2/12/24	Y1 Sudbury Trip
2/12/24	Santa Dash PE led by Mr Craig Sigley PE Kits needed
3/12/24	9.10am Advent Liturgy Led by Y3 –Parents Welcome
4/12/24	Y3 Pizza Hut Trip
5/12/24	Y1 Seasonal Walk to Bucknall Park
5/12/24	WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9.15AM ALL WELCOME
5/12/24	AM Nurs/Rec Pantomime PM Y4/Y5 Pantomime
6/12/24	EYFS Nurs / Rec Christmas Nativity 2pm
9/12/24	School Choir Carols at Oak Priory 3pm
10/12/24	9.10am Advent Liturgy Led by Y4 –Parents Welcome
12/12/24	Y1 and Y2 Pyjamas –Polar Express
13/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day- Dougie Mac
13/12/24	Nursery Visit New Vic Theatre Tail Trail
16/12/24	New Vic Theatre Visit Y1-Y6 The Three Musketeers
17/12/24	9.10am Advent Liturgy Led by Y5 –Parents Welcome
17/12/24	Y1-Y6 Christmas Nativity Concert 2pm and 4pm
18/12/24	Christmas Treat Day – Plans to Follow
19/12/24	WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9.15AM ALL WELCOME 2.30pm Advent Liturgy Led by Y4 –Parents Welcome



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