



**18th July 2025**





Over the last fortnight we have had many amazing opportunities. Many of the children took part in the Northwood Collegiate Sports Day where we took an impressive third place. Our children made us proud and we had so many children on the podium in 1st place. Well done to everyone who took part. Year 2 visited Slamwich club in Hanley and made their own salads as part of their DT project. A huge thank you must go to St Margaret Ward who have not only supported our Year 6 children who will be transferring to them in September but also invited our Year 4 class to see their Summer Production of A group of children also took part in the Collegiate Choir at the Summer term Musical concert at St Margaret Ward. A huge well done to you all as you sang your hearts out. On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July the children took part in the World Record Breaking Afternoon tea as part of the 100 years of Stoke-on-Trent celebration. The city smashed the record. Our children represented the school at the opening of the North Staffordshire Eucharistic Congress at Sacred Heart Church in Tunstall. The school then attended mass and watched the Archbishops address before completing activities to further develop their understanding. This gave the children the opportunity to gather together and spend time in the presence of the Eucharist. (Jesus). Our staff have also been visiting our New children in their homes prior to them starting with us. We are all very excited and can't wait to welcome them into the OLSB family in September. On Sunday our children were confirmed by Bishop Timothy Menezes it was a beautiful moment of faith, commitment and grace as the children were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Another highlight of the fortnight was certainly the OLSB festival with the talent show, Lip Sync and the festival activities and singers. A truly Outstanding day. Huge congratulations to our 22 pupils who received 100% attendance and visited Alton Towers this week as a celebration of their achievement.

Wishing you a wonderful Summer break and looking forward to seeing you on your return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Mrs Clowes

## End of the Year Reflection

Thank you for coming along and supporting your children in our End of term assemblies. I think this is a wonderful opportunity for us to share the very special year that your children have had here at OLSB.

The last academic year has been filled with many amazing moments. At the start of the year we were awarded the Live Simply award for standing in solidarity with our global family and being active stewards of God's creation. This work has continued throughout the year as we introduced our whole school recycling initiative, installed energy saving lights and developed our beautiful prayer garden where the children care for and water the plants.

Our school mini bus has been in fulla ction this year. This supports some parents in getting their children to school but also allows us to provide many unique opportunities. This has included trips both within the local area and further field from History Tours od Stoke, The River Trent, Apedale Mine, The Slamwich Club, Pizza Hut, The Fire Station, Hanley Library, Emma Bridgewater, Jodrell Bank to name but a few.

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. This year the children have had many visits which have supported and enriched the curriculum. These include Hoo Zoo Dinosaurs, The Black Country Museum, The Imperial War Museum Manchester, Llandudno, Dudley Zoo to name a few. 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. From Mp Visits to mine tours, chickens to butterflies, Ukuleles, guitars, recorders, choir, cross country, athletics, football and basketball the children have so many opportunities to shine and live out their God given talents. We truly are a school full of stars - this includes our children who make us smile every day and all of our very special staff team who without question go the extra mile each and every day.

Our work for charities is admirable and I wish to thank you for supporting the most vulnerable in the local community and further afield. This year we have raised well over £500 for our chosen charities. The Douglas Macmillian, Father Hudson, The foodbank, The Macari centre for the homeless and more recently Mary's meals. Your kindness and love to both ourselves in school and those further afield is often overwhelming.

This year has been a year full of building projects. Some without disasters! But the school is really starting to take shape, with our new doors, emergency exits, roof, wall, new fitness and play equipment and prayer garden. We still have some way to go. Our thanks must go to Craig Scarlett (Caretaker) who works tirelees;y with contractors to ensure the children have the best place to learn.

I want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our children, families, and staff for all the hard work and support you have given over the last academic year and in helping us to continue on our OUTSTANDING journey.

We look to to next academic year excited for the new adventures that are to come and as a chance to build upon all of our successes. Thanking you for your continued support and wishing you all a wonderful summer break. I do hope that the sun continues to shine!

