



# OLQP News

Friday 28th June 2024

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## Forthcoming Events

As we approach the end of term, the diary is incredibly busy! The following events are coming up in school across the next three weeks.

### Sunday 30th June

Group 2 First Holy Communions - 10am Mass

### Week Beginning 01.07.2024

Healthy Schools Week - see additional information  
Children are encouraged to cycle, scoot or bike to school every day. Children to wear PE kit all week, no football strips please. Bikes can be left and locked in the bike shed during the school day.

### Monday 1st July

9:15am - Key Stage 1 Sports Day (gates open 9am)  
1:15pm - Key Stage 2 Sports Day (gates open 1pm)  
See additional information

### Wednesday 3rd July

1:30pm - EYFS Sports Day (gates open 1:15pm)  
Year 5 puberty talk

### Friday 5th July

Rousseau class liturgy

### Saturday 6th July

Summer Fayre from 11am to 2pm  
All are welcome

### Monday 8th July

3:30pm - Years 1 and 2 Art exhibition

### Tuesday 9th July

Feast of Our Lady Queen of Peace  
3:30pm - EYFS Art exhibition

### Wednesday 10th July

Reception visit to the farm  
3:30pm - Years 3 and 4 Art exhibition

### Thursday 11th July

10:00am - Whole School Mass  
3:30pm - Year 5 Art exhibition  
5:00pm - Year 6 Art exhibition  
5:30pm - Year 6 production (doors open at 5pm)

### Friday 12th July

9:00am - Year 5 Liturgy  
1:30pm - Year 6 production (doors open at 1pm)  
Reports to be sent home

### Monday 15th July

8:30am - Y5 at BWCET Sports Event  
Y6 and Reception - Teddy Bears picnic  
3:30pm - 4:30pm - Parents' Evening drop in session

## Tuesday 16th July

Y6 water games

## Wednesday 17th July

Y6 bowling trip

## Thursday 18th July

10:00am - Year 6 Leavers' Mass in Church

## Friday 19th July

9:15am - Year 6 Leavers' Liturgy  
3:00pm - Year 6 Guard of Honour  
School closes for the summer holidays

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this fortnight has been 94.6%. We will keep working hard towards our target of 97%. We are delighted to announce that Caravaggio are the winners of our attendance trophy for this week with an overall attendance of 98.4%. Kandinsky class were the winners of our attendance trophy last week with a fantastic 100% - amazing!

## First Holy Communion Celebrations

We were so proud of our first group of Year 4 and Year 5 pupils who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday 23rd June. The children looked beautiful and were so reverent as they received this special Sacrament. It was a wonderful occasion for families, school and the Parish.

This Sunday, 30th June, our second group of Year 4 and Year 5 pupils will be making their First Holy Communion. Please keep all of the children and their families in your prayers as they celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist together. Everyone is welcome to share in our parish and school celebrations. Mass will begin at 10am in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church.

This is a wonderful occasion and the children have been working incredibly hard preparing for their special day. We are very proud of them all.

Sincere thanks must go to all of the staff and members of the Parish who have helped the children to prepare. Special thanks must go to Mrs Lamond, Mrs Fish and Mrs Forbister.

## PTA Event - Colour Raffle and Summer Fayre

Please save the date for our PTA Summer Fayre - Saturday 6th July from 11am to 2pm in the grounds of school. There will be lots of exciting stalls, games and activities including inflatables, face painter, table top vendors, ice cream van, hot food, penalty shoot out to name a few.

Thank you so much for your generous and colourful donations for our rainbow raffle prizes. The hampers look spectacular! Thank you all.



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## Sports Day

All our very welcome to our EYFS and Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Days. Timings are listed in the 'forthcoming events' section of the newsletter.

Please ensure the children are prepared for the weather on the day including a school jumper if it is breezy, sun cream and sun hat if it is hot, a water bottle and suitable trainers.

Our *Friends of OLQP* will be selling cold drinks from the wooden classroom before and after the event.

The Really Awesome Coffee Company mobile van is also coming, which will be selling hot drinks such as tea, coffee, luxury hot chocolate as well as a selection of pastries, snacks, sweets treats and other lovely things!

We are very grateful to our *Friends of OLQP* who have bought every child an ice pop. These will be given to the children during or after Sports Day.

At the end of the day on Monday 1st July, the ice cream van is coming to school; it will park in the car park. Parents are welcome to buy their child an ice cream if they wish once the classes have been dismissed.

A big THANK YOU to our *Friends of OLQP* who have worked so hard behind the scenes to add something extra to a fun filled event.

## Healthy Schools Week

Next week, we have planned a full week dedicated to sports activities and healthy lifestyles. We are asking the children to come to school in PE kit during this week, no football strips please.

Please ensure the children are prepared for the weather every day including a school jumper if it is breezy, sun cream and sun hat if it is hot, a water bottle and suitable trainers.

The children are also being encouraged to bike, cycle or scoot to school. Where possible, we would ask families to try to find a healthy and environmentally friendly mode of transport at least once during the week.

The children will rotate around some of the following activities (age dependent).

**Monday** - Sports day and karate workshop

**Tuesday** - PE activities in classes

**Wednesday** - Wheelchair basketball workshop

**Thursday** - carousel of activities (climbing wall, caving and archery)

**Friday** - House group games

We look forward to an action packed week!

## Uniform Shop

We have a cupboard full of pre-loved school uniform. All items are FREE to a good home! Please help us to recycle donated uniform. If any families would like additional items, please ask Mrs Forbister or Mrs Ludford for further information.

## Art Exhibition

Our pupils have been working very hard developing and refining their art skills and talents this year. We would love parents to view a special piece of their child's work during our Art Exhibition week. Each phase will be displaying their work on a different night, week beginning 8th July. Please see the 'forthcoming events' section for the specific dates.

Parents, carers and family members are invited into the Hall at 3:30pm on their allocated day to view their child's work. We have definitely been inspired by the artists our classes are named after!

**Can the parents take or buy the artwork?**

**Are there refreshments available?**

## End of Year Reports

Staff are busy finalising the children's end of year reports. These will include the following information:

Attendance data

Assessment data for each subject

English comment Maths comment

RE comment General comment

Reports will be sent to parents on Friday 12th July. Across most BWCET schools this year, staff are using a template on Arbor. Reports will therefore be sent to parents via the Arbor app. This is a school and Trust decision and is a safer and more GDPR compliant way of electronically sending confidential reports. However, in exceptional circumstances, if parents specifically need a paper copy, please ask at the school office. As the report template is generated on Arbor, reports will look different to previous years. However, they will still contain the same statutory information listed above.

If parents have any questions about your child's report, staff will be available for a drop-in session from 3:30pm - 4:30pm on Monday 15th July. If parents are happy with their child's report, there is no need to come to this drop in. Thank you very much.

## Staffing

On Monday we sent information to parents about the staffing arrangements for next year. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Cresswell after 10 years at OLQP. She will be a huge miss and we thank her for her dedication to our school. We also say a temporary 'goodbye' to Mrs Moore and wish Miss Stocks all the best following her long term supply. However, it is not 'goodbye' yet - there are still three weeks to go!

We would like to remind families that there is absolutely **no obligation or expectation** to buy gifts for staff. We appreciate that many children and parents like to express their thanks, but we are living in extraordinary times with the cost of living crisis and financial hardship felt by so many. Homemade cards, gifts and prayers are very much welcomed.