



Our Lady of Lourdes

RC Primary School

End of Term News

Head Teacher's Message

Friday 17th July, 2026

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another remarkable year at Our Lady of Lourdes, I want to take a moment to reflect on our achievements and celebrate the wonderful community we continue to build together.

It has been a year of Outstanding Achievement and begun when, on the first day of the academic year, we shared our Outstanding OFSTED judgement with you! This recognition confirmed what we already knew: our school continues to go from strength to strength and is **Outstanding**.

Our achievements speak for themselves. We remain within the top 100 primary schools nationally year on year, with our pupils' achievement recognised not only by The Times ranking but also by OFSTED. These accolades reflect the exceptional learning taking place in every classroom, every single day.

Our school values – Community, Independence, Excellence, Respect, Adventure, and Learning – are not just words on a wall. Every day, I see our children living these values through their actions and words. Whether it's showing respect to a visitor, demonstrating independence in their learning, or embarking on a new adventure in their studies, our pupils embody what it means to be part of this special community.

This year has been filled with incredible opportunities for our children. We have organised a large number of trips and workshops, ensuring that enrichment and personal development remain at the heart of what we do. Sharing these experiences with friends broadens horizons, sparks curiosity, and creates memories that last a lifetime.

In the Spring Term, we had the privilege of welcoming 20+ headteachers from across the country to observe outstanding practice at Our Lady of Lourdes. This outreach work allows us to share our expertise and contributes to raising standards in education more widely – something we are immensely proud to be able to do.

Head Teacher's Message

None of this would be possible without our incredible partnerships. Our Governors' commitment to the school remains unwavering, and the strength of our parent partnership directly benefits every child in our care. The fact that we are in the privileged position of being oversubscribed speaks volumes about the confidence families have in our school. The Catholic Life of our school is very strong. Our children have organised Masses, led fundraising initiatives, and established Foodbank Fridays as a permanent fixture in our school calendar. These activities teach our children about service, compassion, and making a difference to the lives of others.

Our Community Leaders, Ambassadors, and Eco Leaders have shown that even young people can make a significant impact, both locally and nationally. This year, we raised £3500+ for national, international, and local charities. We also achieved our Respecting Rights Silver Accreditation, demonstrating our commitment to children's rights and participation.

My final thought for this academic year:

Every day, we made a difference to every child.

There are not many jobs that can achieve this. We are shaping 450 minds and 450 lives, 5 days a week, 39 weeks a year. This is only possible thanks to my wonderful team – dedicated teachers and support staff who give their all every single day – and to you, the parents who work in partnership with us. Your support, engagement, and trust enables us to create this exceptional learning environment.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, I am filled with excitement about what we will achieve together. Our children are happy, thriving, and ready to continue their journey of learning and growth.

Thank you for being part of the OLOL family.

With warmest wishes for a restful, happy and safe summer.

Mrs R Boon
Head Teacher

News from Early Years

LOL FOREST SCHOOL

We have had a fantastic time on all of our Forest School trips this year and have enjoyed lots of exciting outdoor activities. We used natural materials to make bird nests and created stick men using sticks, leaves, and other treasures we found around the forest. We loved exploring the woodland, hugging the trees, and learning about nature all around us. One of our favourite activities was pretending to be caterpillars as we wriggled and crawled around the hills and pathways in the forest.



A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us on our Forest School trips throughout the year. Your support, enthusiasm, and willingness to help made each visit even more enjoyable and memorable for the children. We are very grateful for all your help and for sharing these wonderful outdoor experiences with us.



BARLEYLANDS FARM

Reception enjoyed a fantastic end-of-year trip to Barleylands. Our day began with an exciting owl show, where we learned lots of fascinating facts and shared our knowledge about these amazing birds. Next, we showed great courage by feeding the goats and sheep, before enjoying a picnic lunch together in the sunshine.

After lunch, we were treated to a fun tractor ride around the farm park, giving us the chance to see even more of the animals and beautiful surroundings. To finish our wonderful day, we visited the fully equipped kitchen to do some baking. Using everything we had learned about owls, we made delicious owl-shaped biscuits while discovering more about the ingredients we were using.

