



**19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**





## Principals Message

It has been lovely to see so many of you in and around school supporting both of the Christmas concerts, School Mass and our Advent reflections. It has been a wonderful end to the autumn term. The children have had a wonderful fortnight here in school. It has been great to see many final pieces of learning being produced in many subjects across the school showing that the children have certainly learnt and remembered more. Y3 have even made Caesar Salads and Year 5 Malandra Loaf. Children have thoroughly engaged with The Little Mermaid story and enjoyed the experience of not only reading the story in school but visiting the New Vic Theatre to watch a live performance. They were in awe at the aerial acrobatics of the mermaids. Our Polar Express day with Breakfast with Santa, train rides and gifts bought smiles to everyone's faces and was a lovely treat for the children for the end of term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful staff here at OLSB who truly go above and beyond on a daily basis to ensure our children get the very best and to all of our families who support us each and every day.

Wishing you a very Happy and Holy Christmas and looking forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Mrs Clowes

On Wednesday we had some very special visitors here at OLSB. The Polar Express Train, Train Driver, Conductor and Santa.



Wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and thanking you for your continued support with best wishes from Mrs Clowes and everyone here at OLSB.

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## Charity work

Our homeless appeal with the school and parish of Our Lady and Saint Benedict has been a huge success. Bags made up for the homeless were delivered to the Macari Centre by Our Benedictines. Thank you for all of your support.

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> the school took part in Christmas Jumper day. Everyone wore their festive jumpers and we raised xxxxxxx for the Dougie Mac Hospice.



## Santa Dash

Mr Sigley led the annual Santa Dash. The children had lots of fitness fun.



## ADVENT LIGHT

We received the Advent Light from Our Lady of Grace. The Advent light has travelled across schools within region one of St Gabriel the Archangel CMAT. We had a whole school celebration of the word reminding us that Christ is the Light of the World and reminding us that we are called to be like St Gabriel messengers sharing God's love. Each class lit their own Angel Gabriel tea light from the Advent light so that the light of Christ could continue to shine in their classrooms. We then passed on the Advent Light to St George and St Martin school in their whole school Mass.





# OLSB Dates 2026



<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	INSET Day School Closed to all children
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School Opens for all children
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Mass at church 9.15am ALL WELCOME - Epiphany
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Family Mass at OLSB Church 5pm
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Y1 Sudbury Museum
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	Mass at church 9.15am ALL WELCOME
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 5 visit St Margaret Ward Drama
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Young Voices Concert Y5



## Stars of the week



Name	Class
Perez Kenneth	N
Bluanna Lanaghan	R
Rufta Awet	Y1
Eadie Howard	Y2
Rayan Al Ali	Y3
Izzie Greensmith	Y4
Amelia Pointon	Y5
Jesse-Mai Hill	Y6

## CHRISTMAS MASSES DATES AND TIMES

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Blessing of Memory Tree 4.45pm <b>SGSM</b> Christmas Eve Vigil <b>SGSM</b> 5.00 pm Christmas Eve Mass of Midnight <b>SGSM</b> 9.30pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Eve <b>OLSB</b> 7.30 pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day <b>SGSM</b> 9.30 am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	Feast of St Stephen <b>SGSM</b> 10.00am
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	St John the Apostle <b>SGSM</b> 10.00am
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Feast of the Holy Family <b>SGSM</b> 9.30am
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Mary Mother of God <b>SGSM</b> 11.00am
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Second Sunday of Christmas <b>OLSB</b> 5:00pm
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Second Sunday of Christmas <b>SGSM</b> 9:30am
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	The Epiphany of the Lord <b>OLSB</b> 9.15am

OLSB = Our Lady and Saint Benedict Catholic Church, Abbey Hulton.  
SGSM = St George and St Martin Catholic Church, Birches Head.

**Father Adrian sends his prayers for a very blessed and joyful Christmas and wishes you all a peaceful and prosperous 2026.**