



**26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**





## Principal Message

We have had a wonderful fortnight here at OLSB. Year 3 have visited Hulton Abbey as part of their History work.

Year 6 visited St Margaret Ward for a Science morning and enjoyed testing the voltage of lots of different citrus fruits!

Our Creation Mass was a wonderful celebration where we came together as the OLSB family and praised and thanked God for the gifts of creation.

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> our Year 5 children took part in the Penkull Music Festival where they took part in a music workshop led by Ex Cathedra.

Our children across the school have worked with the Road Safety Department, learning to walk and cross roads safely and about the importance of wearing seat belts.

Our Year 5 and 6 football team did a fantastic job representing the school at the football tournament winning 5 matches, drawing one and losing one.

Year 5 took part in the Jubilee Pilgrimage. They met Dan and Emily from One Life Music, took part in a procession with the banner they had created and reflected on the true meaning of being a pilgrim of hope whilst singing the jubilee song.

Mrs Clowes

## **Admission to High School September 2026** **–(CURRENT YEAR 6 CLASS)**

The application process for a place at High School has opened and will close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. The easiest way to apply is online

<https://admissions.stoke.gov.uk/CitizenPortal LIVE/en>

We strongly advise that you consider St Margret Ward Catholic Academy part of our family of schools within The Newman Catholic collegiate. Over the next few weeks Year 6 pupils will be visiting St Margret Ward and teachers will also be coming into OLSB to work with the children. We now have a bus in operation which takes children to and from St Margret Ward Catholic Academy each day. If you need any support with your application or If you wish to discuss your child's secondary school application with me please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.



*in the Gospel on Sunday we hear the story of two men, one of whom is rich and feasts every day on good food. The other man, Lazarus, is poor and he longs for something to eat. This story helps us to see how we should treat one another. Generous God, you created the world with enough food for all people, but we have not shared fairly. Help us to play our part in building a better world, where all have enough to eat, just as you intended. We pray for people who are struggling to get enough food to eat. May they know that they are not alone and may we be inspired to join with them to build a better world.*

**Year 6 Roles** A huge thank you to our parents and families who joined us for Celebration Assembly on Friday. Here we gave out school council badges and announced the Year 6 student leader positions for this academic year. Every member of Year 6 has been given a special job which I know they will carry out with pride throughout the academic year. Being trusted with leadership helps students feel valued and connected to their OLSB family and they model the behaviour, attitude, and school values for the rest of the school .Well done Year 6.

<b>Head Boy</b>	<b>Harvey Mountford</b>
<b>Head Girl</b>	<b>Rebecca Mutate</b>
<b>Deputy Head Boys</b>	<b>Jacob Howard, Leo Hulme</b>
<b>Deputy Head Girls</b>	<b>Kyra Shepherd, Aaradhya Scaria</b>



# Stars of the Week



Name	Class
<b>Week Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>	
All of Class	N
Spencer Wells	R
Terence Osborne	Y1
Ronnie Hurd	Y2
Joanie Lewis	Y3
Darcey-Beau Woods	Y4
Ivy Greensmith	Y5
Vilte Campbell	Y6
<b>Week Beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025</b>	
David Rodriguez Garcia	N
Hassan Noorzai	R
Alessa Meir	Y1
Christopher Poole	Y2
Eva-Clara Trifan-Stasisin	Y3
Imani-Louise Gichua	Y4
Jasper Abraham	Y5
Kaja Paice	Y6
<b>Well done, All children have received a book from the school vending machine as a prize.</b>	

# Attendance awards

Name	Class
<b>Week Ending 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>	
First Place	Nursery
Second Place	Year 1
Third Place	Reception
Fourth Place	Year 2
Fifth Place	Year 6
Sixth Place	Year 5
Seventh Place	Year 4
Eighth Place	Year 3
<b>Week Ending 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>	
First Place	Year 2
Second Place	Year 1
Third Place	Reception
Fourth Place	Year 4
Fifth Place	Nursery
Sixth Place	Year 6
Seventh Place	Year 3
Eighth Place	Year 5
<b>The winning classes have been awarded the attendance trophy and stickers. Well done.</b>	



# OLSB Dates



<b>29/9/25</b>	Feast of the Archangels Live Mass and Celebration Lunch
<b>2/10/25</b>	WHOLE SCHOOL MASS AT CHURCH 9.15am – ALL WELCOME
<b>2/10/25</b>	Little Library Van Visits Nursery
<b>3/10/25</b>	Stoke City Whole School Assembly
<b>6/10/25</b>	Year 3 Fossils Trip
<b>9/10/25</b>	Flu Vaccinations
<b>9/10/25</b>	Combined School Mass St Gregory's Longton 6.30pm
<b>10/10/25</b>	One Life Music Event
<b>13/10/25</b>	Y6 Visit St Margaret Ward - Drama
<b>15/10/25</b>	Y2 Famous Faces Road Trip S-O-T
<b>17/10/25</b>	Y6 Visit Apedale Mine
<b>17/10/25</b>	Y1 Visit Packington Farm
<b>20/10/25</b>	Faith Week Workshops
<b>21/10/25</b>	Sohan Aashiyana Arts
<b>21/10 and 23/10</b>	Parents Evening
<b>22/10/25</b>	Y4 Jewish Visit Newcastle Under Lyme
<b>23/10/25</b>	Y3 Harvest Mass
<b>24/10/25</b>	School closes at 3.20pm for half term
<b>3/11/25</b>	School closed INSET DAY



## OLSB 2025 -2026 Calendar

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> November

School closes

Friday 19th December

#### SPRING TERM - 2026

INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

Monday 5th January 2026

School opens to pupils

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half Term

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February -

Friday 20th February

School opens to all

Monday 23rd February

School closes

Friday 27th March

#### SUMMER TERM – 2026

School opens to all

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

May Day – school closed

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to

Friday 29th May

School opens to all

Monday 1st June

School closes

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July