

Summer 2 Term Newsletter

Healthy School Award

We were delighted to be awarded our Healthy School Certificate at the Halton Healthy Schools Celebration on 25th June 2025 at the DBCL Stadium.

This award celebrates our commitment to healthy eating, healthy lifestyles, exercise, improving our mental health and wellbeing and the work we do throughout the year in our PSHE lessons with the support of the Halton Health Improvement Team.

Thank you to the children who represented our school; they were wonderful ambassadors.



PE Kit Change

This year we've trialed the children wearing their PE kits to school on the day they have PE. For a number of reasons, and after much discussion, we have decided to revert back to PE kits being kept in school and changed into before the lesson.

The reasons are as follows:

- Difficulty when PE is cancelled or changed to let parents know in time
- Too many children not wearing the correct school PE kit
- No clothes in school for children to wear or change into if they need it for any reason eg accidents or getting wet on the way to school
- Children need to be able to dress and undress themselves as this is a life skill and changing for PE gives them the opportunity to practise this skill twice a week to ensure that they can do this, within a set time, ready for high school.

Therefore, in **September PE kits are to come into school** in a bag labelled with your child's name and will stay in the cloakroom and be sent home each half term.

Live Simply Award

We are delighted to let you know that we have recently been awarded the Live Simply award. We have achieved the faith inspired targets that we set ourselves demonstrating how we have been living simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with communities around the world living in poverty.

This is a fantastic achievement, and we are delighted.

Thank you to all our parents who have supported us on Our Live Simply Journey!

We will celebrate and receive our award in the Autumn term 2025 – more details to follow.



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Classes For September 2023

Head Teacher		Kelly Nuttall					
Deputy Headteacher		Alison Heston					
Assistant Headteacher		Tom Easby					
SENDCo		Alison Heston					
Reception	Teacher	Miss Beckett			Teaching Assistant	Mrs Easby	
Year 1	Teacher	Miss Beger			Teaching Assistant	Miss Morris	
Year 2	Teacher	Mrs Kevan			Teaching Assistant	Miss Poulson	
Year 3	Teacher	Mrs Morgan			Teaching Assistant	Mrs Jones	
Year 4	Teacher	Mrs Sinclair	Classroom Assistant	Miss Dunn	Teaching Assistant	Mrs Campbell	
Year 5	Teacher	Mrs Hignett	Classroom Assistant	Mrs Green	Teaching Assistant	Mrs Jones	
Year 6	Teacher	Mr Easby	Classroom Assistant	Miss Baggott			

Swimming Lesson

Year 6 will start swimming lessons on Thursday 11th September 2025.

Please remember their swimming kits and £1 towards the cost of the coach.

Thank you.



Parking Around School

Please could we remind parents/carers to be mindful on where they park when dropping/picking children up from school.

- Please do not park across driveways/on driveways or block residents in or out. This can create serious safety risks—especially for children walking in/out of school.
- Please also take your litter home to help keep our school environment clean and welcoming for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.



Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved 100% For the full school year. This is a Brillant achievement, Well done.

Reception

Patrick Cassidy

Aaron Rowley

Year 1

Eliza Jones

Auraelia Maher

Year 2

Keira-Lily Strutt

Year 3

Tommy Birchall

Mikey Foster

Evan Lawton



Year 4

Sam Bowles

Mason Hughes

Joseph McGuffie

Year 6

Joe Cox

Alex McGuffie

Jack Moran

Esme Reynolds

2 Years 100% Attendance

Auraelia Maher

Well done Auraelia on achieving 100% again this year. Fantastic work.



Booking School Snacks and Dinner

Please ensure that your child's snack and dinner account is regularly monitored and maintained.

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Meal & Snack Bookings:

Please ensure that meals and snacks are booked in advance. You can book up to two weeks ahead, and all bookings must be completed by midnight the night before.

Account Credit:

Make sure there is sufficient credit in your child's account. If the account has insufficient funds, you will need to provide snacks or a packed lunch from home until the balance is topped up.

