



NEWSLETTER

17th April 2026

Welcome back, the children have returned well rested and enthusiastic for their learning. A gentle reminder that children should not play on the outside play equipment at the start or end of day. Could we also ask that children refrain from bringing to school any toys, balls etc from home.

We try to keep our newsletter interesting and easy to read as we use this to provide lots of information to our families regarding what's happening in school and to keep you updated on any events planned, when clubs start and finish, PE days and also details of what the children have been doing in school etc. Could we please ask that you take a brief look at this each week to ensure you have any details relating to your children.

Y6 SATS

It is vital the Y6 children maintain 100% attendance to ensure they do not miss out on any valuable teaching and learning time. The children are continuing to thrive with their revision and practice papers for the upcoming SATS. We reinforce to our children that SATs are nothing for them to worry about; they are an opportunity for the children to show off what they can do! Our children understand the importance of working hard and keeping focused; they are well-prepared, confident and looking forward to taking on the challenge ahead, which is the most important thing to us! Thank you for your continued support.

SAT week will run from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026. We would like the children to arrive at school at 8.10 a.m. from Monday 11th May to share some breakfast snacks with their peers and do some warm up activities for the SATs with staff; it is important that the children are prompt. This is a tried and tested system that ensures the children are ready to do their SAT's each day.

YR Height/Weight & Vision Checks

An email has been sent home to Reception families this week to advise them the school nurses will be in school on Wednesday 6th May to do these checks. If you do not consent to this the details of who to contact are included in the letter which was attached to the email.

PE Uniform

PE kits are part of the school uniform and not an opportunity for children to wear their own clothes. The expectation from school is for children to wear the correct kit: Plain black joggers/leggings/ black shorts, a plain white t-shirt and blue PE hoodie (if you are not able to purchase one of these they must wear their school jumper or cardigan) and trainers. Thank you for your support.

Y1 Phonics

A big thank you to all the Year 1 parents who attended last night's Phonics Screening Check meeting. It was great to see so many of you there. Parental support is vital in maximising progress for your child and your help at home is greatly appreciated. We would like to thank staff for running these sessions and the staff who ran the creche.

School had a visit from the Diocese this week, they had a walk around school and then met with Mrs Chadwick. We received some lovely feedback from them: "It is clear that the high levels of support and care provided, coupled with clear expectations makes Our Lady of Lourdes a wonderful school."

After School Clubs

Mon	YR/Y1 Hip Hop	20 th , 27 th April & 18 th May
Wed	Y6 Booster	22 nd , 29 th April & 6 th May
	Y2-Y6 Hip Hop	22 nd , 29 th April, 6 th & 20 th May
	ECO Missionaries	22 nd , 29 th April & 6 th May
Thu	Y1 Phonics	30 th April, 7 th , 14 th & 21 st May

No recorder club this half term.

Y6 boosting and phonics are for selected children. If your child is not selected it is nothing to worry about as we will accommodate their intervention during the school day and for some children they will not need additional interventions.

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REMINDERS

Please can we remind parents/carers:

- ◆ Appointments during the school day to be avoided, but if necessary then the school office MUST be informed as early as possible rather than notified when being collected.
- ◆ Earrings must be removed on PE Days
- ◆ No other jewellery to be worn with the exception of stud earrings
- ◆ Outdoor coat to be brought to school every day
- ◆ Standard size water bottle brought to school every day (only water, no juices)
- ◆ School reading folders should be brought to school everyday unless instructed otherwise
- ◆ Please check reading folders each night for any information sent home from school
- ◆ We are a mobile phone-free school.
- ◆ Names are written in all school uniform
- ◆ We are a NUT FREE school

Summer1 After School Clubs

Mon YR,Y1 Hip Hop
Tue No clubs
Wed Y2,KS2 Hip Hop, Y6 Booster, ECO Missionaries
Thu

Summer Term PE Days

Monday YR & Y6
Tuesday
Wednesday Y1 and Y5
Thursday Y2 and Y3
Friday YN/Y4/Y6

Dates for your diary

24th April 2026	YR Dental Health session in school
4th May 2026	Bank Holiday (school closed)
6th May 2026	YR Height/Weight and Vision checks in school
11th—14th May 2026	Y6 SATs Week
20th May 2026	Y5/6 Cricket Cluster PE Event
25th May—5th June 2026	May half term (2 weeks)

Facebook

Please remember to look at and 'like' our Facebook page for updates on the activities the children have been taking part in.
[OLOL Facebook](#)

Stars of the Week

Nursery	Zofia, Afnan	Year 3	Yusuf, Rex
Reception	Leon, Marcel B	Year 4	Rafaela, Sultan
Year 1	Serah S, Serah J	Year 5	Aliyah, Finley
Year 2	Iqra, Abel	Year 6	Layla, Elliott

SUMMER UNIFORM

OLOL blue sweatshirt or cardigan, grey skirt/pinafore or trousers, yellow polo shirt.
During summer: yellow summer dress, grey shorts
Girls: white socks
Boys: grey socks
Black shoes (no boots or trainers)

PE Uniform: OLOL PE hoodie, white t-shirt (plain no writing or pictures), black joggers, leggings or in summer shorts, trainers

**** CHILDREN SHOULD COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR PE UNIFORM ON THEIR ALLOCATED PE DAY ****

Absence Reporting

You should call the school office before 8.45 a.m. each day of your child's absence.
01204 333181

Please ensure your child returns to school as soon as possible.

Weekly Attendance

Reception	99.6%
Year 1	99.7%
Year 2	91.6%
Year 3	91.1%
Year 4	91.5%
Year 5	92.8%
Year 6	97.5%
School	94.9%



Attendance Trophy Winner



Y1

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