We had an amazing day full of learning, adventure, and fun, and made lots of happy memories together!



Little City Workshop

We had an amazing time when Little City came to our school! The children were excited to explore all of the different role-play areas and use their imaginations. We had so much fun shopping in the shopping centre, styling hair in the hairdressers, fixing vehicles in the garage, delivering letters at the post office, caring for animals at the vet, and washing and sorting clothes in the launderette. The children enjoyed taking on different roles, working together, and developing their communication and social skills through play. It was wonderful to see everyone so engaged, creative, and confident as they explored the exciting Little City experience. Thank you to Little City for providing such a fun and memorable day for all of our children!



Year One Trips and Workshops

Year One had a wonderful trip to the Toy Museum, where we explored how toys have changed over time. The visit linked perfectly with our history topic on toys, giving us the chance to compare toys from the past with those we enjoy today. We discovered what children played with in different time periods, learned about the materials used to make toys, and discussed how toys reflect changes in society and technology. It was an engaging and memorable experience that brought our history learning to life.



Sports Day

We had a fantastic time at our Nursery, Reception and KS1 Sports Day! The children showed great enthusiasm, determination, and teamwork as they took part in a variety of fun activities.

It was wonderful to see the children having so much fun, building their confidence, and developing their physical skills. Everyone tried their very best and took part with big smiles and lots of excitement.

A huge thank you to all the parents and family members who came along to support the children. Your encouragement, cheers, and enthusiasm helped make the day extra special. We are very grateful for your support and for sharing such a memorable event with us.

Year Five and Six Sports Day was held at Eton Manor, pupils took part in a more Olympic-inspired programme of events, demonstrating their athletic skills in jumping, throwing, hurdles, relay races with baton handovers and sprint heats leading to exciting sprint finals. The children showed fantastic resilience, sportsmanship and encouragement towards one another while striving to achieve their personal best, all while sensibly managing the warm conditions throughout the day. A huge well done to all of our pupils for their excellent effort, positive attitude and exemplary behaviour.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our parents and carers for their support and encouragement and to the team at Eton Manor for the use of their excellent facilities, which helped make the day such an enjoyable and memorable event.



Year Two & Three Trips & Workshops

LEE VALLEY ANIMAL ADVENTURE PARK

Year Two had a fantastic day at Lee Valley Animal Adventure Park, where we combined our learning about storytelling with exciting opportunities to explore the farm and meet a variety of animals. Throughout the day, the children visited different areas of the farm, including the rabbit walkthrough, animal enclosures and farmyard, where they met goats, pigs, rabbits and turkeys. The children particularly enjoyed the animal talk and goat feeding session, where they learned interesting facts about how animals are cared for and had the chance to interact with them up close. Of course, there was plenty of time for fun too! The adventure playground, bouncy pillow and outdoor play areas were a huge hit and provided opportunities for teamwork, problem-solving and active play.



This term in History, we worked together as a class to create our own Tudor house using sticks and rubber bands. We explored how Tudor houses were built and thought carefully about their design. Our class house was very tall, and we were excited to be able to go inside and explore it.



BRITISH MUSEUM

Year Three visited the British Museum as part of our topic on Ancient Egypt. During our visit, we attended a fascinating presentation about mummies and the mummification process, where we learned why and how the Ancient Egyptians preserved their dead for the afterlife. We also explored the museum's impressive galleries, discovering a wide range of Ancient Egyptian artefacts, including the world-famous Rosetta Stone, beautifully decorated sarcophagi, intricate jewellery, statues of pharaohs and gods, and ancient hieroglyphics.

BATIK WORKSHOP

The children took part in a workshop learning about the history of Batik and trying their hand at the art technique themselves. They said it was tricky at times drawing with the hot wax, but as you can see, they did an amazing job!



Year Four Workshops



ARCHITECTURE WORKSHOP

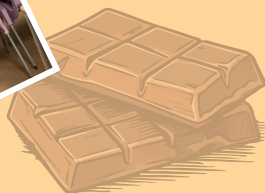
Unlocking History Through Engineering!