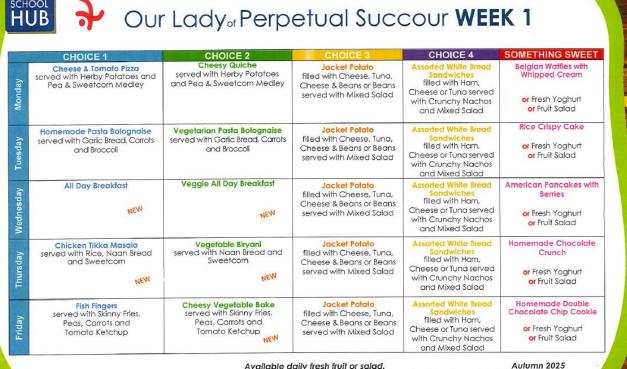
Absences:

If your child is absent from school, it is your responsibility to cancel any pre-booked meals or snacks online. Failure to do so will result in charges still being applied.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us manage the school meal system efficiently. Thank you!

New Autumn/Winter 2025 Menu

Please find below Our new Autumn/Winter 2025 menu from Orian. This menu will start on WEEK 1, week commencing 1st September 2025.



Available daily fresh fruit or salad.

If you have any questions about food allergens please speak to the kitchen team who will be happy to help. Veg may change due to seasonality





Our Lady of Perpetual Succour WEEK 2

R S	CHOICE 1	CHOICE 2	CHOICE 3	CHOICE 4	SOMETHING SWEET
Monday	Pepperoni Pizza served with Herby Potatocs and Pea & Sweetcom Medley	Veggle Nuggets served with Herby Potatoes and Pea & Sweetcom Medley	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Assorted Wraps filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos and Mixed Salad	or Fresh Yoghurt or Fruit Salad
Tuesday	Choice of Cheeseburger or Beef Burger in a Bun served with Homemade Potato Wedges, Baby Com and Baked Beans	Veggie Nugget Burger served with Homemade Potato Wedges, Baby Com and Baked Beans	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Assorted Wraps filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos and Mixed Salad	or Fresh Yoghurt or Fruit Salad
Wednesday	Roast Beef served with Roast Potatoes, Carrot & Swede Mash and Gravy	Cauliflower Cheese Baked Yorkshire Pudding served with Roast Potatoes, Carrot & Swede Mash and Gravy	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Assorted Wraps filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos and Mixed Salad	Homemade Shortbread or Fresh Yoghurt or Fruit Salad
Thursday	Hunter's Chicken served with Creamed Potatoes, Carrots and Green Beans	Quorn Hunters Chicken served with Creamed Potatoes, Carrots and Green Beans	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Assorted Wraps filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos and Mixed Salad	or Fresh Yoghurt or Fruit Salad
Friday	Fish Fingers served with Skinny Fries and Pea & Carrot Medley and Tomato Ketchup	Roasted Vegetable Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce served with Skinny Fries and Pea & Carrot Medley and Tomato Ketchup	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Assorted Wraps filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos and Mixed Salad	or Fresh Yoghurt or Fruit Salad

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Our Lady_{of} Perpetual Succour **WEEK 3**

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Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Homemade Potato Wedges and Pea & Sweetcom Medley	Sausage Roll served with Homemade Potato Wedges and Pea & Sweetcom Medlev NEW	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Assorted White Bread Sandwiches filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos and Mixed Salad	Strawberry Ice Cream Sponge Roll or Fresh Yoghurt or Fruit Salad
Tuesday	Crispy Chicken Burger in a Bun served with Herby Potatoes and Pea & Carrot Medley	Mac 'n' Cheese served with Herby Potatoes and Pea & Carrot Medley	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Assorted White Bread Sandwiches filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos and Mixed Salad	Mini Sugar Ring Doughnuts or Fresh Yoghurt or Fruit Salad
Wednesda	Chicken Fajitas served with Homemade Potato Wedges, Carrots & Broccoli NEW	Vegetable Fajitas served with Homemade Potato Wedges, Carrots & Broccoli	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Assorted White Bread Sandwiches filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos and Mixed Salad	School Cake or Fresh Yoghurt or Fruit Salad
Thursday	Fresh Pork Sausages served with Creamed Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli and Gravy	Vegetable Sausage served with Creamed Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli and Gravy	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Assorted White Bread Sandwiches filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos and Mixed Salad	Sticky Toffee Pudding or Fresh Yoghurt or Fruit Salad
Friday	Breaded Fish Fillet served with Skinny Fries, Peas, Carrots and Tomato Ketchup	Vegetable Risotto served with Peas, Carrots	Jacket Potato filled with Cheese, Tuna, Cheese & Beans or Beans served with Mixed Salad	Assorted White Bread Sandwiches filled with Ham, Cheese or Tuna served with Crunchy Nachos and Mixed Salad	vanilla Cheesecake & Summer Berries or Fresh Yoghurt or Fruit Salad

