



23rd May 2025





Year 6 have completed their SATS tests and we are proud of how they all conducted themselves. Over the last few weeks it has been wonderful to see the children utilising the summer weather and our amazing outdoor area including our new fitness equipment, outdoor prayer garden, the forest and fields. Children have been thoroughly enjoying their playtimes and PE sessions outdoors. On a Friday many of the children have been having cricket skills taught to them through the Chance to Shine Programme. We have some great bowlers and batters. With some huge sixes being hit. Every night after school children have also been attending after school clubs provided by our dedicated staff. A huge thank you to them all for providing all of these after school activities free of charge to our children and families.

It has been wonderful to welcome back families to our OWLETS Baby and Toddler group which runs every Thursday morning from 9.15-10.45 in the school hall. Thank you to Thrive at Five and Mrs and Miss Franklin who run and support these sessions. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you to our children who represented the OLSB school community at the Good Shepherd Mass where we presented our fundraising to this charity from the money collected from our disco, non-uniform day and walk. Thank you for your generous donations.

Today Year 6 have visited the Imperial War Museum North, in Manchester to further their understanding of the second world war. They have had a great day with exemplary behaviour. Well done Year 6!

Wishing you all a wonderful half term and looking forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 2nd June.

Mrs Clowes



Stars of the Week



Name	Class
Week Beginning 12th May 2025	
Siyar-Gabriel Hassan	N
Kamil Horoszczak	R
Aurora-Anne Lane	Y1
Kayden Potts	Y2
Sophia Morgan	Y3
Zachery Rowley	Y4
Alfie Munday	Y5
All of Class	Y6
Week Beginning 19th May 2025	
Penelope Hulme	N
Issac Cadman	R
Rocco Cox	Y1
Nathaly Olahova	Y2
Haroon Asghar	Y3
Emmanuel Scaria	Y4
Ethan Bradbury	Y5
All of Class	Y6
Well done, All children have received a book from the school vending machine as a prize.	

OWLETS

We are pleased to announce that our Owlets Group is back up and running.

The sessions run every Thursday morning from 9:15am – 10:45am.

We invite all families from across the community for babies and toddlers.

Please pass this onto your family and friends.

We look forward to seeing you all.



OWLETS
Parent, Baby and Toddler group at Our Lady & St Benedict Catholic Academy

Come along and enjoy a safe, fun and educational environment with your child, aged 0-5 years. Meet other families and enjoy different activities each week for FREE.

Every Thursday 9:15am-10:45am

 **FREE** Free to attend

 Meet other local families

 Every Thursday (term time)



Pope Leo XIV celebrated his inauguration on 18 May 2025, at St. Peter's Square in Rome.

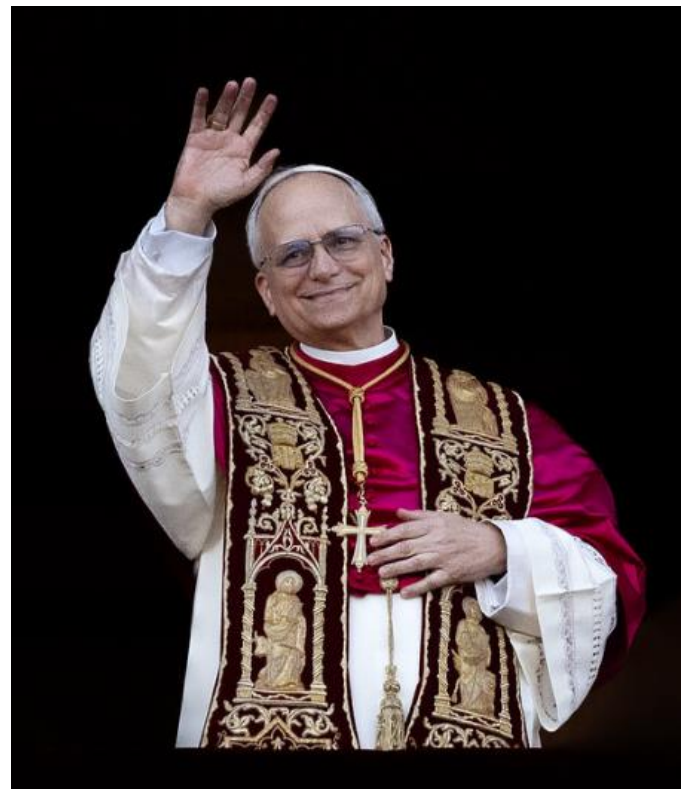
Here at OLSB we join together our prayers as we call upon God our Father to bless