Our Year Four students stepped into the shoes of ancient architects during an immersive Maya Temple workshop. The children worked together to construct a towering, Maya Temple out of bamboo rods and elastic bands. They explored the engineering secrets behind these historic structures while lifting the massive framework together. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that brought history to life in our school playground!

CHOCOLATE WORKSHOP

Our Year Four children stepped into the delicious world of chocolate making during an exciting, hands-on workshop. They began by exploring the fascinating history of chocolate, tracing its journey all the way from the cacao pod to the final sweet treat. After learning about the science and craftsmanship behind production, it was time for the main event.

Creativity filled the room as everyone designed, crafted, and colorfully decorated their very own chocolate treats to take home. It was a fantastic, flavourful day of learning!



FIRST AID

Our Year Four children took part in a First Aid workshop, learning vital skills that could one day save a life. The interactive session taught them how to stay calm in emergencies, make emergency calls, and help someone who is hurt. Working in pairs, they practiced crucial hands-on skills like putting each other into the recovery position and applying bandages.

CYBER CHOICES WORKSHOP

Year Five took part in an informative Cyber Safety Workshop, where they explored how to stay safe and responsible online. The children learnt about the importance of creating strong, secure passwords, keeping social media accounts private and thinking carefully before sharing personal information online. They also discussed how to recognise scams and phishing attempts, identify trusted websites, and what to do if something online makes them feel uncomfortable or worried. The workshop encouraged pupils to become confident, responsible digital citizens and provided them with practical strategies to help them stay safe in an increasingly connected world.

Pupil voice:

“I learnt that a really strong password is like a key that keeps my information safe, and I shouldn't share it with anyone.”

“I feel more confident using the internet because I know what to do if something unexpected or worrying happens.”

“I'm going to use what I've learnt to help keep myself safe and remind my family and friends how to stay safe online too.”



FIRST AID

Year Five recently took part in an engaging First Aid Workshop, where they learnt valuable life-saving skills. The children were taught how to perform CPR, apply bandages correctly and support someone who is experiencing shock. They showed great enthusiasm and maturity throughout the session, asking thoughtful questions and practising their new skills with confidence. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop practical knowledge and build the confidence to respond calmly and effectively in an emergency.

WIRE SCULPTURE

Year Five enjoyed a creative Wire Sculpture Workshop, where everyone had the opportunity to design and make their own unique sculpture. Using wire to bend, twist and shape their ideas, the children demonstrated fantastic creativity and perseverance. Their finished pieces included butterflies, dinosaurs, flowers and even a graceful ballerina! It was wonderful to see such a variety of imaginative designs, with every sculpture reflecting the individuality and artistic flair of its creator.



Year Five Debating Team

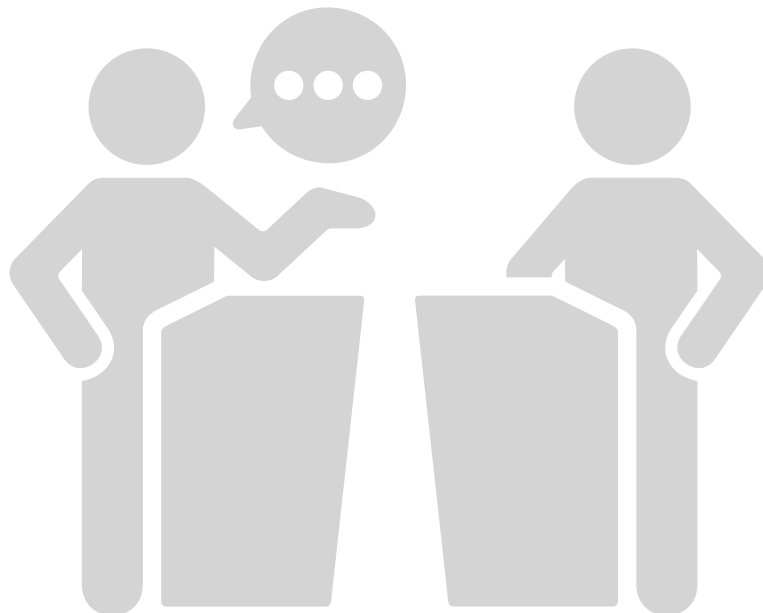


Our Year Five Debating Team visited Gordon Primary School to take part in an exciting debating competition. The motion was, "This House believes that charity work should be compulsory for school pupils." Our team took on the role of the opposition, presenting thoughtful and persuasive arguments against the motion.

