



OLA TIMES NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Important Dates for the Diary.

- Wednesday 12th November. Class mass for Y5, 9:30am in Church.
- Wednesday 12th November 3:30 to 4:30pm. Reception Open Evening for prospective new starters (September 2026.)
- Friday 21st November 2025. Jubilee Year Celebration Day.
- Wednesday 26th November. Class mass for Y4, 9:30am in Church.
- Thursday 4th December. Christmas Bazaar in school 2:30pm.
- Tuesday 9th December. EYFS Christmas Performance, 10am in school.
- Wednesday 10th December. KS1 Christmas Performance 10am in school.
- Thursday 11th December. EYFS Christmas Performance, 10am in school.
- Friday 12th December. KS2 Christmas Performance, 10am in school.
- Monday 15th December. KS1 Christmas Performance 10am in school.
- Tuesday 16th December. KS2 Christmas Performance, 10am in school.
- Wednesday 17th December. Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day.
- Thursday 18th December. Christmas Party Day.
- Friday 19th December. School closes for Christmas at 1:45pm.

Christmas Performances.

Just a few points of information for the Christmas Performances listed above.

- **EYFS** is Nursery and Reception, **KS1** means Year 1 and Year 2 and **KS2** is Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.
- We would ask that families come to just one performance (per Key Stage) and try and limit those attending to 2/ 3 people.
- We would also ask families to not bring small children and/ or pushchairs/ prams to the performances.
- Doors will open around 5 minutes before each performance to allow the children to take their places in the hall and on the stage. Please note, seats cannot be reserved or saved for others.
- A reminder that any photos taken should just be of your own child and for personal use.
Videoring of performances is not allowed.

School Day Times: Children leaving early.

We know that, from time to time, all families have reasons to need to pick up children early from school. This can be an appointment or another unforeseen circumstance. As a school we try to support families with this but would ask that **early collections are kept to a minimum and only**

happen on a short term basis. It is important that children are in school for as much of the day as possible so they don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities. Wherever possible please inform the office prior to the appointment rather than at the last minute. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

During November we remember those who have been killed in conflicts around the world. We are once again be selling poppies and other related items in support of the Royal British Legion. 'Snapbands' will be sold for £1 and all other items will be 50p. Throughout November, we will continue our prayers for all those who have died in conflicts around the world.



Values Blueprint.

Our value for the month of November is **Friendship**. This month we are thinking about how important it is to have good friends and the ways in which we can share friendship with others. In our assemblies this week we heard the words of Jesus; "I am giving you a new rule for living; love one another. You must love one another in the same way as I have loved you. If you do this, everyone will know that you are my friends, and God's friends too."

Jubilee Year.

Pope Francis designated this year is a Jubilee Year called 'Pilgrims of Hope.' We launched this in school in January and we have had a number of events and celebrations since:

- ✓ Classes studying places of pilgrimage,
- ✓ Big Lent Walk participation and sponsorship for CAFOD,
- ✓ Jubilee pledges in June and July,
- ✓ Recycling project to support 'take action for the local community,'
- ✓ Designated monthly 'Value' of Hope in June,
- ✓ CAFOD themed assemblies.
- ✓ Celebration Day 21st November 2025.



Healthy Packed Lunches and Snacks.

It is the school's policy to encourage healthy eating during the week and to have a '**treat day**' each **Friday** when less healthy items can be included in lunches. We would ask you to support this by ensuring that less healthy items eg crisps and chocolate biscuits are only included on a Friday. Suggestions for healthy packed lunches:

Sandwiches, salad items, pasta/ rice, fruit, vegetables (eg carrot sticks), fruit juice, water, cereal bars. **NB Sweets should never be part of a balanced lunch!**

Keep an eye on our website for updates and further information.

Website: www.ourladyoftheassumption.co.uk

As always, thank you for your continued support.

M Burke. Headteacher.