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School Newsletter

(for parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners)

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Key Dates:

October 20th: Year 6 Victorian Day.

October 21st: NCMP Screening for Year 6.

October 21st: Harvest Festival.

October 22nd: Inset day- School Closed to pupils.

October 24th: Last day of term.

November 3rd: Children return to school.

November 12th: Year 5 and 6 trip to the cinema.

November 18th & 19th: Parents Evening, information to follow...

INSET DAYS THIS YEAR:

October 22nd 2025

April 2nd 2026

July 20th 2026

July 21st 2026

Message from Mrs Wilson:

Hi All,

Another couple of weeks down and edging closer to a well-deserved half term break and the end of term 1- my first term here!

We've continued to be busy here at OLOL. We now have all of our pupil leader groups set up: School Council, Chaplaincy and House Captains. I look forward to working with them to help build the unique school and community that is here at OLOL.

We also had special visitors this week who came and looked around the school. They were impressed with how calm the school was, and how well reading and writing subject leaders are reviewing the curriculum to make improvements for your children – a great example of how hard the staff are working.

Just a polite reminder that the staff here at OLOL are also humans with feelings. Speaking to staff rudely or inappropriately, including swearing, is not a fair response to the hard work all the staff put in to support your children and will not be tolerated. If you do have any concerns at any point please do speak to your child's class teacher as the first point of call, and if you still feel there has been no resolution then please arrange a time to speak with myself. We will always, at all levels, aim to come to a resolution and understanding.

I hope you rest well over the half term and come back recharged- I know I will!

'Do everything in Love' (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Mrs Wilson

Modeshift STARS Award

We are pleased to announce that the school has been awarded the **platinum: outstanding travel plan award** as part of the Modeshift STARS Awards from South Glos Council. We are one of only three schools to have been awarded platinum!

This is the school's active role in 'making the school journey safer, greener and healthier for everyone!' A special shout out to Mrs Andrews, Miss Cohen and the Modeshift Movers who have continued to drive the importance of active travel.



Parking

The safety of our children and families is of high importance to us. We must emphasise the importance of not parking on the zigzag markings outside of the school gates. Parking on these zigzag lines puts the children and families at risk. We recognise that parking around the school area isn't easy, however we ask that you be respectful of the safety measures that are being put in place to ensure everyone is protected.

We also ask that you are respectful of the residents who live on Woodland Terrace. Many of them have drives with drop down curbs. It is important that these are left open to ensure they can leave their drives if they need to.

The local PCSO's and council will be monitoring the parking situation around school.



Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 21st October we are inviting pupils to bring along one item for us to donate to our local foodbank and help share kindness this Harvest!

The children will be sharing songs and celebrating all that the autumn has to offer.



Maps and Magic

This term we had a writing challenge that took children on an adventure. Look at the amazing effort that went into the writing and creation of the maps! Well done to our amazing authors for creating something incredible!

Keep an eye out next term for more opportunities and competitions.



Chaplaincy Day

Our Chaplaincy day started off smoothly when we arrived at Downside Abbey. We had a lovely Mass with Father Michael and other people who were on the altar with him. After the Mass, we had lunch and got to talk to our friends as well. We then did different activities, there were other schools as well but OLOL (us) did the creating of a prayer space first where we created prayer spaces for every season in the Catholic calendar!

After that, we learnt about the Rosary, led by the boarding schools' students.

Lastly, we looked at Gospel readings and played fun games about Lent and after that we returned to school.

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Attendance

Whole School attendance this week is: **96.96% - WOW Lets keep this up!**

The class with the best attendance this week is: **Year 5 with 100% - Incredible Year 5!**



Year group Messages

Year 5 and Year 6

Mrs Searle has organised for Year 5 and 6 to take a trip to the cinema on Tuesday 12th November to watch 'If', a family friendly film that explores imagination, friendship and the power of story-telling. Please look out for permission slips, and make sure they are returned in time to ensure your child's place.