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Reception

This term in Reception has been full of wonder, discovery, and creativity. Our topic has been *Under the Sea*, and the children have been diving deep into learning about ocean life and exploring their imaginations in all areas of the curriculum.



We began the term by exploring a variety of fascinating sea creatures. The children loved learning facts about octopus, jellyfish, crabs, and many more marine animals. They enjoyed sharing what they'd learnt, asking curious questions, and taking part in art, role play, and topic-based activities that brought the underwater world to life.



Our phonics work has continued with great enthusiasm. The children have shown excellent focus and determination as they've practiced reading longer and more challenging words. It's been fantastic to see their reading confidence grow, and they are beginning to apply their phonics knowledge independently when reading and writing.





In Maths, we've been working with numbers up to 20. The children have been developing their skills in counting, number recognition, and problem solving. This term we introduced simple addition and subtraction, and the class have done a brilliant job using practical resources and pictures to help them solve problems and explain their thinking.

Reception





We've continued to use *Drawing Club* this term, linking our stories and writing to our *Under the Sea* theme. These sessions have sparked lots of creativity and imagination. The children have been inventing their own characters, creating exciting settings, and beginning to write simple sentences to describe their ideas.

One of the highlights of our term was our school trip to the Liverpool Philharmonic. The children were captivated by the live orchestra performance of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. It was a magical experience that introduced them to live classical music in a fun and engaging way, and they loved joining in with the familiar story.



We are so proud of everything the children have achieved this term. They have shown such enthusiasm, creativity, and resilience in all areas of learning. Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support!

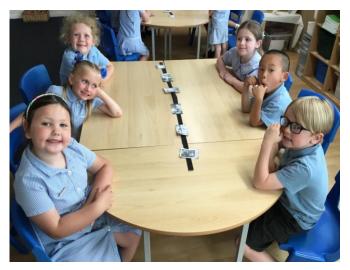
During our last half term, Year 1 have enjoyed the topic 'Royal Patrons'. Children have researched and found out lots of key facts and information about Queen Elizabeth II to write a biography about her. We have also been using the computers to research and find out about Kings and Queens from the past and have been able to sequence the life of Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Victoria on a timeline.











Year 1 loved their lesson with Madame Buckley. They learnt about different French food and how to say different phrases in French.





In science we planted a sunflower seed and enjoyed observing and talking about the changes over time, whilst also investigating which compost grows the tallest sunflower.





Year 1 have really enjoyed all of our practical maths lessons, learning about money, mass, volume and capacity.

The Children particularly enjoyed their D&T this half term and had fun designing and making, then eating a delicious fruit salad fit for a queen.







They also loved asking Mrs Naughton some of their own questions and learnt more about the parish family





You have all worked incredibly hard this year, well done Year 1! Keep up the fantastic work in Year 2.

We have had a fantastic final half term in Year 2. We started the half term off with our school trip to Windmill Animal Farm. The children had a brilliant time from start to finish. We got to feed and hold lots of different animals and we also went on a ride around the farm. The ice cream was a delicious treat too!













In science we have been carrying out lots of investigations testing the properties of different materials.







We have been learning the time to 5-minute intervals in maths, the children are becoming a lot more confident with telling the time now!







We have also had French Day and enjoyed learning all about the Tour De France.



We have been learning all about 'The Great Fire of London' in history. The children have found the topic very interesting, and we have completed lots of work about it. We have made timelines of the event, created newspaper reports about it and we also wrote diary entries too.

