



10th January 2025





Principals Message

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and a wonderful 2025. The children have returned to school this week and have settled back in to school beautifully. We were all surprised when we awoke to snow at the start of the week! It was lovely to see the children playing in the snow and enjoying themselves. Thank you also for battling the roads and pavements to get the children into school. A Huge thank you to all of our staff who made their way into school from various parts of the city in quite extreme weather conditions and to Mr Craig Scarlett who has been here very early every morning, gritting and clearing paths.

This week we have thought about the Three kings bowing down and worshipping Jesus and how we can worship Jesus and offer gifts to him of Love, Kindness, Peace and Joy. Something I see exchanged each and every day between the children here at OLSB.

With thanks, Mrs Clowes

Admission to Nursery Class September 2025

The system is now open for admissions to our Nursery Class in September 2025. This is for children born between the dates of 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022. If you require any further information or wish to make a visit to the Nursery or Reception class please contact the school office.

The easiest way to apply is online at:

https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20033/school_admissions/133/nursery_admissions

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

Please call into the school office if you require any support in completing your application AS Reception Class admissions close on the 15th January.




City of
Stoke-on-Trent

Apply online for reception places

www.stoke.gov.uk/admissions

PE Days

PE Timetable

Day	Year
Monday	Y1 & Y2
Tuesday	Y3, Y4 Y5 Swimming
Wednesday	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
Thursday	No PE lessons
Friday	Nursery and Reception

Forest School

Forest School Timetable

Wednesday's	
AM	PM
Year 2	Year 4 for the following first 3 Wednesday's 08/01/25, 15/01/25, 22/01/25 Year 3 for the following last 3 Wednesday's 29/01/25, 05/02/25, 12/02/25



Stars of the Week



Name	Class
Week Beginning 6th January 2025	
Matei Zaloga	N
Andrei Voinea	R
Malaki Walkeden	Y1
Nami Tewelde	Y2
All of Year 3	Y3
Aliya Clarke	Y4
Millie Edge	Y5
Jaiden Morley	Y6
Well done, All children have received a book from the school vending machine as a prize.	



OLSB DATES



13/1/2025	Y5 Young Voices
14/1/2025	Y5 Swimming begins
16/1/2025	Mass at Church 9.15am ALL WELCOME
18/1/2025	Family Mass 5pm
20/1/2025	Y1 Ford Green Hall
24/1/2025	JUBILEE LAUNCH DAY
29/1/2025	Y2 Jodrell Bank
29/1/2025	Family Learning Y5 AND Y6 1.15PM HALL
30/1/2025	Mass at Church 9.15am ALL WELCOME
30/1/2025	Family Learning Y3 and Y4 1.15pm HALL
31/1/2025	Family Learning Y1 and Y2 1pm HALL
3/2/2025	Mental Health Week
6/2/2025	Love Hearts Disco
11/2/2025	Safer Internet Day
14/1/2025	School Closes at 3.20pm for Half Term
17/1/2025	HALF TERM
24/1/2025	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
25/1/2025	School Opens for all children

Jubilee Year 2025

Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope" and launches at 6 pm on 24th December 2024. The school launch date is Friday 24 January 2025 and will start with a recorded message to be shared from the diocese and all schools will access this message on the day. On this day we will celebrate the start of the year of the Jubilee here at OLSB. We are inviting children to come to school in their own clothes dressed in red, yellow, green or blue (the colours of the Pilgrims of Hope Logo).



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Jubilee Pledge 2025:

We are pilgrims of hope.

We walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers worldwide, sharing challenges and celebrating joys.

We promise to be agents of change, working together for justice, love and peace, locally and globally.

We want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth, can flourish.