



OLQP NEWS

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Dear Parents, as we approach the end of the summer term, the diary gets quite busy!

Please read the following information carefully for important dates.

Forthcoming Events



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

Date	Time	Event	Details
Monday 22 nd June	9:15am – 10:30am	Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day	Please see below
Monday 22 nd June	2:00pm – 3:15pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day	Please see below
Tuesday 23 rd June	9:15am – 10:30am	Year 5 and Year 6 Sports Day	Please see below
Tuesday 23 rd June	2:00pm – 3:15pm	Nursery and Reception Sports Day	Please see below
Tuesday 23 rd June	9:30am – 12:15pm	Y2 attending skipping festival	
Wednesday 24 th June	9:30am – 12:30pm	Y4 attending skipping festival final	Good luck in the finals!
Thursday 25 th June	10:00am	Y1 and Y2 attending Mass	At Church – all welcome
Friday 26 th June	All day	Y6 attending YMT festival	
Friday 26 th June	9:10am	Goldsworthy Celebration of the Word in the Hall	Parents and carers of Goldsworthy welcome
Monday 29 th June	All day	Reception trip to Hall Hill Farm	
Monday 29 th June	All day	Nursery teddy bears picnic – children only	Non-uniform and bring your teddy!
Tuesday 30 th June to Thursday 2 nd July	All day	Y6 attending St. Robert's – Transition days	Have fun Y6!
Tuesday 30 th June	9:30am – 11:00am	Reception new starters in school and 'move up' morning!	
Thursday 2 nd July	9:30am – 11:00am	Reception new starters in school and 'move up' morning!	Reception new starters parents' meeting in Hall
Thursday 2 nd July	All day	Y5 attending Celebration of Sport event at Gateshead Stadium	
Thursday 2 nd July	3:30pm – 4:15pm	Nursery new starters Stay and Play	Parents welcome
Friday 3 rd July	9:00am	Year 5 Celebration of the Word in the Hall	Parents and carers of Year 5 welcome
Monday 6 th July	5:00pm	Year 6 performance for parents	Hall – see below
Tuesday 7 th July	2:00pm	Year 6 performance for parents	Hall – see below
Wednesday 8 th July	2:00pm	Rocksteady Concert for parents	Hall
Thursday 9 th July	10:00am	Y6 Leavers' Mass	Church
Thursday 9 th July	1:15pm – 2:15pm	Nursery new starters Stay and Play	Children only

Important dates continued:

Date	Time	Event	Details
Friday 10 th July		Mass in school for OLQP Feast Day	Children only
Friday 10 th July	2:00pm	Music recital – pupils who receive guitar, flute and keyboard lessons	Parents welcome
Friday 10 th July	End of school day	Reports will be sent to parents	Via Arbor
Saturday 11 th July	11:00am – 2:00pm	Summer Fayre	All welcome
Monday 13 th July	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Drop-in session following reports	No appointment necessary
Tuesday 14 th July	All day	Year 5 and Year 6 trip to Beamish	More information for parents to follow
Friday 17 th July	9:15am	Year 6 Leavers' Celebration of the Word in Hall	Y6 parents welcome
Friday 17 th July	2:30pm	Year 6 Guard of Honour in the playground	Y6 parents welcome
Friday 17 th July	3:25pm	Summer Holidays begin!	

Sports Day



All our very welcome to our EYFS and Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Days which will be held this week. Dates and timings are listed in the key dates above.

If your child's Sports Day is in the morning, parents are welcome to stay on the field from drop-off. By the time we register the children, events will begin around 9:15am. If your child's Sports Day is in the afternoon, gates will open from 1:45pm with events starting at around 2:00pm.

Please ensure the children are prepared for the weather on the day including a school jumper if it is breezy, sun cream and a sun hat if it is hot, a water bottle and suitable trainers. They will need to wear their PE kit.

We are also very grateful to our *Friends of OLQP* who have bought every child an ice pop. These will be given to the children during or after Sports Day. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Summer Fayre



Please save the date for our school Summer Fayre which will be held on **Saturday 11th July 2026 from 11am to 2pm**. It is a fantastic community event full of fun, food and festivities. If any final local businesses, food stalls, hobbyists or face painters who would like to run their own stall on the day, please email Mrs Forbister on friendsof@olqp.bwcet.com. Please look out for more information on Weduc with regards to the sale of raffle tickets and wristbands. Just a reminder that the event is cash only. Our appeal for donations for the colour raffle hampers generated some amazing, thoughtful and creative gifts. **Thank you so much** to everyone who donated. The hampers look fantastic and will be wonderful prizes for our Summer Fayre.

Young Athletes Shine During Sports Week



Our pupils from Nursery through to Year 6 enjoyed an exciting and action-packed Sports Week before half term, celebrating physical activity, teamwork and confidence-building through a wide range of specialist sessions. The week-long event brought together a number of local sports organisations, offering every child in the school the opportunity to try activities they may not otherwise experience. The programme was carefully designed to develop fundamental movement skills while promoting fun and inclusion.

One of the highlights was a visit from *Toukon Martial Arts*, where pupils were introduced to basic martial arts techniques. With a focus on discipline, balance and respect, children practised simple moves and demonstrated impressive concentration and enthusiasm throughout the sessions. Energy and creativity filled the hall during *ELD Dance workshops*, as pupils explored rhythm and movement through music.

