



# Our Lady's News

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*'With God, all things are possible' (Mt 19.26)*



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Dear Parents/Carers,

All classes have enjoyed the beautiful weather we have been experiencing, with more opportunities for outdoor learning being taken advantage of throughout the week.

Pupils have been preparing for sports day during their PE lessons, making use of the field. We are hoping the weather is as lovely during the week of 19th June when the sports days take place. All the dates for each class are on the back of the newsletter.

Year 6 have had a wonderful week at Stanley Head taking part in canoeing, raft building, archery, high ropes, caving, bouldering and even an expedition to Deep Hayes! There are lots of photos on Twitter which show the children's fabulous team work skills and the huge amount of fun they had! Thank you to Mrs Birks and Mrs Pepper who spent the week at Stanley Head with the children, and all the staff who visited throughout the week.

Congratulations to the 5 children who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion on 17th May. Parishioners commented on how reverently the children behaved and how beautiful their singing was in the post-communion reflection. We are looking forward to the forthcoming celebration of Confirmation for pupils in Year 5 & 6.

As you will know, our school phone number changed this week. please make a note of the new number. Whilst it is inconvenient to have to change the number, the good news is that our phone number now shows up so you will know if school have called, even if we were unable to leave a voicemail.

Finally, after the half term holiday I will be starting my new role as executive headteacher, meaning that I will be splitting my time between two schools—Our Lady's and St Maria Goretti in Bentilee. Mrs Lloyd will be taking on the role of Head of School meaning that she will be available to deal with any issues that arise on a day-to-day basis. To strengthen the leadership of the school, Mrs Brotherhood will be the leader of Phase 2, supporting pupils in Years 4, 5 & 6. Together we will ensure that Our Lady's continues to go from strength to strength. On the days that I am working at St Maria Goretti, I can still be contacted using my usual email address: [headteacher@olca.org.uk](mailto:headteacher@olca.org.uk)

As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost this weekend, we ask the Holy Spirit to be with us;

**'Lord, Give me a new, positive, joyful, loving,  
and forgiving attitude toward others.'**

Have a wonderful half term holiday.

Mrs Oakley



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## DIARY DATES

**29.05.23 - 02.06.23:** Half term holiday week  
**05.06.23:** School reopens to pupils for Summer Term 2  
**15.06.23:** Confirmation Mass at St Gregory's Church 7.00pm– 8.00pm  
**19.06.23:** EYFS Sport Day, 1.30 - 2.30pm  
**21.06.23:** KS1 Sports Day, 1.30 - 2.30pm  
**23.06.23:** KS2 Sports Day, 1.30 - 2.30pm  
**05.07.23:** Our Lady's Entrance Official opening by Archbishop Bernard Longley.  
**21.07.23:** Last day of term

*All the dates of this year's school terms and holiday dates can be found on our website <https://www.ourladyasca.org.uk/parents/term-dates>*

### Summer Term 2 2023

**Mon 5th June to Fri 21st July**

Monday - Year 3 & Year 6  
 Tuesday - Nursery & Reception  
 Wednesday - Year 1 & Year 2  
 Thursday - **Reception and Year 6**  
 Friday - Year 4 & Year 5

### P.E Timetables -

Children should continue to arrive in school wearing their P.E kits on the day of their lesson. Kit to be worn all day. Pupils should remove all jewellery (including earrings) prior to taking part in any physical activities.

### Parking around School.

May we remind everyone of the importance of parking safely outside of the school. Please do not park on the pavements or park on the zigzag markings/pedestrian crossing. Can we remind you that it is, in fact, illegal to park on zigzag markings and can incur a penalty charge notice.

Please could we also ask that you act respectful towards others and not use offensive language in and around the school site, especially in front of children.



**OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC ACADEMY HAS A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER**

**01782 254832**

### Reporting pupil absence

May we remind Parents/Carers that they should notify the school when their child is absent. When leaving a message please state the child's full name, their year and give full details of why they will be absent. It is not enough to leave a message just stating they are unwell, we need to have the full details for the reason for their absence. Also if your child is absent due to sickness and diarrhoea then you should keep them at home for 48 hours following their last incident of being sick/having diarrhoea.

Many thanks



### Cost of Break Sale items

Toast—30p  
 Milk— 25p  
 Juice—30p  
 Crumpet—40p  
 Teacake (half)- 40p

### Attendance

w/c 22-05-23

Class	Total Percentage
YN	94%
YR	96%
Y1	84%
Y2	90%
Y3	87%
Y4	94%
Y5	96%
Y6	97%

**Headteacher:** Mrs K Oakley

**Chair of the Academy Committee:** Mr P Williams

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[www.safeguardingchildren.stoke.gov.uk](http://www.safeguardingchildren.stoke.gov.uk)

**Child Protection Academy Rep:** Mrs V Wareham

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