Well done on a brilliant final half term in Year 2, you have all shown you are ready for the juniors in September.

We have had lots of lovely learning experiences this half term including our forest school activities which have been a real hit with the class. We have loved forest school and taken every opportunity to work and learn outside. We have perfected the art of making a shelter and made it very homely with log furniture, leaf carpets and sweeping brushes and formed our very own forest band singing all of our favourite songs and using lots of musical instruments.

Our book this term was the 'Shamen's Apprentice' linked to our Rainforest topic. We have learned so much about how we all have a part to play in protecting these irreplaceable natural resources to keep our planet healthy and ensure that the animals that live there do not lose their habitats or become endangered. We made some heartfelt posters about the importance of stopping deforestation and using sustainable palm oil products to protect the habitats of orang-utans, rhinos and tigers. There are so many things we can do such as buying and using sustainable products, recycling and reusing things and being mindful of the energy we use in our school and homes. We have also studied rainforest canopies and produced some lovely artwork based on our studies.

Our class trip to Norton Priory was just fantastic and we really wowed the guide with our expert knowledge about the Stone Age era at the workshop we attended. We also had great fun learning how to make fire, forage for food and spot animals in the wild.





French Day was also amazing and we got to taste some yummy French treats served to us by our wonderful year 6 pupils.







And last but not least, the class were simply "out of this world' singing and performing our Alien dance in the KS2 play- what a wonderful performance they gave and a fantastic way to end such a successful year.



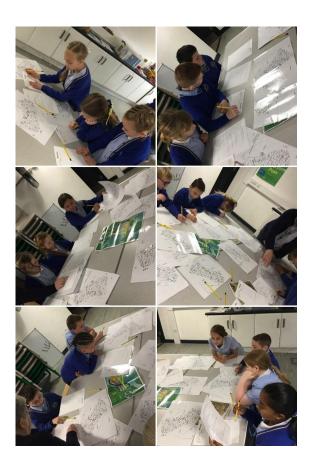
Well done, thank you for all your hard work and have a wonderful summer Year 3!

During this half-term, Year 4 have been working exceptionally hard, learning all about Brazil and Scotland. We explored these continents finding some key facts about them and describing their physical features. Linking in with our science topic, we have been looking at animals and their habitats and the impact of climate change and deforestation. We produced a thought-provoking presentation using PowerPoint looking at the effect this has on these animals and where they live. In English, we loved reading our class book, 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. We produced some fantastic work especially our poem which focused on our feelings and senses and wrote some personal wishes just like a character did in the book.

We really enjoyed our class trip to Norton Priory. We learnt lots of things about the Anglo-Saxons, looking at many artifacts and participating in lots of activities. We particularly enjoyed dressing up as Anglo-Saxons and sitting around the campfire, making s'mores out in the woods.









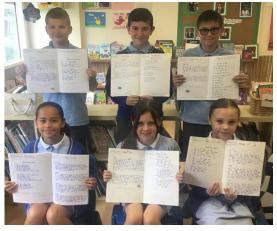


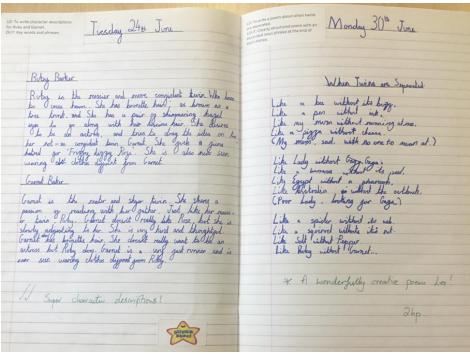




Finally, what a fantastic dance we performed in our end of year play! Year 4, you are super stars!

We have been working extremely hard this term in preparation for our final year at Our Lady's. In English, our core text 'Double Act' has inspired lots of creative writing. We wrote character descriptions, diary entries from the perspective of one of the identical twins, and we also composed poetry, considering what life would feel like for Ruby and Garnet when they are eventually separated.





