



OLQP News

Friday 22nd November 2024

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Forthcoming Events

A reminder to parents of the following events that are coming up in school over the next fortnight:

Monday 25th November

* Dali and Himid classes attending a trip to Segedunum to learn more about the Romans and their legacy. Please dress in school uniform, bring a warm coat and wear sensible shoes. Thank you.

Tuesday 26th November

* Author's visit for Year 5 and Year 6

Wednesday 27th November

* The first Sacramental Preparation class, to be held in Kandinsky classroom from 3:30pm - 5:00pm.

Friday 29th November

* Our annual trip to London! Further key information will be sent to parents directly. Please note that Mrs Dickman and Mrs Lamond will be in the Office should parents need to contact school that day.

Wednesday 4th December

* Rocksteady assembly and workshops - more details to follow after the assembly
* 3:30pm - 5:00pm - Sacramental Preparation class

Thursday 5th December

* 10:00am - KS1 and LKS2 to attend Mass - Constable to lead
* 11:00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church - parents welcome to attend
* 3:30pm - Polar Express Film night - see information coming on Weduc

Friday 6th December

* Dali Celebration of the Word for parents - 9:00am in the Hall
* 3:30pm - Christmas Film night - see information coming on Weduc
* Choir to sing at the Christmas Lights switch on! More information to follow

Christmas Fayre THANK YOU

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came to support our Christmas Fayre last night. It was wonderful to see the school buzzing with so many people.

Early indications show that we have made in the region of £1500. This is amazing! There are still some income and expenditure details to be finalised, but this is a tremendous amount to continue our fundraising efforts.

Huge THANKS must go to our *Friends of Our Lady Queen of Peace* and Mrs Forbister for all of their hard work and organisation.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this fortnight has been **96.2%**. This is close to our target of 97% - keep up the hard work everyone!

We are delighted to announce that **Dali** are the winners of our attendance trophy for this week with an amazing overall attendance of **99.1%**!

Mondrian & Dali classes were the winners of our attendance trophy last week with a brilliant **100%** - well done!

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.

SEND Roadshow

On Friday 6th December, Mrs Fish has organised for SEND specific external agencies from Sunderland Local Authority to visit our school. They will set up information stalls to explain to parents more about their service, how it benefits pupils and families and how parents can access their support.

The external agencies will include:

- Youth Voice - a service to support Y5 and Y6 pupils particularly with anxiety, reluctance to come to school and transition to high school.
- Daisy Chain - a community initiative for autistic children and young people.
- Lumi-Nova resources - a service designed to support young people aged 7-12 who are experiencing worries or anxieties.
- Together for Children Parent Relationships Team
- Parent Partnership Team
- SENDIASS - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service.
- Early Help Team - Early Help Service provides more intensive targeted support to children, young people and families with more complex needs.
- Sunderland Carers Forum

This event is open to all parents, particularly those of pupils with SEND needs, or parents who are worried and concerned about their child and would like additional signposting and support.

The event will begin at 2:30pm in the School Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Staffing Updates

We are delighted to inform parents that Mrs Lamond has recovered well from her surgery and is beginning her plans and preparations to return to work. Miss Stocks will continue to teach Year 2 for the next few weeks. We anticipate that Mrs Lamond will make a full



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Pre-Loved First Holy Communion Clothing

Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust are currently appealing for any donations of pre-loved First Holy Communion wear. If any parents wish to donate First Holy Communion dresses, clothing, shoes or accessories, please bring them into school and we can transport them to the Trust. The deadline for this is Friday 13th December.

On Saturday 8th February 2025 from 10am - 4pm, the Trust will be open for parents to go and peruse and select from the range of outfits. There is no cost to borrow the First Holy Communion items, although they ask for them to be returned in excellent condition.

A leaflet with further information will be posted on Weduc in due course.

Advent Preparations

Sunday 1st December marks the First Sunday of Advent; a time when we prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth.

We will be holding weekly Celebrations of the Word, as a whole school, where we will reflect on the messages of the Gospel.

Asda's Cashpot for School

A reminder that this scheme finishes on **Saturday 30th November 2024**. Thank you to everyone who has linked our school to their Asda Rewards. We have made a fantastic £514 to date.

There are only 8 days left! Happy shopping and thank you for helping us to raise vital funds.

Payments on Arbor

Please could we remind all parents to top up their child's Arbor account and clear any outstanding debts, particularly for Breakfast and After School Club and for school lunches if schools meals are paid for.

We understand that times are hard at the moment and there are many financial pressures upon families; we are sorry that we have to write such reminders on our newsletter. If parents are having financial difficulties and would like to discuss this, please speak to Mrs Ludford in confidence.

Payments can be made online via the Arbor app or parent portal, or alternatively you can pay by cash at the school office.

Please note; all meals should be paid for in advance of your child receiving them. We would suggest topping up the account each weekend for the coming week or making a monthly payment in advance, where possible, so the account does not go into arrears. Thank you for your understanding.

Important December Dates!

Most of the following dates were published in the annual calendar of events in September. However, please note that some of the dates are additional. Please find below a reminder of key events as we approach the Christmas season.

Tuesday 10th December

* 1:30pm - Reception Nativity

* 3:30pm - Information session for parents in preparation for the Y5 trip to the Youth Village

Wednesday 11th December

* 9:15am - Nursery sing-a-long and Christmas crafts

* 7:00pm - Community Carol Service at Church - representatives from the Choir will be invited to attend

Thursday 12th December

* Christmas jumper day

* Christmas lunch

* 10:00am - Whole School Advent Mass

* 1:30pm - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performance

Friday 13th December

* 10:00am - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performance

* Year 5 and Year 6 trip to the Pantomime

Monday 16th December

* EYFS Party Day and Breakfast with Santa. Specific details are in the Weduc calendar.

Tuesday 17th December

* Year 5 and Year 6 Party Day

* Year 3 and Year 4 trip to the Pantomime

* 6:30pm - St. Robert's Carol Service at Church - representatives from the Choir will be invited to attend

Wednesday 18th December

* Year 1 and Year 2 Party Day

* 9:30am - KS2 Carol Service in Church

Thursday 19th December

* Year 3 and Year 4 Party Day

* Year 1 and Year 2 trip to the Pantomime

Friday 20th December

School closes for the Christmas holidays

Please note: Parents do not need tickets for Christmas performances. All we ask is that **no more than two adults per child** attend each event to comply with safety guidelines.

There is no limit on numbers for the Reception Nativity.