



# OLQP NEWS

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

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*... created to flourish in God's image ...*

Dear Parents,

Please read the following information carefully for important updates.

## Forthcoming Events

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

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Sports week begins – children to wear PE kit all week

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

3:30pm – Sacramental Preparation session 7

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

10:00am – Year 5 and Year 6 attending Mass at Church – all welcome

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Non-uniform day – donations for the colour raffle greatly appreciated – please see below

9:00am – Kandinsky Celebration of the Word - parents or carers of pupils in Kandinsky class are all welcome

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

School closed – May half term – have a well-deserved rest and a wonderful week!

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

3:30pm – Sacramental Preparation session 8

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

10:00am – Year 3 and Year 4 attending Mass at Church – all welcome

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

9:00am – Y2 Celebration of the Word - parents or carers of pupils in Mondrian and Constable classes welcome



## Year 6 SATs Week

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who worked tirelessly completing their recent SATs papers. The tests challenged the children in reading comprehension; grammar and spelling; arithmetic and maths reasoning. In total, Year 6 completed six papers in four days. Without exception, the children worked incredibly hard and the concentration levels were unbelievable! All of the staff involved commented upon how diligently and calmly the children worked through each question showing such resilience. We were very proud of them all -especially as there were some tricky questions in some of the papers! Well done Year 6!

A huge thank you must go to all of the staff who have helped to prepare and support Year 6 over the last few months especially Mrs Young and Miss Carlin. Sincere thanks must also go to our fantastic team of SATs helpers and to Mrs Hogg and her team who prepared breakfast each morning. Well done everyone and thank you to our parents for your support and understanding during this statutory assessment process.

## Congratulations

Over the May half term week, we are delighted to announce that Miss Mitchell will be getting married. We know parents and families will join us in offering many congratulations to Miss Mitchell and her fiancé. We wish them a wonderful day and much love and happiness for their future together.

Miss Mitchell will officially be known as Mrs Mitchell-Tacchetti; however, the children can call her Mrs Mitchell!



## Sports Week



We will be holding our annual Sports Week again, every day, week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

As in previous years, the children can wear PE kit for the full week and will take part in a carousel of activities across the week including dance, wheelchair basketball, the climbing wall, archery, caving and events from Elite Sports. Taekwondo taster sessions have also been booked for the week after half term.

During this week, we are encouraging pupils and parents to walk some, or all, of the way to school, where possible, as we have registered with 'Living Streets' to help to promote healthy and active lifestyles. Our School Council will be keeping a tally of class walkers! We look forward to a fun-filled week before half term!

Please note: Sports Days will not take place during this week. They will remain, as per the calendar, on the following dates:

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

9:15am – 10:30am – Year 3 and Year 4

2:00pm – 3:15pm – Year 1 and Year 2

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

9:15am – 10:30am – Year 5 and Year 6

2:00pm – 3:15pm – Nursery and Reception

## Relationships and Health Education (RHE)

Teaching Relationships and Health Education is a statutory part of our curriculum and strongly links with the Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) statutory curriculum. As a Catholic school, we follow a scheme of work entitled '*Ten Ten – Life to the Full*'. This has been approved by our Diocese and Bishop Stephen. It is taught with a spiral approach to learning in which pupils will revisit the same topics at an age-appropriate stage through their school life, the programme includes teaching about personal health, physical and emotional well-being, strong emotions, private parts of the body, personal relationships, family structures, trusted adults, growing bodies, puberty, life cycles, the dangers of social media, an understanding of the Common Good and living in the wider world.

The entire teaching is underpinned with a Christian faith understanding that our deepest identity is as a child of God – created, chosen and loved by God. The programme is fully inclusive of all pupils and their families

As part of Life to the Full, an Online Parent Portal can be accessed. It provides a summary of each lesson, links to specific content and suggestions for further engagement at home. Parents can view the content on the Online Parent Portal by visiting:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

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If parents have any concerns, questions or worries, please speak to the School Office, your child's classteacher or ask for an appointment to speak to Mrs Lamond or Mrs Garbutt.

