Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see so many parents at our 'Meet the teacher' meetings this week. If you were unable to attend, all the information is on Google classroom. Next week we have meetings for Years 6, 5 and 1 and Reception.

Next week we will be holding our Summer Fair – please keep Saturday 21st September free and come along to meet other parents and families and have some fun, while supporting our community. We would like to welcome all our new families at this event. If you are available to help please let Sofia and her team know on the parents WhatsApp groups or through the school office. The weather looks like it is on our side too!

We celebrated our first whole school mass this week, led by Year 6. Thank you to all the pupils who read so beautifully, to our altar servers from years 5 & 6, to Mrs. O'Connor for playing the organ and to Fr. Gerard for celebrating mass for us. A huge thank you to all our children for participating so prayerfully in the mass – a beautiful way to start our school year.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Year 5 for completing their first school journey to Kingswood – for some children their first time away from home on their own. All the adults with them said what a fantastic group they were. A 'huge' thanks to Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Poteratchi and Ms. Ryan for taking the children and ensuring they had such an amazing trip.

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
9th September 2024

Yr1: Amelia & Wiktor
Yr2: Hanora & Antoni
Yr3: Nathaniel & Giorgio
Yr4: Mads & Amelia H
Yr6: Franky & Melissa



Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff.
Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's designated safeguarding officer:
Mrs Cunningham or in her absence the deputy safeguarding officer Mrs Sheehan.
In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with their line manager, Mrs Cunningham to seek further advice.



We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies of some pupils and staff, please ensure no nut or peanut products are brought into school.



Punctuality & Attendance



Position	Year	%	Late
1st	6	100	0
2nd	2	99.1	0
3rd	3	97.9	3
4th	5	97.4	1
5th	1	95.2	3
6th	Nur	95.1	1
7th	4	95	1
8th	Rec	94.7	1

Important Dates - September

Monday 16th September
8:50 Yr6 Meet the teacher/Transfer to secondary school information/residential meeting

Tuesday 17th September
8:50 Yr5 Meet the teacher meeting

Wednesday 18th September
8:50 Yr1 Meet the teacher meeting plus phonics and reading information.

Friday 20th September—Mufti day (own clothes—bring a bottle for the tombola)
8:50 Reception Meet the teacher meeting plus phonics and reading information.

Saturday 21st September
12-4pm—Summer Fair

Monday 23rd September
- Book fair all week

Tuesday 24th September
- Yr6 Height & weight checks

Friday 27th September
- Languages Day

What a wonderful few days we had away for the Year 5 Residential trip. The children had an amazing time.

The children were so fortunate to have experienced so many activities:
3G Swing, Campfire, Karaoke, Fencing, Zip Wire to name but a few.

The children were amazing and came back a little tired, to say the least.

A big thank you to Mrs Poteratchi, Miss Ryan & Mrs Sheehan for making this trip possible.







School Council

If you are in years 3,4,5 or 6 and would like to become a School Councillor, please see the information below.

All children will be given an application form, if they wish to apply (this will also be uploaded to Google classroom.)

We invite all children, in these classes, to apply.

Once you have completed your application, prepare your speech, as you will present this speech to your class next Friday

Wishing all candidates the best of luck. Mrs. Sheehan

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2024/2025

To apply to be a class councilor please follow the steps below:

Read the job description and decide if you should apply

(This will be given to you and available on Google Classroom)

Complete the application form.

(The application form will be given to you and is also available on Google Classroom)

Please submit your application form to Mrs. Sheehan or place in the School Council application box

(This can be found in the school entrance – by the glass window)

All applicants will then make a presentation to their own class, who will then vote on which two class members they would like to represent their class.

Key Dates:

Deadline for all applications is
Wednesday 18th September

Presentations to class will be held on
Friday 20th September

School councilors' will be announced on:
Monday 23rd September

First school council meeting
Tuesday 24th September @1:00pm

European Languages Day at OLSJ

We will be celebrating European Languages day on

Friday 27th September.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for our children to explore the diverse range of languages in Europe.

Each class will look at a specific country and will take part in a variety of activities to celebrate its language and culture. They will also enjoy a French breakfast.

Children will be invited to come to school dressed in the colours of the country that their class will be studying.

We ask for a contribution of £2.50 to be made via Parentmail. Funds raised will go towards French, Art and Music resources to be used across the school.

The countries for the different year groups are as follows:

Nursery and Reception	Poland	
Year 1	Spain	
Year 2	Greece	
Year 3	Italy	
Year 4	Norway	
Year 5	Sweden	
Year 6	Netherlands	

Dates to remember

Friends of Our Lady & St John's

Autumn Fair

When: Saturday, 21st September

Time: 12 - 16:00pm

Friday 20th Sept
Bottle Tombola

Mufty day – no uniform required! In return, donate a bottle for the tombola (soft drink, wine, spirit etc)

16 – 20th Sept:
Sweet Jar Tombola

Fill a jar with sweets and/or little goodies
Drop them into the office

From TODAY! Raffle tickets on sale

The link to the raffle tickets is live! You can share it with friends and family. The more we sell the better! New Raffle Prizes will be added in the next few days
https://go.rallyup.com/olsj2024

Cakes, Cookies & International food

Drop your food donations to the office on **Friday 20th** or bring them to the fair!

Volunteers needed

We need volunteers to set up on Saturday morning. Dads are most welcome!! We will start setting up from 8:30am