



OLQP News

Friday 6th September 2024

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Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a fabulous summer and a well-deserved rest. It is wonderful to see the children back at school again. They have been AMAZING this week and have settled so quickly, adapting to the routines and expectations with ease!

Special congratulations must go to our Nursery and Reception classes who have made a brilliant start to their journey at Our Lady Queen of Peace. We look forward to meeting the rest of our Nursery children next week.

Over the course of the summer holidays, part 1 of our building works was completed. We have some beautiful new Key Stage 1 toilets and 3 new heating and hot water boilers have been installed. We are now planning for part 2 of the works.

Thank you so much to the staff who have worked so hard over the summer break, and over the course of this week, to prepare the school and classrooms for the return of the children. It has been a really positive start. We look forward to the term ahead.

Thank you

A heartfelt **thank you** to you all for the cards, gifts and good wishes that staff received at the end of term. We were very appreciative of your kind words and gestures.

We were incredibly sad to say 'goodbye' to two very valued staff members at the end of last term. Mrs Cresswell had taught at our school for 10 years as a much loved Key Stage 1 teacher. Mrs Moore had worked at Our Lady Queen of Peace for 17 years as a much loved Teaching Assistant throughout the school. Both members of staff impacted upon the lives of many children, parents and our wider community. We will miss their skill, talents and friendship greatly. We wish them both all the very best in their future adventures. Mrs Cresswell and Mrs Moore would like to pass on their sincere thanks to everyone who sent cards, presents and good wishes at the end of last term; they were very grateful.

Uniform Swap Shop

Please remember our Uniform Swap Shop is always open. Please feel free to come along and take any additional uniform your child may require for the start of term. For more information, please speak to Mrs Forbister, or the School Office. There is no charge for this, thank you.

Great North Run

Good luck to parents, children and staff who are running in the Great North Run this weekend. We are all cheering you on!

Diary Dates

Attached to the newsletter is a full list of key dates and events for the academic year ahead. We have tried to make these easy to read and 'fridge friendly'! We hope parents find this useful.

Please note that dates can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. If this were to happen, we aim to give parents as much notice as possible.

Any new dates that are added to the diary will be highlighted on the newsletter, where possible, and added to the Weduc calendar.

Parents will find dates for:

- Class liturgies and Masses
- Friends of OLQP PTA events
- Tea Time Club themed Friday nights
- General key school events
- After School Clubs - 1st Half Autumn

Any clubs are bookable on Arbor on a first come, first served basis.

PE Days

Routines for PE days will be the same as last year. All children need to come into school wearing their PE kit on their allocated days listed below.

PE will be outside where possible, so please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather that day and is wearing suitable footwear.

PE days for **this term** are as follows:

Goldsworthy

Wednesday

Mondrian, Rousseau and Constable

Year 1 - Monday and Thursday

Year 2 Constable - Monday and Thursday

Year 2 Mondrian - Monday and Tuesday

Kandinsky, Picasso and Seurat

Tuesday and Thursday

Please note one class will be swimming each term on a Tuesday. Kandinsky will be swimming this Autumn term.

Dali, Himid and Caravaggio

Wednesday and Friday

Swimming Kit for Year 3 and 4

The children will need the following swimming kit for their lessons:

- towel and swimming cap
- costume for the girls (no bikinis please)
- lycra trunks for the boys (no baggy shorts please)

The children will come to school in their PE uniform and bring their swimming kit in a separate bag.

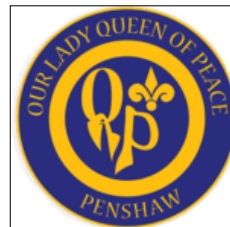
Kandinsky class will receive further information from Mrs Dickman. Thank you.



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Statutory Data

As parents are aware, pupils in Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 sit various forms of statutory assessment tests. We are delighted to announce that our overall percentages have risen in almost every area from last year placing us above National Average in most areas. This is due to the dedication and commitment from our hard working staff and pupils. Well done to you all and a big THANK YOU to the staff who worked tirelessly to secure such fabulous achievements.

