



# School Newsletter

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

**Friday 30th January 2026**

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## Key Dates:

**January 29<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> February:** Scholastic Book Fair Returns  
**February 5<sup>th</sup>:** Year 5 & Year 6 Parish Mass  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>:** PTFA Disco  
**February 13<sup>th</sup>:** Last day of term  
**February 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Term 4 begins

## Message from Mrs Wilson:

We are 4 weeks down into term 3, with only 2 more weeks left. Time is flying too quickly! What a busy 2 weeks it has been. My highlights have been the times I have spent in classrooms. I was invited into year 2, as they had been working really hard on their persuasive writing considering improvements to the school. I was really impressed with their confidence to speak with clarity to get their points across. Some very creative ideas - I particularly liked the idea of glittery chairs! I also got to spend some time with year 6 for an afternoon. I got to hear about a science enquiry they had been carrying out, as well as see some fantastic fact pages on WW2.

I have also been seeing some of the homework projects being returned to school. Some of the creations are out of this world, with electrical waterfalls and real grass! So much effort is going into them. There really are no expectations on how these projects will look- anything at all is great efforts into additional research and all will be celebrated. They could be something that is made, a power point or a written creation- anything that grabs your imagination and inspires you. The most special thing about these projects has been the comments from the parents and the children. Parents have shared with me that they have loved spending time with their child making these projects; that is what it is all about! A parent continued to share that the project idea has created more togetherness with their child- that is invaluable.

You may or may not be aware, but 3 times a year, the Local Authority visit the school to conduct a 'review'. They observe various aspects of the school to ensure the school is delivering the best opportunities for your children. This week, we had one of those visits. During the feedback, the opening statement was 'It has been a pleasure to be at OLOL today- it is the calmest it has felt in a long time and there is a significant improvement in classroom engagement and reasonable adjustments to children's learning needs. I am incredibly proud of the staff here who are all working hard to ensure your children receives the education they deserve. We will continue on this upward journey of improvement! When the review feedback comes back, I will share some elements of it to be transparent about the journey the school is on so we can all work together towards OLOL being the best place it can be!

Mrs Wilson

*'For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them'*  
(Matthew 18:20)



## Catholic Life of the School

Last week, our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils had the opportunity to celebrate Holy Mass with our parish community. During the celebration, the children asked Father Jim a range of thoughtful and challenging questions linked to their current Religious Education learning. Father Jim was greatly impressed by their curiosity and depth of understanding, and the children enjoyed engaging so positively with him.

Our weekly Mission Statements continue to guide our prayer life and are shared each Monday during Celebration of the Word. These messages are revisited throughout the week, helping the children to reflect on how they can live out our school mission in their daily lives.

Last week, Year 1 welcomed a special new member to their classroom prayer life — Jonathan the Prayer Bear. Chosen and named by the children, Jonathan will be used during prayer time to help pupils focus their thoughts, pray more thoughtfully, and grow in confidence when talking to God.

We now look ahead to the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which we will celebrate on Wednesday 11th February. This special day will include a whole-school Mass at 11:00am, as well as a range of activities to help the children deepen their understanding of this important feast. Pupils are invited to wear blue and white; colours traditionally associated with Our Lady. Further details will be shared soon.

Mr Hamlen

## Parking Reminder

We would like to take this time to politely remind everyone that unfortunately, there are still situations where some are parking illegally or without thought of the impact on others. I urge us to all get on board and work together on this. The safety of the children here is always a priority and that includes how we park around the school during drop offs and pick- ups. Please also be mindful that Mr Ellacott, our caretaker, is also trying to keep children safe and therefore if he is reminding you not to park on zigzags and/or double yellow- he is trying to ensure the safety of the children- please do not swear at him!

Thank you to the vast majority of you who park with consideration of our children's safety and the respect of our neighbours during busy drop-off and pick-up times.



## E Safety

Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play.

Some useful information and resources to support your children can be found here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>



## Attendance Reminders

### Medical Appointments

We acknowledge that hospital and specialist clinic appointments, including orthodontic and on-going dental treatment may require a student having time out of school. Our expectation is that the minimum amount of learning is lost. We will seek an explanation from parents where a whole day is missed for this reason. Proof of unavoidable medical appointments in school time must be provided to the school.

Routine, non-urgent appointments must be made after 3.30pm and during the 12 weeks of school holiday during the year.

### Illness

Parents/Carers are expected to contact the school on the first day of absence (01454867160) and each day thereafter informing the school of the reason for absence and the expected date of return to school.

### Bereavement

If there has been the death of a close family member and an absence from school is required. Please complete a 'Request for Leave' form and hand it into the office to be reviewed by the Headteacher or deputy (delegate). Evidence of a death certificate, where necessary, may be requested for coding purposes.

### Holiday Absence in Term Time

If a parent feels there are exceptional circumstances that support a request for leave of absence in term time; they must put the request in writing by completing a 'Request for Leave' form to the Head Teacher. The Head teacher or Deputy Head Teacher (as delegate) will respond to these requests.

### Punctuality

Pupils who arrive late to registration after 9.00am are recorded as L (late before registration closes.)  
If a pupil arrives after the register has closed at 9.15am, this is recorded as U (unauthorised late arrival.)



## Scholastic Book Fair

We are pleased to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will return to school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, afterschool in the hall!

## Scholastic Book Fair



## Attendance

Whole School attendance this week is: 93.19%

The class with the best attendance this week is: Year 1 with 100% - WOW! Well done Year 1!



## KINGSWOOD REPAIR CAFE

BY BS15

1<sup>st</sup> THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
3.30 PM - 5.30 PM  
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH HALL  
HIGH STREET, BS15 4AB



PASSIONATE ABOUT SUPPORTING AND  
CONNECTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

## FIX IT - DON'T BIN IT!

The Kingswood Repair Cafe is a monthly community repair event where volunteers fix everyday items, reducing waste and saving items from landfill.

**Small Electricals • Toys • Bikes  
Clothing • Textiles • Furniture**

Bring your broken household items and our skilled, friendly volunteers will help.

**FREE ENTRY**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE  
DONATIONS VERY WELCOME**



### ARE YOU GREAT AT FIXING THINGS?

Why not volunteer to help out?  
Visit our website for info, or get in touch using details below.

Follow us on @wearebs15

For more information see our website: [www.wearebs15.co.uk](http://www.wearebs15.co.uk)

Give us a call on 01454 300186\* Email: [hi@wearebs15.co.uk](mailto:hi@wearebs15.co.uk)

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## VOLUNTEER WITH US!

The Kingswood Repair Cafe is a monthly community repair event where volunteers fix everyday items for free (parts extra), helping reduce waste and saving items from landfill. Donations welcome. Refreshments available.

## KINGSWOOD REPAIR CAFE

We're looking for volunteers in the following roles:



### REPAIRERS

Confident, practical people who enjoy fixing things. We're especially keen to hear from those with skills in:

- Small electrical items
- Clothing & textiles
- Furniture
- Bikes

### WELCOME / FRONT DESK

Be the friendly first face of the Repair Cafe. Greet visitors, explain how the cafe works, and match people with a repairer.



### REFRESHMENTS TEAM

Help prepare and serve drinks and light refreshments for Repair Cafe visitors and volunteers.

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month 3.30pm - 5.30pm  
Holy Trinity Church Hall, Kingswood

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