In our topic of North America, we studied the human and physical characteristics of this continent. The climate ranges from the Arctic tundra in the north, to the warm tropical regions of the south. As part of this work, we looked at the different tribes and culture of native America. This inspired us to design our own dream catchers, in contrast to the action paintings of Jackson Pollock.





For our end of year day out we visited the International Eisteddfod in Llangollen. This is a music and arts festival featuring acts from all over the world. The day began with a visit to Thomas Telford's aqueduct at Pont which complemented our study of the canal system. We created artwork of the aqueduct and surrounding area in pencil and oil pastels. At the pavilion, we were treated to the beautiful sounds of a choir from Singapore, an energetic martial arts performance from India, singing and dancing performers from Zimbabwe, and an interactive story set to music by Sinfonia Cymru. Some of us got to try playing a harp!













On the 30th June we took our pledge as 'Pilgrims of Hope' for the jubilee year. The day involved a collective worship at the start of the day then each class took a pilgrimage around the school grounds to the prayer garden. We created prayers as we thought about how we can be stewards of creation. Looking after each other and the environment are very high on our agenda. We are proud of our beautiful prayer garden and look forward to nurturing and caring for the plants and wildlife that God has provided for us. The day ended with 2 children from each class reading their prayers to the school in a final assembly, where we sang the jubilee hymn.





Finally, we had so much fun dancing as star ship troopers for our end of year summer show – Tobias could win competitions doing the 'Moon walk'!



What a half term this has been for Year 6! We started off with our annual residential at Plas Menai. The children loved every second of it, and have made memories that will last a lifetime. They enjoyed the biking and climbing, tested themselves on the squirrel run and the low ropes and were thoroughly blown away by the speed of the J80 sailing ships. Year 6's behaviour, attitude and resilience were absolutely fantastic throughout the trip, and they should all be very proud of themselves; I know I am proud of them.







Once back from Plas Meni work began in earnest on our end of year play. I am always amazed just how talented Our Lady's children can be, from singing to dancing to being generally hilarious - the stage presence of some of our children is phenomenal. Once again the children showed how versatile they are with some fantastic performances both on and off the stage. It's not easy being on that stage, and they performed sensationally - especially those with solo singing parts!

Finally, Year 6 have been taking that next step to high school. Transition days went swimmingly and we had only good reports back from the high schools. In their last year at Our Lady's they have shown what superb role models they can be, shown resilience to get through their SATs and had a lot of fun on the way.



Everyone at Our Lady's is very proud that our Year 6 children are ready to move on to their new schools and we wish them all the best of luck!

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21st July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As another school year draws to a close, we reflect on the successful year of a shared headship between Mrs McGuffie and Mrs Heston and the imminent retirement of our much-valued headteacher Mrs McGuffie after 26 years' service, 12 years as Headteacher at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. We also look forward to the arrival of our new headteacher Miss Nutall who will be taking over in September.

It has been a very busy year, preparing for the successful visit of OFSTED in November and plenty of things to attend to such as the implementation of OPAL that many of you have had the chance to experience with your children. The OPAL play team (Mrs Heston, Miss Poulson, Mrs Riley and Miss Houghton – the play governor) have been instrumental in this with so much hard work and commitment needed.

The Catholic ethos continues to be paramount in our school through Faith in Action with the Live Simply award recently being granted to the school. This was achieved with hard work and commitment by all involved, demonstrating how we can all live sustainably.

Back to Mrs McGuffie. It would be remiss of us if we didn't mention some of Mrs McGuffie's achievements in her time at Our Lady's. Some are mentioned above but there are also the raising of standards with a bespoke broad, balanced and rich curriculum, RE provision and successful inspections, provision for children's well-being with the Prayer Garden and the Nurture Room, outdoor learning including Forest Schools; seeing the school through a pandemic and lingering issues; the steady improvement of the school over the years and the fact that all pupils achieve well. She has ensured that she always gets value for money, raising funds for worthy causes such as CAFOD, the Widnes Food Bank and the Royal British Legion; earning the respect and praise from trusted agencies like the Archdiocese, School Improvement Partners, other headteachers with whom she has worked alongside, staff, governors and the school community. We will miss Mrs McGuffie greatly and thank her for her dedication and love for our school - her number one priority was always to care for the children and keep them safe.

