



9th May 2025





Yesterday we attended Mass with our Parish family and held our May Procession where we crowned Mary and adorned her with flowers. We devote the month of May to Mary and honour her. We thank Rebecca who took on the role of Mary and her attendants Dominic and Jasper. We also gathered together in our new prayer garden to take part in the 2 minute silence on the 80th anniversary of VE day to pay special tribute to the veterans and those who died in World War Two . We also thought of how others gave their lives so that we may have peace. We prayed for peace around the world. This was followed by a special VE day celebration Lunch which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Our gardening club then planted flowers and plants into our prayer garden.

Year 2 have visited Emma Bridgewater this week. I was lucky enough to accompany them and was so proud of the designs they created. Some of our Year 5 children visited Manchester University to receive their award as part of the scholars club and Reception Class visited Peak Wildlife where they got to see the Zebras and Polar bears.

Here, at OLSB we try to provide the children with as many opportunities as possible to build cultural capital and to see and experience life beyond the local area of Abbey Hulton this is only possible due to the dedication and support of our wonderful staff team. This along with your children is what makes OLSB the very special place that it is. A huge thanks to everyone

Mrs Clowes

Uniform

School shorts and summer dresses can be worn during the summer term if you choose or children can remain in their trousers and skirts. Please follow the link for further information.

A reminder that in line with Uniform Policy jewellery and earrings are not allowed to be worn to school. Hair of shoulder length or longer must be tied up. Make up and nail varnish (including acrylic nails) should not be worn to school. Thank you once again for your co-operation our children look so smart and proud in their uniforms.

<https://www.ourladyandstbenedict.co.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=93>

Curriculum Newsletters

Class teachers have prepared Newsletters for their class showing what children will be taught, and what they will learn across all subjects within the curriculum during the summer term. Please do take the time to read these. These can be found on the school website.

<https://www.ourladyandstbenedict.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Newsletters&pid=27>

BEFORE / AFTER SCHOOL

We open our gates in a morning and welcome you onto the school playground. We would rather do this and allow the children to access the playground, which is a safe environment rather than you queuing outside on the footpath or near the busy road until the bell rings. A reminder that children are in your care until the school doors open in a morning. Children should be accompanied by an adult and must not be left unaccompanied on the yard before the start of the day when the children are then handed over into the care of the school. We invite the children to play on the playground or in the Muga with parental supervision. We ask that children do not use the fitness equipment. This is for use in PE lessons and during supervised play only. There are concerns around accidents when the children are not supervised and the equipment is also not designed for young children. We would also request that bikes and scooters are not ridden around the busy yard. Please bring them to the gate and walk them to the bike / scooter store. A parent with a pushchair was ridden into the other evening. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter to ensure that all children are safe before and after school.



Stars of the Week



Name	Class
Week Beginning 2nd May 2025	X
All of Class	N
Harry Billington	R
Marcel Biskup	Y1
Layla Price	Y2
Carrie Booth	Y3
David-Andrei Rusu	Y4
Millie Edge	Y5
Albert Voinea	Y6
Week Beginning 9th May 2025	x
Penelope Hulme	N
Zachary Rowley	R
Hanna Tewelde	Y1
Maci-Mae Knapper	Y2
Zack Galbraith	Y3
Harvey Clarke	Y4
Kayne Davies	Y5
Kai Ndlouv	Y6
Well done, All children have received a book from the school vending machine as a prize.	

DAY	CLASS FOR PE
Monday	Reception Year 4 Year 6
Tuesday	Y5 Swimming Nursery Year 1 Year 2
Wednesday	Year 3 Year 6
Thursday	Year 1
Friday	Year 5

Forest School (up to May half term)

AM - Nursery

PM – Year 5

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

- MON** Benedictines (KS2)
- TUES** Craft Club (KS1)
Fitness Equipment Club (Y3, Y4, Y5)
- WEDS** Football (Y5 and Y6)
Outdoor Games (Y1-Y4)
- THURS** Reading Club (Y1, Y2, Y3)
Songbirds (Y1-Y6)
Eco/Gardening Club (Y4, Y5, Y6)
- FRI** Cricket club with Chance2Shine (Y6 only)

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OLSB DATES



12th May 2025	YEAR 6 SATS Tests Begin
19TH May 2025	Good Shepherd Mass 10.30am
23rd May 2025	Y6 War Museum Manchester Trip
23rd May	School Closes at 3.20pm for HALF TERM
2ND June	School opens to all children
4th June	Big Sing Songbirds at Victoria Hall
5th June	Stoke 100 day
5th June	Y3 Mass at church 9.15am ALL WELCOME
5th June	Lion the Witch and The Wardrobe at The Regent Theatre Y6
9th June	Nursery Blue Planet Trip
9th June	Confirmation Workshop 4.30pm
11th June	Big Play at the Victoria Hall
11th June	Northwood Athletics
12th June	Y5 Think Tank Birmingham Trip
17th June	Bishop Timothy Confirmation Visit to school
17th June	Great Science Share event at Port VALE
19th June	Y2 Mass at Church 9.15am ALL WELCOME
23RD June	Y6 Leavers and Reception Graduation Photos

TERM DATES 2025/2026

Academic Year 2025/2026

AUTUMN TERM – 2025

Inset Day (school closed to pupils) Monday 1ST September

Inset Day (school closed to pupils) Tuesday 2nd September

School opens to pupils Wednesday 3rd September

Half Term Monday 27th October- Friday 31st October

INSET Day (School closed to pupils) Monday 3rd November

School opens to pupils Tuesday 4th November

School closes Friday 19th December

SPRING TERM – 2026

Inset Day (school closed to pupils) Monday 5th January

School opens to pupils Tuesday 6th January

Half Term Monday 16th February -Friday 20th February

School opens to pupils Monday 23rd February

School closes Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM – 2026

School opens to pupils Monday 13th April

May Day – school closed Monday 4th May

Half Term Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

School opens to pupils Monday 1st June

School closes Friday 17th July