A particularly inspiring session was delivered by *Mohawks Wheelchair Basketball*, which introduced pupils to inclusive sport. Children learned about the importance of accessibility in sports and had the opportunity to see how wheelchair basketball is played. Professional coaching was also provided by *Elite Sports*, who led a variety of multi-skills activities. Football enthusiasts were delighted to take part in sessions led by *Washington AFC*, where they learned basic ball control and teamwork skills.

Similarly, *Sunderland Wall* delivered climbing-inspired activities that challenged pupils to build strength and resilience. They also brought along their caving tunnels and archery equipment! These sessions encouraged children to test their limits safely while developing determination and problem-solving skills.

The pupils demonstrated enthusiasm, resilience and excellent behaviour throughout all of the events. Huge thanks must go to Mrs Young (Y3/4) who organised the week and contacted every external agency. Sports Week was a memorable and enriching experience for everyone – well done!



End of Year School Trips

As parents will see from the diary dates above, many of our end of year education trips and visits are currently taking place. Year 3 and 4 loved their trip to Beamish, which took place on Monday 15th June and Year 1 and Year 2 had great fun at Adventure Valley on Thursday 18th June. If your child's visit is happening in the next few weeks, please ensure they come to school prepared for the full day and the weather with a coat or suncream, packed lunch (unless receiving one from the school kitchen), and suitable shoes for walking. Further information will be on Arbor. Huge thanks must go to the staff for organising these extra fun-filled days.

First Holy Communion



Many congratulations to our Year 4 pupils who made their First Holy Communion yesterday. It was a wonderful Mass and celebration. We were so proud of our children who read beautifully, sang enthusiastically and were very reverent throughout. You all looked fabulous; we hope you had a wonderful afternoon celebrating with your family and friends.

Sincere thanks must go to everyone who helped to organise such a wonderful occasion: our Parish catechists and members of our Parish family, our Parish music group, Father Martin Morris, and all of the school staff who have helped the children to prepare for their special day – Mrs Lamond, Mrs Fish, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Young and Mrs Forbsiter.

Please continue to keep our children and families in your thoughts and prayers.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Feast Day



The Feast Day of Our Lady Queen of Peace is celebrated in the Catholic Church on Thursday 9th July. We will be hosting a special Mass, in school, on Friday 10th July to mark this wonderful occasion. We are grateful to Father Martin Morris for saying Mass for us. Unfortunately, only pupils will be able to attend this Mass due to space limitations and restrictions. The children will then have an afternoon of celebrations to follow!

End of Year Reports

Staff are busy finalising the children's end of year reports. These will include the following information:

Attendance data, Assessment data for each subject, English, Maths, RE and General comments.

Reports will be sent to parents on Friday 10th July. Across most BWCET schools, staff use a template on Arbor. Reports will therefore be sent to parents via the Arbor app at the end of the school day. This is a school and Trust decision and is a safer and more GDPR compliant way of electronically sending confidential reports. However, in exceptional circumstances, if parents specifically need a paper copy, please ask at the school office.

If parents have any questions about your child's report, staff will be available for a drop-in session from 3:30pm - 4:30pm on Monday 13th July; no appointment time is necessary. If parents are happy with their child's report, there is no need to come to this drop in. Thank you very much.

Year 6 Production



Our Year 6 pupils (and staff!) are getting very excited for their end of year production. This year's performance is called *'I'm an 11-year-old – get me out of here!'* Tickets will be available via Arbor over this coming week, and further correspondence will be sent to Year 6 parents separately. The rest of the school will watch the Year 6 dress rehearsal on Monday 6th July in the afternoon. It will be a fun-filled show!

Footballing Success



Our football after school club is proving to be very popular and the children are loving learning new skills and talents from Mr Morris. A huge 'well-done' to Max and Gabriel who have been awarded 'Player of the Session' from the last two weeks for their sportsmanship and effort. You are great examples boys.

Our Y3/4 girls' team took part in a 5 aside football tournament on Friday 19th June. They played immensely well and were absolutely outstanding, winning nearly every game they played with the following scores:

Game 1 – (13-0), Game 2 – (5-0), Game 3 – (9-0), Game 4 – (3-0), Game 5 – (3-0),

Semi-final (2-0) and final (2-2), however – for a nail-biting ending, the girls won on penalties!

Every girl took their turn in goal, each keeping a clean sheet in the main games and there were some impressive goals scored by all. A huge well done to Abigail, Lilly, Anna, Harriet M, Sienna and Macie who brought home the silverware! Well done and thank you to Mr Morris and Mrs Forbister too! Bring on next year. You should be in the World Cup girls!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for the last month is 93.2%. This is below our target of 97%, keep trying hard everyone. We are delighted to announce that the winners of our attendance trophy for each week have been:

Week 1 – Constable class with a great 96.7 %

Week 2 – Picasso class with a fantastic 98.4%

Week 3 – Goldsworthy class with a brilliant 99%

Week 4 – Picasso class with a fantastic 97.7%

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. Individual attendance figures for each child across the academic year will be included on your child's end of year report.

Transition Days

Preparations for September are well underway! Staff in school are currently finalising classes and staffing for the new academic year. We will write to parents very soon, once we can share the finished plans.

In the meantime, please take note of the dates for transition activities taking place in school listed on pages 1 and 2 of this newsletter. Thank you for your understanding.

Arbor Accounts

As we approach the end of the school year, we would kindly ask all parents to check their Arbor accounts and begin to clear any outstanding debts for school meals or wrap around care. If parents wish to discuss any concerns, please speak to Mrs Ludford. Thank you for your support in this important matter.