The children represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating confidence, teamwork and excellent speaking skills throughout the debate.

Their hard work and preparation paid off as they won their debate – a fantastic achievement that they should all be incredibly proud of. During the event, two of our pupils, Emilia and Saima, also participated in the Public Speaking Competition. Each delivered an engaging two-minute speech on a topic of their choice. Emilia spoke about "The Valuable Lessons You Can Learn from Falling Down," while Saima focused on "The Importance of Reading." Both girls spoke with confidence and enthusiasm, captivating their audience with their well-prepared speeches.

We are immensely proud of all the children for representing our school with such maturity, resilience and determination. They were excellent ambassadors and we congratulate them on their outstanding efforts and success.



Year Six Trips & Workshops

ARCHITECTURE WORKSHOP

The children took part in a workshop linked to the DT curriculum and the workings of a functioning ferris wheel. Each group built a cross triangle which were then combined with other components and arranged around an axel. After this all the children collaborated to test the piece of architecture.



On Monday 22nd June, Year Six visited the Viking Immersive Experience in Canada Water as part of our History curriculum. The children explored a life-like Viking setting whilst listening to interesting information about the Vikings through their own individual headsets. On top of this, they used VR headsets and watched an interactive show, immersing them in the life of a Viking, and making them feel as though they were actually there.



FIRST AID

Year Six took part in a First Aid workshop where they learned a variety of different skills such as how to bandage a wound, how to perform CPR and how to put somebody in the recovery position. The session was extremely helpful and the children spoke about how important they felt it was to have an understanding of how to perform First Aid, as they could potentially save someone's life.

NUCLEAR EXPERIENCE

On Friday 10th July, Year Six took part in their end-of-year trip to the Nuclear Races course. They started the day by challenging themselves on the high rope course. It was wonderful to see so many of our children challenging themselves to complete the highest course and witness the pride they felt from completing it. Afterwards, the children headed over to the second course where they completed obstacle courses, tramped through mud, covered their teachers in mud, climbed walls and finally, took part in an exhilarating deathslide. Many children detailed how the trip was their highlight of Year Six.



Celebrating Kieran's World Championship Success

We have had the privilege of watching Kieran showcase his Irish dancing talent at our St. Patrick's Disco over many years. Kieran has been competing at both national and international level, and this year reached an incredible milestone by taking part in his first World Championships for Irish Dancing.

We are delighted to share that Kieran achieved 9th place and was awarded a world medal. This outstanding achievement has also secured him automatic qualification for next year's championships.

Congratulations, Kieran – we are incredibly proud of your dedication and success!



Celebrating Stella's Compassionate Fundraising



We are delighted to celebrate Stella, whose recent fundraising efforts for Tin in a Bin beautifully demonstrate what it means to live out our Catholic values.

When Stella learned that our local food bank was struggling to meet the needs of families in our community, she didn't just feel concerned – she took action. Working alongside her family, Stella created and sold handmade scrunchies, raising vital funds to help ensure those facing food insecurity could receive the support they need.

Stella's initiative is a wonderful example of Catholic Social Teaching in action. Her compassion, awareness of others' needs, and determination to make a difference embody the values we nurture at Our Lady of Lourdes. She has shown what it truly means to recognise the dignity of every person and to respond with practical love and solidarity.

Stella is a role model to us all – pupils and adults alike. Her generosity of spirit and commitment to serving others reminds us that even small actions, done with great love, can make a real difference in our community. Stella raised £300.00

Well done, Stella! You have made us all very proud.





Ambassador Update



Our Ambassadors have continued to play an important role in promoting children's rights across the school as part of our journey towards UNICEF Silver Accreditation. Throughout the term, they have attended regular meetings where they have discussed the Rights of the Child and explored our focus articles in greater depth. The Ambassadors have been helping to gather evidence of the excellent rights-respecting work taking place across the school, ensuring that children's voices remain at the heart of everything we do.

