



OLA TIMES NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Important Dates for the Diary.

- Friday 21st November 2025. Jubilee Year Celebration Day. **NON-UNIFORM 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.

Jubilee Year.

Pope Francis designated this last year is a Jubilee Year called 'Pilgrims of Hope.' This Friday we have a celebration day to mark the end of this special year. The children will be undertaking a range of activities in class and it will also be a **NON-UNIFORM DAY** for all children. We know that some classes have PE on Friday so we would suggest the children wear own clothes that are suitable for PE type activities ie training shoes etc.



School Playground.

Just a couple of reminders about the school playground, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day.

- We would remind parents/ carers **not to approach other children** on the playground to tackle issues that may have happened during the school day. If children report difficulties then these should be **discussed with a member of staff.**
- **Dogs should not be brought onto the playground** (even if they are being carried) as they present a health and safety risk. Guide dogs and assistance dogs are, of course, permitted.
- We are aware that a number of children come to and from school on bikes or scooters and that this is a healthy way of making the journey. We would ask, however, that children refrain from riding bikes and scooters on the yard at either the start or end of the school day.

- Finally, we would ask that parents/ carers closely supervise children on the school yard and not use the climbing equipment before or after school. Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support.

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 listened to the story of the Good Samaritan. Jesus ended the story with a question, "Which of the three was a neighbour to the man?" Jesus wants everyone to show friendship and be a good neighbour.

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.

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!



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.