Mrs Clowes

**This Sunday we hear that Jesus visits Martha and Mary. Jesus wants us to make him our number one priority. Patient God, give us ears to hear, time to be still, courage to stop what we are doing and a willingness to listen to your words.**

**Christ our Lord, open our ears to listen to your word in this quiet moment. May we turn to you with helping hands and hearts ready to love.**

**Amen.**



**STAFFING SEPTEMBER 2025-** Please find below the staff who will be working in each class in September 2025. The children will move up to be with them for the day on 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Class	Teacher	TA
EYFS -Nursery	Miss Rebecca Adams will be Mrs Rebecca	Miss Molly Bird Mrs Jennifer Cotton
EYFS -Reception	Miss Gabriella Medgyesy	Mrs Sharon Franklin (HLTA)
Year 1	Ms Sarah Ryder	Mrs Kerry Bradshaw
Year 2	Mrs Hepworth / Mrs Exon	Mrs Kath Foxall
Year 3	Mrs Wilshaw	Miss Lisa Rushton
Year 4	Mrs Cogan	Mrs Emma Oldham
Year 5	Mrs Carroll - Knight	Miss Emily Machin
Year 6	Mr Lowell	Mrs Lisa Buxton
1;1 SEN	Mrs Natalie Savage, Miss Lauren Humphries, Mrs Lily Garwood,	



# Open Evening

FREE

NORTHWOOD STADIUM,  
KEELINGS ROAD, ST1 6PA

AGES  
5+

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July  
5.30-8.30pm

A chance to come and try  
40min taster sessions

Weekly classes also available

<b>Trampolining</b>	
5.35-6.15: Football	5.30-5.50 & 5.55-6.15: 1:1s (SEND)
6.20-7.00: Funetics	5.35-6.15 & 6.20-7.00: Group
7.05-7.45: Hula Hooping	7.05-7.45: Group & members
5.30-8.30: Bouncy Castle	7.45-8.30: Members & reunion

Book your place on the sports you wish at:  
<https://nstrampolining.classforkids.io/camps>



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during the school holidays



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Join us for,

# Summer Play and move!



Bentilee Family Hub

11am-2pm

6th August 2025



## Tales in the Park

A free family storytelling festival is coming to a park near you.



In partnership with



Join us from 11am - 3pm at:

- Tuesday 29 July Tunstall Park
- Friday 8 August Fenton Park
- Friday 1 August Hanley Park
- Tuesday 12 August Longton Park
- Tuesday 5 August Yeaman Street
- Friday 15 August Burslem Park

## Tales in the Park with the Little Library Van

This summer we will be attending Tales in the Park with the National Literacy Trust and a host of special guests. For a fun day in the sun, come and visit one (or more) of the events below. No need to book.

- TUNSTALL PARK (ages 0-13yrs)**  
Tuesday 29 July, 11am-3pm
- HANLEY PARK (ages 0-13yrs)**  
Friday 1 August, 11am-3pm
- YEAMAN STREET PARK (ages 0-13yrs)**  
Tuesday 5 August, 11am-3pm
- FENTON PARK (ages 0-13yrs)**  
Friday 8 August, 11am-3pm
- LONGTON PARK (ages 0-13yrs)**  
Tuesday 12 August, 11am-3pm
- BURSLEM PARK, (ages 0-13yrs)**  
Friday 15 August, 11am-3pm

## Event Details scan the QR code below

Scan the QR code to learn more about the events we are hosting in our libraries this summer.



or visit:  
[stoke.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge](http://stoke.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge)

## TERM DATES 2025/2026

### Academic Year 2025/2026

#### AUTUMN TERM – 2025

Inset Day (school closed to pupils) Monday 1<sup>ST</sup> September

Inset Day (school closed to pupils) Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**School opens to pupils Wednesday 3rd September**

Half Term Monday 27th October- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> January

School opens to pupils Tuesday 6th January

Half Term Monday 16th February -Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

School opens to pupils Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

School closes Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

#### SUMMER TERM – 2026

School opens to pupils Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

## Year 5 Parents Save the date for St Margaret Ward Catholic Acadamey Transition Meeting

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER**

5.30 - 8.30PM



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER**

10AM - 12 NOON



We strongly advise that you consider St Margret Ward Catholic Academy part of our family of schools within The Newman Catholic collegiate. We now have a bus in operation which takes children to and from St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy each day.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2025



**Bentilee Library**  
Book Today: 01782 231315

- 1 STORY AND CRAFT (ages 4+)**  
Tuesday 5 August, 2-3pm
- 2 HOGLETS WILDLIFE (ages 5+)**  
Friday 15 August, 2:30-3:30pm
- 3 ILLUSTRATOR WORKSHOP (ages 5+)**  
Friday 22 August, 2-3pm
- 4 ZOOLAB EXOTIC ANIMALS (ages 3+)**  
Tuesday 26 August, 11am-12noon

All of our summer events are **free**, but places must be booked.

**REMEMBER: you can contact any library to book an event place.** ✓



### 1. Sign up

Visit **your local library** and ask to sign up – a librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start your Challenge.



### 2. Read books

Set a reading goal and read anything you like.



### 3. Earn rewards

Each time you finish a book, visit the library. You will collect special stickers and rewards for reading books!\*