One of our key projects has been the continuation of Foodbank Friday. The Ambassadors have been encouraging pupils and families to donate non-perishable food items to support local families in need. Through this initiative, pupils have been learning about kindness, compassion and the importance of helping others within our community. We would like to thank everyone who has donated so far and remind families that all contributions, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated.

This term, the Ambassadors also led a successful crossover meeting with the Eco Leaders and Community Leaders. The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen links between the different pupil leadership groups and identify ways in which they could work together to improve school life and support the wider community. During the meeting, pupils discussed how children's rights connect with community action, rights and wellbeing.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, dedication and leadership shown by our Ambassadors this year. Their commitment to promoting children's rights, supporting our community and helping others has made a valuable contribution to our school, and we look forward to continuing this important work next year.

Pupils said:

"I learned that every child has rights and that everyone should be treated fairly."

"I enjoyed meeting with other pupil leaders because we could share ideas and help make our school even better."

"Being an Ambassador means helping others and making sure everyone feels included."

"I am proud that our school is working towards UNICEF Silver because we care about children's rights."

Attendance

Overall attendance this academic year 2025/2026 to date is 96.8%

Eva in Year Six said:

‘Persevere – if you ever feel that you don’t want to come to school remember that other people are there to help and support you’

We have noticed an increase in the number of children with 100% attendance. Well done to everyone whose attendance has improved. We are proud of you!

Here are some quotes about school attendance from our current Year Six pupils.

‘Attendance at school is very important because it allows us to have a good and thorough education. This education can provide us with excellent job opportunities in the future.’

Eva

‘Having good attendance is important because it means we do not miss out on crucial lessons and fall behind. It allows us to have time with our teacher, who can explain things we may find difficult.’

Kieran

‘Attending school daily gives us the best possible education and allows us to learn a variety of skills and lessons. Many of us have dream jobs and we need the lessons that we have learnt in school to help us achieve this!’

Lea

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
Redwood	95.9	Oak	95.0
Cedar	97.3	Fir	97.6
Ash	97.4	Sycamore	97.1
Elm	95.9	Rowan	96.8
Chestnut	97.3	Hazel	96.5
Maple	98.6	Olive	97.4
Cherry	97.3	Pear	97.1
Little Acorns	95.0	Whole school	96.8

Three stars at OLOL!

We are absolutely delighted to celebrate three exceptional pupils who have achieved over 99% attendance throughout their entire Key Stage 2 journey- 4 school years! Congratulations Eva, Evangeline and Gabriella - this remarkable achievement demonstrates their commitment, enthusiasm and love of learning.

When we asked these pupils what they love most about Our Lady of Lourdes, their answers perfectly captured the heart of our school community:

- Friends and relationships – The strong friendships they have built have been central to their happy school experience.
- Varied and engaging lessons – They have enjoyed how every lesson brings something different and exciting.
- Memorable experiences – From educational visits to the unforgettable Year 6 residential trip, these experiences have created lasting memories.

Our pupils shared some wonderful reflections about their time at Our Lady of Lourdes:

"School teaches me to be independent and prepares me for secondary school and my adult life. My friends and teachers are special as they support me." (E)

"I feel really safe at Our Lady of Lourdes; the teachers really know me." (G)

These comments beautifully demonstrate how our school provides not just excellent education, but a nurturing environment where every child feels valued, supported and prepared for their future.

Tips for their peers:

‘Persevere – if you ever feel that you don’t want to come to school remember that other people are there to help and support you’ (E)

Outstanding attendance like this allows pupils to:

- Build strong, lasting friendships
- Experience the full breadth of our curriculum
- Develop confidence and independence
- Make consistent progress in their learning
- Feel truly part of our school community

We're incredibly proud of these three pupils and grateful to their families for supporting such excellent attendance throughout Key Stage 2. They are wonderful role models for all our pupils.

Congratulations to our attendance stars – you've shown what dedication and enthusiasm can achieve!