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There is so much to look forward to with the arrival of Miss Nutall. She is looking forward to being part of the school community and is keen to continue the good work of Mrs McGuffie and her staff and I am sure you will all wish her well. The legacy of Mrs McGuffie is that she leaves the school in a stronger position than ever and Miss Nutall will be able to build upon this further with continuous improvements to meet the needs of the whole school community.

We said hello to Father Peter Ross, our new parish link priest who has been invaluable with his school visits, services and his governing governor role and also to Mrs Campbell, a new teaching assistant and we also said goodbye to Miss Valdez and Mrs Holian. A huge thank you to them.

Finally, I (Susan Williams) am also retiring as a school governor after 20 years. It will be such a wrench to leave and will miss the school very much as it has been a big part of my life having been proud to have served on the governing body at Our Lady's.

Thank you to all the staff for the hard work and dedication as always they do their best for the children. They care so much and devote themselves to providing for the school community. We especially thank Mrs Heston for her dedication to her roles as Acting Head, Deputy Head and SENDCO and who has helped provide continuity and a phased retirement for Mrs McGuffie alongside Mrs Hignett and Mr Easby.

We thank you for your support and wish you all a lovely summer break and a chance to recharge with the children coming back in September hopefully greeting Miss Nutall with a big smile, and we wish the Year 6 leavers a fantastic start on the next step of their educational journey.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Susan Williams and Mr Peter Hindley

Co-Chairs of Governors of OLPS

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Boydell's new Pricelist for 2025.



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Our Lady's of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary Price List School May 2025

Uniform	Cost
Summer Poloshirt	£10.00
Knitted Jumper up to 32"	£18.00
Knitted Jumper from 34"	£19.00
Knitted Cardigan up to 32"	£20.00
Knitted Cardigan from 34"	£21.00
Tie	£5.00
PE Tshirt	£6.00
PE shorts	£6.00
Book bag	£10.00
20 x Iron on Name Labels	£4.00
Generic PE Bag	£5.00



School uniform is available all year round.

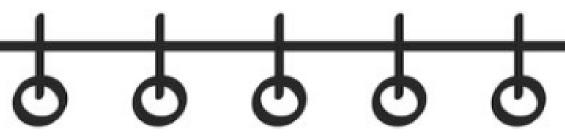
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Shop Opening Times Monday to Friday - 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday - 9am to 12noon

AUGUST LONGER OPENING HOURS

Saturday 9am to 5pm Sunday 10am to 4pm 10am to 4pm August Bank Holiday



Upcoming Events/School Calander		
July		

July				
18th July	School Closed at 1:30pm			
September				
1st September	School Inset Day			
2nd September	School Inset Day			
3rd September	School reopens for Children after summer break.			
October				
3rd October	Harvest Festival Y1			
6th October	School Photographer			
17th October	Live Simply Award Presentation			
23rd October	School Closes for half termat 3:15pm			
24th October School Inset Day				
	November			
3rd November	School Reopens for Children after half term			
	Parents Evening			
4th November	Parents Evening			
7th November	Yr2 Remembrance Assembly			
December				
9th December	Infant Nativity Play at 10am, 2pm and 6pm			
17th December	School trip to Brindley to watch 'Cinderella' at 10am			
19th December	Carol Service at 9am			
	School closes for Christmas break at 3:15pm			

Please keep a check on the school website's calendar for upcoming events at school during the year. This will be updated on a regular basis.



Year 6 Goodbye

To all our wonderful Year 6 class, We wish you the very best of luck and all our warmest wishes as you begin your exciting new journey into high school. You are ready for this next chapter. We can't wait to hear about all the amazing things you'll do.

Reach for the stars Goodbye and good luck, Year 6.

All the Teachers and Staff

A fond farewell....

And so, the final word is to say a fond farewell to Mrs McGuffie who today is leaving us to begin her well-earned retirement!

We are so grateful for the years of service that Mrs McGuffie has given to Our Lady's. We wish her a wonderful retirement filled with joy.

You will be missed!