Pope Leo XIV and fill him with the power of the holy spirit to lead the Catholic Church around the world.

*Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant
companion.*

*Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.*

*May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.
Amen.*



End of Term Assemblies

We would like to invite you to the following end of term assemblies. The class will present their achievements and learning to you over the past academic year. Showcasing all of the wonderful learning experiences they have encountered. Please do join us.

DAY and Time	Class
Wednesday 9 th July 9:15pm	Nursery
Wednesday 9 th July 2.30pm	YEAR 1
Thursday 10 th July 2.30 pm	YEAR 2
Monday 14 th July 9.15 am	YEAR 4
Monday 14 th July 2.30pm	Reception (Including Graduation)
Wednesday 16 th July 9.15 am	YEAR 3
Thursday 17 TH July 2.30pm	YEAR 5
Friday 18 th July 2pm	YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

North Staffs Eucharistic Congress:

Come to His Eucharistic Heart is the name of our Deanery Eucharistic Congress taking place from 10th to 12th July. The programme will begin with a Deanery Jubilee Year Mass celebrated by His Grace, the Archbishop on Thursday 10th July at Sacred Heart Church, Tunstall at 7pm. This will be followed by the opening of the Congress with a talk, a Holy Hour, and all-night Eucharistic Adoration. The Friday will be a programme for schools in which all the Catholic Schools of North Staffordshire are invited to participate. This will take place in each school with parts of the day shared through live streaming. On Friday evening, we invite all parishioners to come for the opening of the conference part of the Congress. There will be Mass, a talk, and Holy Hour and once again all night Adoration. The Congress continues on Saturday with a full programme of talks, workshops and times of prayer, ending with Mass and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament presided over by Bishop Timothy Menezes.

Forest School after Half term

Reception - AM
Year 6 - PM

PE DAYS AFTER HALF TERM

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

After school clubs

All after school clubs will continue to run the same next half term.



OLSB DATES



23rd May	School Closes at 3.20pm for HALF TERM
2nd June	School opens to all children
2nd June	Y4 multiplication Check this week
4th June	Y6 St Margaret Ward Transition Visit
4th June	Big Sing Songbirds at Victoria Hall
5th June	Stoke 100 day Dress Up
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 Trip
13th June	NEW Nursery Parents for September 2025 Meeting
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
21st June	Family Mass at Church 5pm



23RD June	Y6 Leavers and Reception Graduation Photos
24th June	Y4 Dudley zoo
25th June	Bishop Timothy Official Opening and Blessing of Prayer Garden
26th June	Y3 Ancient Egyptians workshop
26th June	Y1 and Y2 LLandudno
30th June	Y5/Y6 Sports Day - AM / Y3/Y4 Sports Day - PM
1ST July	EYFS Sports Day - AM / Y1/Y2 Sports Day - PM
2nd / 3rd July	Y6 Transition Days
3rd July	All classes Move up to new class for the day
4th July	OLSB Festival Day
7th July	Collegiate Sports Day @ Northwood
7th July	Y2 DT Slamwich salads visit
8th July	100 Years S-O-T Afternoon Cream Tea
11TH July	SAINT BENEDICT DAY MASS at Church 9.15 ALL WELCOME
11th July	Reports out to Parents
13th July	CONFIRMATION
14th July	Reception Graduation 2.30pm
15th July	100% Attendance Trip
16th July	Y6 Prom
17th July	Y6 Leavers Mass

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