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for the last fortnight is 97%. Our target has been reached this week, well done, thank you and keep working hard everyone.

We are delighted to announce that the winners of our attendance trophy for each week have been:

**Week 1** – Lowry class with a brilliant 100%

**Week 2** – Himid class with a fantastic 100%

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.

## Football After School Club

After half term, we will be starting a new football club, after school, on a Tuesday evening. We are very grateful to our kind volunteers who will be running this for us who have such skills and expertise in this area. We are sure it will be a very popular club, so please look out for further details and information to follow.

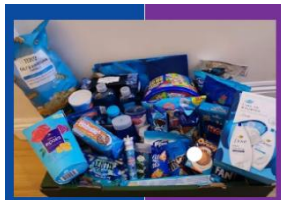
## Colour Raffle

We are excited to announce that the *Friends of Our Lady Queen of Peace* will be hosting our annual non-uniform day to support our upcoming Summer Fayre! Instead of the usual monetary donation, we are kindly asking the children to bring in an item in a specific colour that corresponds to their allocated class colour. These items will be used to create colour themed hampers which will be raffled as prizes at the Summer Fayre. The non uniform day will take place this coming Friday – 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Please see below for the colour assigned to your child's class:

Nursery – rainbow
Reception – pink
Rousseau – red
Mondrian – yellow
Constable – orange
Kandinsky – green
Seurat – blue
Picasso – purple
Himid – white
Dali – brown
Caravaggio – black

Popular items for the hampers include non-perishable food such as crisps and sweets, toiletries such as shower gel or hand soap, stationary and small toys ... but feel free to get creative! Please note that we cannot accept alcohol. Your generous contributions will help us to create wonderful hampers that will surely be a highlight at the Summer Fayre. Thank you in advance for your support. Please see below for some examples and ideas of raffle colours and items.



## Summer Fayre

Please save the date for our school Summer Fayre which will be held on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 from 11am to 2pm**. It is a fantastic community event full of fun, food and festivities. We are currently looking for any local businesses, food stalls, hobbyists or face painters who would like to run their own stall on the day. If you would like further information, please email Mrs Forbister on [friendsof@olqp.bwcet.com](mailto:friendsof@olqp.bwcet.com). Thank you.

### **Parents' Survey**

We always welcome feedback from our parents and are very grateful for the time you take to complete surveys and respond to emails or messages. Please find a link to our annual parents' survey which we would be very grateful if parents could complete. The survey will close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 5pm.

Thank you in advance for your support.

[Parents' Survey Link](#)

### **Technology Issues**

As parents will be aware, this week our school experienced a complicated issue with the school's IT systems. As a result, we were unable to use computers, laptops or access emails and communication systems. This issue has now been resolved, and we are very grateful to our BWCET Trust IT Team for their help and support.

We sincerely apologise if we have not responded to an email or Weduc message and will certainly catch up with correspondence in due course. Thank you for your support and understanding.

### **Radio 1's Big Weekend**

As parents will be aware, Radio 1's Big Weekend is coming to our area from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Some of our KS2 pupils were interviewed by Radio 1 this week where they had the opportunity to ask 'questions to the stars'! We were so proud of the children, and they asked some amazing questions! Look out for some familiar faces on Radio 1's social media pages entitled *Kids Ask ...*

We are anticipating some difficulties with parking and road closures next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. If we receive any further information, we will share this with parents. Thank you in advance for your patience and support next week at school drop off and pick up times.

### **Car Parking Outside of Church**

As parents will have noticed, it has been necessary to place 'no parking' signs outside of the entrance to church and the driveway to the presbytery. It is very important that parents do not block these areas at school drop off and pick up times. The church is used by parish members throughout the day, and, in the case of a medical emergency, vehicles do need access to the outside of church. Our priests are also on call 24 hours a day to attend hospital call outs or home visits to very sick or dying members of our parish community. It is vital that they also have clear access from the church presbytery. Thank you for your help and support in this matter.