



# OLQP News

Wednesday 8th January 2025

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## Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to you all. Welcome back to a new term. We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing Christmas holidays and wish all of our families the very best for 2025. Staff were incredibly grateful for the beautiful cards, generous gifts, prayers and well wishes. They were very much welcomed and gratefully received at Christmas time. Thank you.

The children have settled back into routines brilliantly and have been working very hard over these last couple of days. We look forward to an exciting term ahead.

## Forthcoming Events

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

### Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th January

Year 5 visit to Youth Ministry Team. Please see the additional information.

### Monday 13th January

Year 6 to Art transition lesson at St. Robert's

### Wednesday 15th January

Kandinsky class visit to Pizza Express

### Thursday 16th January

10:00am - Year 5 and 6 at Mass - Dali class leading

10:45am - First Confessions for the children who missed their Sacrament of Reconciliation due to illness / absence

Census Day - special school lunch - please see the information on Weduc

### Friday 17th January

9:10am - Picasso Celebration of the Word in the Hall

### Tuesday 21st January

Year 6 to Science transition lesson at St. Robert's

### Wednesday 22nd January

3:30pm - Sacramental Preparation session 3

### Thursday 23rd January

6:00pm - PTA family Bingo night in the Hall  
Look out for further information to follow.

### Friday 24th January

Launch of our school celebrations for the Jubilee Year with a special assembly and the opening of the Holy Door in our Chapel. A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years. Pope Francis has given the 2025 Jubilee Year the theme of *Pilgrims of Hope*.

## Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Lamond back to school after her period of illness. We are pleased to share that she has recovered well and will be teaching Mondrian class each Monday and Constable class every Thursday and Friday.

Once again, we thank Miss Stocks for all of her hard work and dedication to our school during her time on supply here. We wish her the very best for her new position at one of our local Catholic schools.

We are thrilled to announce the exciting news that Mrs Kebell is pregnant and will be having twins! We pass on our best wishes and congratulations to her and her family. Mrs Kebell is expecting to begin her maternity leave at Easter, all being well.

We will write to parents in Picasso class in due course to detail the arrangements for the Summer term and Mrs Kebell's maternity leave cover. Thank you.

## Year 5 Residential Visit to Youth Ministry Team

From Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th January, our Y5 pupils will be on a residential visit to the Youth Ministry Team Village. We know they will have a superb time and we are looking forward to hearing all about their exciting adventures.

Miss Carlin, Mrs Garbutt and Miss Mitchell will be accompanying the children with Mrs Young (Y5/6) staying for one night and Mrs Elder staying for one night.

From Wednesday afternoon onwards Year 6 will be split between Mr Anderson and Mrs Forbister until Mrs Young (Y5/6) returns on Friday. Seurat class will be taught by Mrs Nesbitt and Mrs Forbister. Mondrian class will be taught by Mrs Lamond and Mrs Richardson.

If parents have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the School Office. Thank you very much. Have a fabulous time Year 5! We will post lots of pictures on X (Twitter).

## 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 school meals are paid for.

Outstanding debts have to be paid directly to our supplies from the school's budget. This is very quickly taking money from our limited funds if we cannot clear the outstanding monies owed.

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 set up a payment plan, please speak to Mrs Ludford in confidence. Thank you for your understanding and support.