



OLQP News

Friday 20th September 2024

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Key dates for the following fortnight:

Wednesday 25th September:

* Y3 and Y4 visit to Seven Stories

* Reception and Year 6 Buddy assembly
Parents are welcome to attend. Assembly will begin at 2:30pm in the Hall.

Thursday 26th September:

* School Photographer - individual and sibling photographs. From 8:30am, parents can come into school to have photographs taken with any *pre-school* siblings. Please note: if your child is due to have PE on Thursday, they need to wear their full school uniform for the photographs, not PE kit. Children can bring trainers into school for PE and will change their footwear only. Thank you.

Friday 27th September:

* European Day of Languages - see extra information

* 9:00am - Macmillan coffee morning
Please pop in and treat yourself to a coffee and cake to start your day. All proceeds will go to Macmillan. Any donations of cakes would gratefully received and can be made via the school office no earlier than Thursday 26th September - thank you.

Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October

Our Year 6 pupils will be attending their residential visit to Derwent Hill on Monday 30th September. We are sure they will have a fabulous, fun-filled time. We will miss you Year 6 but make the most of this wonderful week with lots of happy memories.

The staff attending the residential visit are:
Mrs Carlin, Mr Anderson, Miss Hill and Mr Mee.
Mrs Garbutt (Mon - Wed) and Mrs Elder (Wed - Fri)

In their absence: Miss Boal will be the main teacher for Rousseau class and Miss Stocks will be the main teacher for Mondrian. Miss Addison and Mrs Richardson will be teaching Year 5.
A huge thank you to the staff for giving up their time to take care of the children in Derwent Hill and to all of the staff in school who will be covering various roles and responsibilities in their absence.

Thursday 3rd October:

* 10:00am - Year 3 and Year 4 to attend Mass - Kandinsky to lead

* Scholastic Book Fair arrives - more info to follow

Friday 4th October:

* 9:10am - Mondrian Liturgy for parents in the Hall

European Day of Languages

On Friday 27th September we will be celebrating 'European Day of Languages'. On this day, the children can come into school wearing non-uniform. The children are required to wear the colours of the flag of their class country. Football strips can be worn. Each class will have a day of fun activities whilst learning some key words in a new language and celebrating different cultures.

There will also be a themed lunch on this day with a different course from various countries! If your child already has a school meal, they will automatically receive this menu. Pupils who bring a packed lunch can order a hot meal on this day via the School Office. Please message Mrs Dickman via Weduc.

Class countries are as follows:

Himid - Greece

Dali - Hungary

Caravaggio - Iceland

Picasso - Holland

Seurat - Portugal

Kandinsky - Sweden

Constable - Italy

Mondrian - France

Rousseau - Spain

Early Years - Germany

Look out for photos on Weduc!
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Nursery and Reception Open Evening

On Thursday 17th October, we will be holding an Open Evening in EYFS for all prospective parents who may wish to apply for places in our school Nursery or Reception from September 2025. This will be held from 4:00pm - 5:30pm. Please spread the word!

Cycle and Scoot to School

It has been fantastic to see so many bikes and scooters in the bike rack this week. Thank you so much to you all for keeping up the hard work started during our Healthy Schools week last July. Wherever possible, we encourage children and parents to cycle or scoot to school, especially whilst the weather is still fine and dry!

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 the School Office for further information.



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PTA Fundraising Spends

As parents are aware, last year our *Friends of Our Lady Queen of Peace* did amazingly well and made over £5000 for our valuable funds. THANK YOU to you all for your generosity and support.

We are working towards our longer term aims and goals of developing our Library and Computer Room.

However, in the meantime, we are also spending smaller amounts on much needed resources to benefit all pupils in the school.

In preparation for the new academic year, we have spent:

- £165 purchasing Talking Tins
- £439 on visualisers for all classrooms
- £250 buying new reading resources
- £130 on resources for Reception
- £300 on the *No Cold Child* initiative in conjunction with ParentKind and Fatface clothing

Thank you again for your support; it really is helping. We are very grateful. We look forward to the forthcoming *Friends of Our Lady Queen of Peace* events.

Ukraine Appeal

As we did last year, OLQP school continues to support the Ukraine Appeal. We are collecting for the pet shelters in the Ukraine once more.

The appeal is asking for donations of:-

- * Cat and dog food; wet and dry; a couple of weeks out of date is fine
- * Worm & flea treatments
- * Medication
- * Blankets
- * Food tins
- * Leaders

Donations can be left at the School Office.

The next van load will be leaving at the start of November, so the deadline for receiving donations is Friday 25th October 2024.

In August, supplies were taken by car to the Ukraine and, as a result, we understand even more about the hard work and dedication of Inga and the other pet shelter managers. They are looking after injured pets and those abandoned by owners forced to leave their homes in the face of what has become an onslaught of military attacks. Thank you for your generosity and support.

"Never underestimate what a difference your help makes."

Survey Link

We would be very grateful if parents could complete the following survey to begin our school year. The link will close on **Friday 4th October**. Thank you for your valuable feedback, it is always much appreciated.

<https://participate.schoolsurveys.com/CLmgxDfvMjPZOmdn>

Staffing

Many congratulations to Miss Green who got married over the summer holidays. She is now called Mrs Richardson. The children are very good at reminding the teachers, who often get mixed up!

We wish Mr and Mrs Richardson all the very best and much happiness for their future together.

As parents are aware, Mrs Lamond is absent from work at present following surgery. We are pleased to say that her operation was positive and Mrs Lamond is now recovering at home. We continue to keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Inset Day

On our published term dates, we had originally stated that Friday 25th October 2024 would be an inset day for staff where the school will be closed to children. Unfortunately, this date needs to be moved to Friday 18th July 2025.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. It has been necessary to move this day to the end of the academic year due to part 2 of the building works that will be starting over the summer holidays.

Pupils will now be attending school on Friday 25th October. If parents had prearranged commitments, please contact the School Office.

School will now be closed to pupils on Friday 18th July 2025. Thank you for your understanding.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this fortnight has been 96.8%. This is a great start in order for us to meet our target of 97% - keep up the hard work everyone!

We are delighted to announce that Picasso are the winners of our attendance trophy for this week with an overall attendance of 98.4%

Himid class were the winners of our attendance trophy last week with a fantastic 99.2% - brilliant!

If parents have any questions about their child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact school and a member of the attendance team will be in touch. Thank you very much for your support.

Arbor Consents

Parents may have noticed that you have been alerted to complete parental consents and permissions via Arbor.

These are very important as they ask for your permission for local school visits, photograph and filming consent, internet use and data processing.

We would ask all parents to complete these as soon as possible please. Thank you so much if you have already taken the time to do so. For any questions or queries, please contact the School Office.