



10th October 2025





Principal Message

Dear Parents, We have had another great fortnight here at OLSB. On Monday 29th September our Head boy and Head Girl along with Mrs Exon and I travelled to St Austin's in Stafford where we celebrated Mass on the Feast Day of the Archangels. This also signified the start of an exciting journey as we extend our school family and join 63 schools within the St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi Academy Trust. Our children back in school joined the live stream of the Mass. We were presented with a shining lantern which is lit and burns brightly in our school hall as a reminder that we are all messengers of peace and illuminate the world with the light of our love.

Nursery had a fantastic morning when the Little Library van visited us. They enjoyed listening to stories and singing songs. Thank you to all the parents who joined us on this day. Our children have been working really hard with the Road safety teams and have been thinking about all of the hazards when we cross the roads and how to cross safely. The children's behaviour has been impeccable and the feedback from the team has once again been outstanding. Pottermus the hippo from Stoke city visited the school and the children enjoyed an assembly finding out more about the team and how to keep fit. Y3 have enjoyed a trip to Chrome Hill where they explored rocks and fossils from millions of years ago.

A huge thank you to all of our children who represented the school at the Combined School Mass at St Gregory's Church in Longton on Thursday evening. Mass was led by Bishop Timothy Menezes. The children were wonderful ambassadors of OLSB and formed part of the choir. It was a lovely celebration with us gathering and joining schools across the City in the celebration of Mass.

Today children have dressed in yellow to show that no one should feel alone with their mental health. The colour yellow has made a bright atmosphere in school today and children have thought about how we can keep mentally fit and how to help others when they may feel a little fed up.

Our children make us smile each and every day. Wishing you a lovely weekend.

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 October 2026. If you have not yet completed your application please do so.

The easiest way to apply is online

https://admissions.stoke.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

We strongly advise that you consider St Margaret 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 Margaret Ward and teachers will also be coming into OLSB to work with the children. We now have a mini bus in operation which takes children to and from St Margaret 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 about how ten people were healed by Jesus, but only one of them said 'thank you'. We think about the importance of saying thank you to each other and to God. Like the man who returned to Jesus, we should praise and thank God for all the amazing things that we have been given. When we see all that we have as a gift from God, it is easier to share what we have. It makes us want to care for the earth and make it a fairer place for all people to live. A place where all people have enough food to eat, safe water to drink, a home to live in.

God of grace and mercy, we give you thanks for all the wonderful things you have done for us. May we turn to you with thanks and praise. Help us to remember all the good things we have which come from you. Fill our hearts with thanks and praise. Help us to make sure all your people have their fair share of the gifts you give for us all. Amen.

Reception Class September 2026

You need to apply for a school place for September 2026 for your child to join the Reception Class if your child's fifth birthday is between 1 September 2026 and 31 August 2027.

If your child is currently in our Nursery Class you do still need to apply for a place in our Reception Class for September 2025. Admissions open on 3rd November. We invite you to our open day on Wednesday 12th November 9-11am to come and view our wonderful school.



The poster features a background image of a young girl in a red raincoat smiling in a forest. At the top left, there are two circular logos: one for 'Our Lady & St Benedict Catholic Primary Academy' and another for 'The Newman Catholic Collegiate Primary School for All'. A dark blue banner with yellow borders across the top contains the text 'You're invited to our Open Day'. Below this, a green banner states '12th November 2025 9am-11am'. The main text reads 'Come and take a look around our inclusive and nurturing school.' followed by a bulleted list of school features. At the bottom, contact information is provided, and an Ofsted Outstanding Provider logo is in the bottom right corner.

You're invited to our Open Day

Come and take a look around our inclusive and nurturing school.

12th November 2025 9am-11am

- Before and after school care options
- 30 hours of free childcare per week
- Extracurricular activities
- Passionate teachers
- Exclusive Forest School

We have spaces available in our school for pupils of all faiths and none. We also welcome pupils to transition from other schools throughout the year.

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Stars of the Week



Name	Class
Week Beginning 29th September 2025	
Gianna Kahwema	N
Siyar-Gabriel Hassan	R
Raneem Mohamed	Y1
Daisy Woolley	Y2
Georgia Osborne	Y3
Evangeline Campbell	Y4
Yara Al Dhafery	Y5
Poppy Cresswell	Y6
Week Beginning 6th October 2025	
Everleigh-Rose Hurd	N
Rogue Cox	R
Sarah Shahzad	Y1
Bryanna Antwi	Y2
Mario Stoica	Y3
Elijah Daws-Grainger	Y4
Oliver-Lee Cotton	Y5
Isabelle Griffiths Bailey	Y6
Well done, All children have received a book from the school vending machine as a prize.	

Attendance awards

Name	Class
Week Ending 3rd October 2025	
First Place	Reception
Second Place	Year 4
Third Place	Year 1
Fourth Place	Year 6
Fifth Place	Year 5
Sixth Place	Year 2
Seventh Place	Nursery
Eighth Place	Year 3
Week Ending 10th October 2025	
First Place	Year 1
Second Place	Year 5
Third Place	Year 2
Fourth Place	Year 4
Fifth Place	Nursery
Sixth Place	Year 3
Seventh Place	Year 6
Eighth Place	Reception
The winning classes have been awarded the attendance trophy and stickers. Well done.	



OLSB Dates



13/10/25	Y6 Visit St Margaret Ward - Drama
13/10/25	Reception Class Trip= Mini Village
15/10/25	Y2 Famous Faces Road Trip S-O-T
15/10/25	Y6 School Nurse height and weight check
15/10/25	Newman Mass St Joseph's Goldenhill
17/10/25	Y6 Visit Apedale Mine
17/10/25	Y1 Visit Packington Farm
20/10/25	Faith Week Workshops
20/10/25	Y4 Litter Pick
20/10/25	Benedictines Bett y Rushton Garden Visit
21/10/25	Sohan Aashiyana Arts Visit
21/10 and 23/10	Parents Evenings –Book on Arbor
23/10/25	Y3 Harvest Mass
24/10/25	School closes at 3.20pm for half term
3/11/25	School closed INSET DAY
4/11/25	School Opens for ALL children
4/11/25	Disco
5/11/25	Bonfire Day Forest School all children in Forest Clothes



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 4th 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 16th February -

Friday 20th February

School opens to all

Monday 23rd February

School closes

Friday 27th March

SUMMER TERM – 2026

School opens to all

Monday 13th April

May Day – school closed

Monday 4th May

Half Term

Monday 25th May to

Friday 29th May

School opens to all

Monday 1st June

School closes

Friday 17th July