More detailed data will be published by the Department for Education later in the Autumn term, however the headline figures are as follows:

Reception

Percentage of pupils achieving a *Good Level of Development*:

2023	2024
74%	78%

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Percentage of pupils achieving the pass mark of 32

2023	2024
86%	93%

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Percentage of pupils achieving the pass mark of 25

2023	2024
6%	43%

Year 6 SATs

	2023	2024
Reading EXS	77%	88%
Reading GDS	40%	25% *
Writing EXS	69%	75%
Writing GDS	10%	13%
Maths EXS	75%	73% *
Maths GDS	25%	33%
Grammar EXS	77%	81%
Grammar GDS	23%	33%
RWM EXS	56%	69%
RWM GDS	10%	10%

EXS = Expected Standard at the end of Year 6
GDS = Greater Depth Standard at the end of Year 6
* Papers have been sent back for remarking

Breakfast Club and After School Club

A reminder to parents that Breakfast Club is open from 7:45am onwards and After School Club closes at 5:30pm. The online booking system is now **live**. Please book your places as soon as possible. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept children who have not been pre-booked on the system.

The prices are as follows - £3 for Breakfast Club (unless you are in receipt of Free School Meals) and £6 for After School Club. If parents would like any further information, please contact the school office.

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 need to wear the colours of the flag of their chosen country. The children 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. Look out for further information to follow, including details of the themed lunch, class countries and chosen colours.

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.

Key dates for the following fortnight:

Thursday 12th September - 10am
Whole School Mass

Tuesday 17th September - 3:30pm
Meeting for Y6 parents in preparation for Derwent Hill residential

Thursday 19th September - 10am
Year 5 and Year 6 Mass - Himid to lead

Friday 20th September - 9am
Kandinsky Celebration of the Word



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Curriculum Evenings

We look forward to welcoming parents into school on Monday 9th September for our Curriculum Evenings. There will be two sessions taking place so parents have the option to attend more than one if you have children in different Key Stages.

The timings are as follows:

Session 1 - 4:00pm Session 2 - 4:30pm

Our wonderful cook will also be in the school hall with samples of our delicious school meals. Please come and join us after or before your meeting. If you have anything you would like to discuss about your child's meal arrangements our cook, Mrs Lines, will be more than happy to speak to you.

Asda's Cashpot for School

Parentkind, the charity that support school PTAs, have teamed up with Asda through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative.

If parents have the Asda Rewards app, all you have to do is click 'Cashpots' or the 'Cashpots for School' banner on the home page and, when prompted, put in our school's postcode - DH4 7JZ.

Once you have selected our school, every time you shop at Asda, the school's cashpot will increase! Please note - this **does not** affect your personal Cashpot rewards.

The scheme is only open from 2nd September to 30th November 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen primary school. Every time some one opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school's Cashpot. Asda have also given £50 to every school to get them started!

Happy shopping and thank you for helping us to raise vital funds.

Easyfundraising

During the Curriculum Evenings, information will be shared with parents about another fundraising initiative which will help and support our *Friends of Our Lady Queen of Peace* funds.

Easyfundraising partners with over 7500 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice - our school! It won't cost you any extra money as the cost is covered by the brand.

Brands include grocery stores, clothing shops, hotels, Amazon, DIY stores, tour operators and many more.

For more information, please download the app or visit easyfundraising.org.uk.

A QR Code will also be available on the curriculum PowerPoint slides on Monday!

Thank you for your support.

After School Clubs

A selection of After School Clubs will take place throughout the year. Each half term, we will publicise, in advance, these extra curricular opportunities. Places will be bookable via Arbor, may have a small charge and are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The following clubs will run this half term:

Monday - all KS2 classes - Dodgeball

Tuesday - Year 5 and Year 6 - Movie Club

Wednesday - Year 3 and Year 4 - Challenge your Brain Games night!

Wednesday - Year 1 and Year 2 - Mulitskills

Thursday - Year 5 and Year 6 - Chess Club

Thursday - Year 3 and Year 4 - Active Reading

Thursday - Year 1 and Year 2 - Movie Club

Please look on Arbor for more details about the cost and duration of the after school club.

Booking opens for all clubs on Monday 9th September at 7pm.

Medicines / Inhalers

If your child has any allergies, requires medication to be kept in school, or has an inhaler, please complete a Core Care Plan via the Weduc app and hand any medicines into school.

Some children's inhalers have expired over the summer holidays or were taken home in July. Please ensure that your child has an inhaler in school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Ludford or Mrs Dickman.

Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child into school with a named water bottle each day. In an emergency, disposable paper cups are available. Upon the advice from the Local Authority following our Healthy Schools Award, please fill children's classroom bottles with water only. If bottles contain juice and spill, this can make a very sticky mess on desks and children's work. Thank you.

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