Birthdays

The following children will celebrate their birthdays during the summer holidays

Philipp
Iman
Lea
Phoenix
Delilah
Haris
Alexandra
Isabella
Jessica
Joshua
Robyn
Ariel
Phoenix
Izumi
Buckley

Leo
Abriella
Amali
Luca
Dusty
Orlando
Sudiksha
Michael
Aalyana
Annabella
Lucas
Jude
Olivia
Yesenia

Ela
Isabel
Thomas
Eva
Bruno
Ana
Raphaelle
Cillian
Laille
Pearl
Lily
Esme
Orianne
Evan

Jordan
Louis
Victoria
Roman
Caoimhe
Thea
Kofi
Kaleb
Rafferty
Coren
Jacob
Rafael
Muhammad
Milo

LOL Summer Term Chess Tournament Prize Winners

Congratulations to all the winners.

The Chess Club has a very friendly atmosphere where children thrive, support and challenge each other. The Chess teachers would like to congratulate everyone for trying their best this term and making amazing progress.

Tournament winners:

Year 5 & 6

1st Place Vaughan Y6
2nd Place Filip Y6
3rd Place Marie Anne Y5

Year 3 & 4

1st Place Hugo Y3
2nd Place Oscar Y3
3rd Place Alexander Y3

Year 1 & 2

1st Place Ada Y2
2nd Place Asad Y2
3rd Place Joseph Y1



Autumn Term 2026 School Calendar

Thursday 3 rd September	Breakfast Club /After School Club starts
Friday 4 th September	2.45pm Year 1 Parent Information Meeting
Monday 7 th September	2.45pm Year 5 Parent Information Meeting 4.30pm Year 6 Parent information Meeting & Residential Trip Information via Zoom
Tuesday 8 th September	2.45pm Year 4 Parent Information Meeting
Wednesday 9 th September	2.45pm Year 3 Parent Information Meeting
Thursday 10 th September	2.45pm Year 2 Parent information Meeting
Friday 11 th September	9.00am Reception Children- Welcome Coffee Morning
Tuesday 15 th September	2.45pm Reception Parent Information Meeting
Friday 18 th September	8.55am Oak Class Y6 - Special Assembly
Friday 25 th September	Rise Theatre visit Reception - Year 6
Wednesday 30 th September	9.30am KS1 Reading Parent Workshop via Zoom
Friday 2 nd October	End of Summer Uniform 8.55am Redwood Class Y6 - Special Assembly
Mon 5 th October- Fri 9 th October	Space Week
Monday 5 th October	3.45-5.45pm Reception Open Evening
Wednesday 7 th October	9.30am KS2 Reading Parent Workshop via Zoom
Tuesday 13 th October	1.30-3.00pm Reception Open Afternoon
Wed 14 th October-Fri 16 th October	Year 6 Residential Trip Reception Parents Lunch with children
Tuesday 20 th October	3.30-7.00pm Parent Consultations in school
Wednesday 21 st October	9.30am Prospective Parents - Reception Tour
Thursday 22 nd October	3.30pm-7.00pm Parent Consultations in school
Friday 23 rd October	INSET Day
Half Term Monday 26th Oct to Friday 30th October 2026	
Wednesday 4 th November	9.30am KS1 Maths Parent Workshop via Zoom
Friday 6 th November	8.55am Fir Class - Remembrance Assembly Individual Photographs
Mon 9 th - Fri 13 th November	Anti-bullying Week/Friendship Week
Wednesday 11 th November	9.30am Prospective Parents Reception Tour
Thursday 12 th November	9.30am KS2 Maths Parent Workshop via Zoom
Monday 16 th November	Odd Socks Day 9.00am Reception Modelled RWI Lesson for Parents
Wednesday 25 th November	9.30am Prospective Parents Reception Tour

