



**7<sup>th</sup> March 2025**





## Principals Message

The children have returned to school after the half term break and have settled back to work beautifully. On Tuesday we had a visit from Jo from the Father Hudson Society who spoke to us all about the wonderful work this charity does in supporting the homeless, those with disabilities, the elderly, refugees and asylum seekers and children through its fostering programme. Jo was very impressed with our wonderful children. We have chosen to support this charity throughout Lent and we will be holding a Lent Walk and taking part in the Father Hudson appeal. Today the school came together to join with One Life Music in a virtual retreat based around Lent. It was wonderful to hear the children joining in with songs of praise around the school. World Book Day was a great success and the children loved dressing up in all of their costumes showing their talents and what they wanted to be when they were older. We had a whole host of ideas from astronauts, scientists, teachers, singers artists, cooks, and emergency services workers. We have had so many visitors to school this week all who have inspired our children from the diggers and their drivers to builders, SCFC, ambulance crew, St John's ambulance and the Fire service.

Thank you for all of your support.

Mrs Clowes

## **Roofing Works**

Scaffolding has been put up around the school and works have commenced on the roof across the whole school site. This is including new coping stones along the ridge and the replacement of any broken, cracked or slipped tiles on the pitched roofs. The flat roofs are also being repaired with new bitumen applied. This work is planned to last between 8-10 weeks. During this time THE Early Years Entrance will be out of use and so we ask for Nursery and Reception Class children to enter school via the Hall doors.

## **Easter Arrangements**

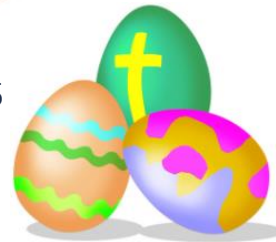
### **Nursery & Reception**

Easter Bonnet Competition – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025



### **All of School**

Egg Decorating and Egg throwing Competition – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025



## **Lent / Mass times**

This week we entered into the Lenten season. Lent is a sacred holy season, a time to say sorry and ask for forgiveness, and a time to think about how we can change to grow and become closer to God. During Lent we travel towards the great feast of Easter Sunday. All children attended Mass on Ash Wednesday (5/3/2025) and

Please find below the mass times for the First Sunday of Lent.

Saturday 8/3/2025 5pm at Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Church, Abbey Hulton  
Sunday 9/3/2025 9.30am St George and St Martin's, Birches Head

**“Show me, Lord your way so that I may walk in your truth.”**



# Stars of the Week



| Name  | Class |
|---|-------|
| <b>Week Beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>   |       |
| Alpha Mwangi  | N     |
| Madison Maddock   | R     |
| Ava Brett   | Y1    |
| Maham Shirzad   | Y2    |
| Ethan Harding   | Y3    |
| Daniel Onanuga  | Y4    |
| Leo Hulme   | Y5    |
| Alisha Olahova  | Y6    |
| <b>Week Beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>  |       |
| Mathias Solomon   | N     |
| All of Class  | R     |
| Amber Nicholson   | Y1    |
| Jack Fantauzzo  | Y2    |
| Kenan Nicholls  | Y3    |
| Jacob Buckler   | Y4    |
| Vincent Seadon  | Y5    |
| Ella Aaron-Doyle  | Y6    |
| <b>Well done, All children have received a book from the school vending machine as a prize.</b> |       |
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# OLSB DATES



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| <b>10/3/2025</b> | Walk and Wheel to school week  |
| <b>10/3/2025</b> | Y5 Sandyford Fire Station safe and sound workshop                        |
| <b>14/3/2025</b> | Y5 and Y1 Stations of the Cross @ Church ALL Welcome 10.30AM             |
| <b>17/3/2025</b> | Confirmation Workshop after school                                       |
| <b>20/3/2025</b> | Y1 Visit to Mini Village   |
| <b>20/3/25</b>   | Mass at Church 9.15am ALL WELCOME  |
| <b>21/3/25</b>   | Y4 and Y2 Stations of the Cross @ Church ALL Welcome 10.30AM             |
| <b>22/3/2025</b> | Family Mass at Church 5pm  |
| <b>25/3/2025</b> | Parents Evening  |
| <b>27/3/2025</b> | Parents Evening  |
| <b>28/3/2025</b> | Y3 and Y6 Stations of the Cross @ Church ALL Welcome 10.30AM             |
| <b>3/4/2025</b>  | Mass at Church 9.15am ALL WELCOME  |
| <b>4/4/2025</b>  | Y5 and Y2 Stations of the Cross @ Church ALL Welcome 10.30AM             |
| <b>8/4/2025</b>  | Easter Bonnet and Egg Decorating and Throwing                            |
| <b>10/4/2025</b> | Mass at Church 9.15am ALL WELCOME  |
| <b>11/4/2025</b> | CAFOD BIG LENT WALK TO HULTON ABBEY                                      |
| <b>11/4/2025</b> | Whole school Led by Y4 Y5 Stations of the Cross @ Church ALL Welcome 2PM |
| <b>11/4/2025</b> | 3.20pm School Closes   |
| <b>28/4/2025</b> | Return to school   |

# Jubilee Year 2025



Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate this Jubilee year with a deep faith, lively hope and active charity. This means he wants each one of us to celebrate this year by trusting in God, looking forward with hope, and showing love to others through kind and caring actions. Here at OLSB we commit ourselves to the Jubilee pledge.

## 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.**

