



OLA NEWS



4 September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Governors,

Welcome Back

It has been fantastic to be able to welcome all of the children back to OLA this week. It is amazing to see how much they have grown and matured! I have been especially delighted with how enthusiastically all the children have returned and it has been lovely to see them socialising with their friends again.

It has also been great to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children to their 'stay and play' sessions this week. The children have enjoyed getting to know their new classrooms and making new friends.

I am aware that for some families the return to school has been an anxious time but I would like to reassure you that we following all the current guidance to ensure that school is as safe a place as possible.

Remote Learning Survey

As a school we are keen to know how families have found the challenge of home learning so we are gathering the views of parents, carers and pupils.

We are inviting parents and carers to complete a short survey via this [link](#). We will also be gathering the views of pupils in school.

If school is forced to close to some or all pupils for a period of time in the future, your responses will help us to plan how we can deliver home learning effectively.

Please take the time to complete the survey as your feedback is very important to us.

All responses will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Prayer for A New School Year

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for
the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children
as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers
and staff. Give them strength and
grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Updated Drop-off and Pick-up times

We have been pleased with how quickly and efficiently all the children have been dropped off and picked up each day and, to avoid parents and carers waiting for longer than they need to, we have reviewed the drop-off and pick-up times. The new times below will apply from Monday 7th September.

	Drop-off	Pick-up
Year 1 and Year 2	8.55am	3pm
Year 3 and Year 4	9.05am	3.10pm
Year 5 and Year 6	9.15am	3.20pm

From Monday 14th September, the revised times for Reception will be:

	Drop-off	Pick-up
Reception	8.40am	3pm

Siblings will continue to be dropped off and pick up at your earliest slot.

Travelling to School

I have started the school year as I mean to go on by cycling to work and I am encouraging more families to follow my example by walking, cycling or scooting to school. There are so many benefits to walking, cycling and scooting more regularly to school. It will reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates and help your child's mental and physical health. Teachers also find that pupils who walk and cycle arrive at school more relaxed, alert and ready to start the day than those who travel by car. It also reduces the risk of Covid transmission.

Staff Changes



As you are probably aware we said goodbye to Mrs Whewell, Miss McKelvie, Mr Shale and Mr Clarke at the end of the Summer term. This term we are happy to welcome Mrs Horn who will join OLA as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. We are delighted that she has joined the OLA team.

Wraparound

There are a few limited spaces available in the before and after school sessions. Please contact the school office if you are interested in a place.

After School Clubs

We will be running after school clubs from w/c 14 September. A sign-up sheet will be sent out next week.

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Lunch Orders

We are trialling a new lunch order system via our texting system T2P. Moving forward you will receive a text message on a Wednesday asking you to select your child's lunch choice for the following week. Please complete on receipt. If you do not respond it will mean, we are unable to add your child's lunch order to the system. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Face Masks

Current government guidance is that children in nurseries and primary schools do not need to wear a face covering. If, however, you do choose to send your child into school with a face mask we ask that you send in a small plastic bag to put it.

School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased through Eduspot again, once the order has been received by the office the uniform will be sent home with your child.

Children's Boot Fund

The Boot Fund application forms are available from the school office for those parents who are receiving certain benefits. Application forms need to be returned by Friday 18 September.

First Holy Communion

The following dates have been set for the First Holy Communion for those children who were unable to make it this year: Saturday 3rd October and Saturday 10th October. A letter will be sent home with more important information. Please check your child's school bag! The letter will also be available on the website.

Nursery

We still have places available in Nursery. If you have any friends or family who have children that are eligible to join Nursery now or who will turn three this year, please encourage them to contact the school.

Music Appreciation

w/c 7 September: John Williams

John Towner Williams (born 8 February 1932), is an American composer, conductor, pianist and trombonist. Regarded by many as the greatest film composer of all time, he has composed some of the most popular, recognisable, and critically acclaimed film scores in cinematic history in a career spanning over six decades including Star Wars, Harry Potter and E.T.

Mass Times

Saturday: 4.30pm at OLA; 6pm at SJV

Sunday: 9.30am at SJV; 11am at OLA

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