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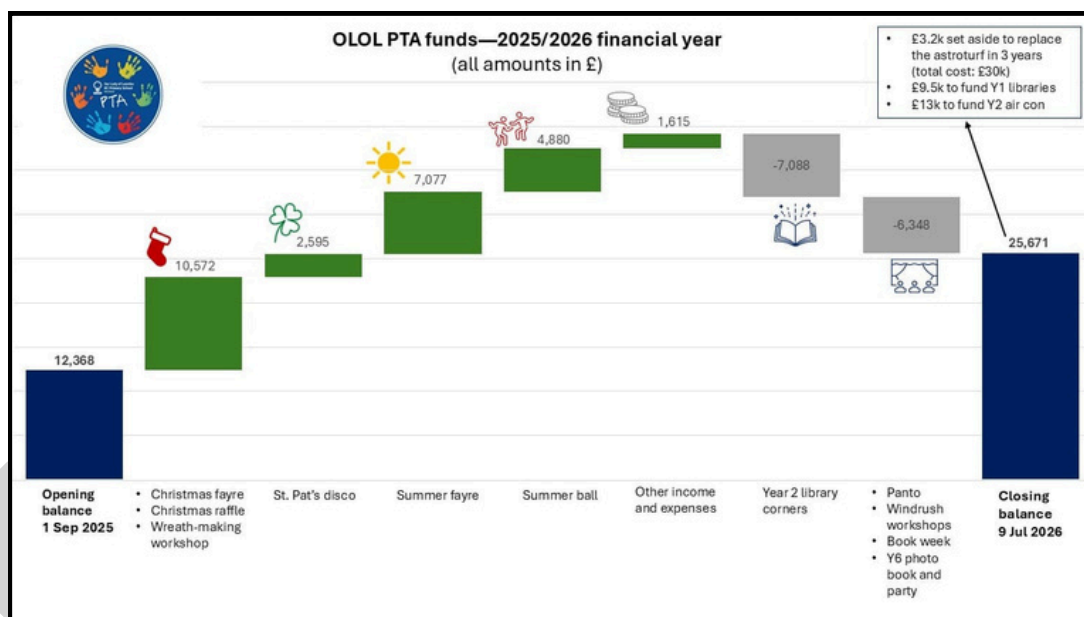
Thursday 26 th November	9.30am KS1 Writing Parent Workshop via Zoom
Friday 27 th November	Sycamore Class Special Assembly
Sunday 29 th November	First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday 2 nd December	Prospective Parent Reception Tour 3.30-5.00pm Parent Book Look
Thursday 3 rd December	9.30am KS2 Writing Parent Workshop via Zoom
Friday 11 th December	8.10-8.35am Parent Book Look 9.15am Nursery Christmas Play
Monday 14 th December	2.30pm Reception Christmas Play
Tuesday 15 th December	2.30pm Year 2 Live Nativity
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18 th December	School finishes at 1.30pm
Last day of term Friday 18 th December 2026. School closes at 1.30pm.	

Update from OLOL PTA

As another school term comes to a close, the PTA has been reflecting on what has been a very busy, successful and rewarding year. We are incredibly grateful to every parent, class rep, carer, teacher, volunteer, local business, sponsor and donor who has supported us - your generosity, enthusiasm and commitment have helped strengthen the already-thriving OLOL school community while raising vital funds for our school.

Our community spirit has shone through at every event, from the Christmas Fayre and Wreath-Making Workshop to the ever-popular St Pat's Disco, Summer Fayre and the recent smash hit Summer Ball. And nowhere was the strong community spirit demonstrated more than during the recent heatwave(s) when everyone came together to provide ice poles for all the children - a simple but memorable example of the kindness and teamwork that makes OLOL so special.

The PTA Committee may be small but we are incredibly fortunate to have a strong network of supporters who so generously and consistently give of their time, skills and energy - and that's what makes us mighty! Quite simply, none of our events would be possible without you. An extra special shout out must go to Hannah and Danni, who organised the recent brilliant Summer Ball and Penny and her Year 5 team who put on such a fantastic party for our Year 6 leavers.



We're also delighted to share that, thanks to your support, we have raised an amazing £26,739 this year. Throughout the year, PTA fundraising has paid for library corners for Year 2 classrooms, the Windrush workshops, the school pantomime, Book Week, and the Year 6 Yearbook and Leavers' Party. The remaining balance of £25,671 will provide new library corners for the Year 1 classrooms, air conditioning for the Year 2 classrooms, and contribute towards replacing the playground astroturf in the coming years. Our goal, as ever, has been to enrich the experience of every child at OLOL.

Thank you for making this such a fantastic year. We wish all our OLOL families a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

OLOL PTA