



# Our Lady's News

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



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Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to Our Lady's!

And for those who are new to the school, I hope you have settled well.

There has been a buzz of excitement since we returned to school three weeks ago and it appears the new children (and staff) are enjoying being part of the Our Lady's community.

I would like to introduce the new staff. If you haven't met them already, please say hello when you next see them on the playground;

Miss Suleyman (Reception class)

Miss Lynch (Year 6)

Dates for your diary-

Individual photographs will be taken this Wednesday (27<sup>th</sup> Sept) – remember we have time set aside before the start of the school day to take group photographs with younger siblings (or older ones who are at high school).

We have Virtual Parents' Consultation Evening a week on Wednesday (4<sup>th</sup> October). This is an essential opportunity to find out about how well your child has settled and also to share any concerns you have with class teachers.

Finally, a reminder about uniform. The expectations for uniform are clearly indicated on the school website and are known by all. Therefore, we expect children to follow the rules consistently. This week a number of children have arrived in school with jewellery. Please make sure this is kept at home as any jewellery worn in school will be handed to staff and will only be returned to parents via the school office.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Oakley

Executive Headteacher



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## DIARY DATES

**25.09.23** Year 4 swimming lessons commence Monday afternoons at Fenton Manor Swimming Baths.

**26.09.23:** Watch me Learn Y1-Y6

**27.09.23:** School photos (Individual & siblings)

**03.10.23:** Coffee morning 8.45am-10.00am—Parents/carers welcome

**04.10.23:** Virtual Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm

**10.10.23:** Coffee morning 8.45am-10.00am—Parents/carers welcome

**19.10.23:** Harvest Bake Off

**20.10.23:** Y2 trip to Bearstone Fruit Farm

**24.10.23:** Y4 trip to Stanley Head

**25.10.23:** Y3 trip to Apedale Heritage Centre

**27.10.23:** Last day of Autumn term 1

**30.10.23-03.11.23:** Half term holiday week

**06.11.23:** Inset day - school closed to pupils

**07.11.23:** School reopens to pupils, start of Autumn term 2

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

### Autumn term 1 - 2023

**Wed 6th Sept - Friday 27th Oct**

Monday - Years 5 & 6

Tuesday - Years **Nursery & Reception**

Wednesday - Years **Nursery, 3, 4 & 5**

Thursday - Years **1, 2, 3 & 6**

Friday - Years **1 & 2**

### 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.

### Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons at Fenton Manor Sports Complex will commence from Monday 25th September 2023. For the Autumn Term Year 4 will be walking to and from these sessions with staff. Boys must have swimming trunks not shorts and girls should wear a one-piece costume. Pupils with long hair need to wear a swimming cap. Please do not forget that they will need a towel with them. Pupils need to come into school in their uniform and bring their swimming kit with them.

### Invitation to attend Coffee Mornings

Thank you to those who attended our first Coffee Morning last week.

Parent/Carers are warmly invited to attend a number of Coffee Mornings in school. The next Coffee Mornings will be Tuesday 3rd October and Tuesday 10th October. Each session will run from 8.45am to 10.00am.

These informal drop in sessions will be run by Miss Buttery and Danielle Costa from the Mental Health Support team. It will be a great opportunity to discuss any concerns you have around the feelings and emotions of your children.

Follow up Coffee Mornings will be run at a later date to address any of the issues raised.



### Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy for a Stoke City Council Cleaner based at our school. 12.5 per week. To apply please contact City Cleaning on 01782 232006

### WRAPAROUND CARE

Please remember to book AM/PM Wraparound care clubs via [careclub@olca.org.uk](mailto:careclub@olca.org.uk).

Children must not be left alone in the front reception

### Attendance

w/c 18/09/2023

Class	Total Percentage
YN	94%
YR	88%
Y1	96%
Y2	95%
Y3	89%
Y4	94%
Y5	94%
Y6	96%



### Our Lady's Little Learners

**FREE Play and Stay Session for children aged 2+**

**Every Wednesday 9:30-10:30 during Term Time Only**  
To book your place call 01782 254832 or email [littlelearners@olca.org.uk](mailto:littlelearners@olca.org.uk)

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

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