



OLA TIMES NEWSLETTER

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5th December 2025.

No 6.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Additional KS2 Performance Time and Date.

We are always conscious of numbers of family members coming to our Christmas performances. With this in mind, we have decided to put on an extra performance of our KS2 play. This will be on **Monday 15th December at 2pm in the school hall**. As there will now be 3 performances we are suggesting that Year 3 Parents/ carers come along to the first performance on Friday 12th, Year 4 Parents on Monday 15th and Year 5 Parents on Tuesday 16th. We understand that families may have already made arrangements for time off work etc so there will be flexibility if parents/ carers need to attend a particular performance. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Important Dates for the Diary.

- 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.
- Monday 15th December. KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm in school.
- Tuesday 16th December. KS2 Christmas Performance, 10am in school.
- Wednesday 17th December. Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day.
- Thursday 18th December. Carol Service in Church led by Y6. 10:30am.
- Thursday 18th December. Christmas Party Day. Non-uniform Day.
- Friday 19th December. School closes for Christmas at 1:45pm.

Values Blueprint.

Our value for December is **Peace**. We have been reflecting on the Advent season as a time to share love with those we meet. Our assemblies, have been a reminder that Advent is a time of getting ready for Christmas but also preparing ourselves for Jesus' arrival in our hearts and in our lives.



An Advent Prayer.

Dear Jesus,

As we prepare for Christmas, help us to remember the true meaning of the season.

As we buy presents, decorate our homes and begin our celebrations help us to remember we are getting ready to celebrate your birthday. Help us to share the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love with everyone we meet during Advent this year. Amen.

Advent Appeal. World Gifts.

As in previous years we will be asking members of our school family to consider making a donation to CAFOD to help purchase 'World Gifts' for people who are in need. We ask that instead of sending Christmas cards the money that would have been spent is brought into school to be donated to CAFOD. The money can simply be given to your child's class teacher or handed in at the school office. Children are of course more than welcome to send Christmas cards regardless of whether or not they make a donation. You can find more details about World Gifts and all the work of CAFOD on their website. <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>
Thank you!



Travelling Cribs 2025

Our travelling cribs are once again available for each class during Advent. These cribs provide a lovely opportunity for families to share the Christmas story.

Families have an opportunity to take the crib home for the evening, set it up and spend some time reflecting on the Christmas story.

Families are asked to take the crib for **one night** and then **return it the next day** for another family to enjoy.

If you would like to take part, please return your slip as soon as possible or speak to your child's teacher.

If you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact us in school.

Absence due to illness.

We are always trying to strike a balance between encouraging children to attend well and recognising when children should stay at home and therefore not spread illnesses to their classmates. It can be a tricky decision whether or not to send children into school but in general terms if children have a contagious illness or have a high temperature, they should remain at home. For other minor illnesses, eg a common cold, children will probably still be ok to attend school. It is always worth having a conversation with a health professional or a member of our school staff if you are unsure. A reminder to report your child's absence to the school office on the first day they are off school.

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

Website: www.ourladyoftheassumption.co.uk

As always, thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'M. Burke'.

M Burke. Headteacher.