



OLA NEWS



4 December 2020

Dear Parent and Carers,

<u>Stars of the Week!</u>	
Reception	Kwame
Year 1	Jessica
Year 2	Ephraim
Year 3	Darcie
Year 4	Lily-Skye
Year 5	Tia-Amelia
Year 6	Ethan



<u>Attendance</u>	
Reception	98.1%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	90.5%
Year 6	99.6%

Advent

We are now in the season of Advent: a time of expectation and longing. The word 'Advent' means 'arrival' and during Advent we are awaiting the joyful arrival of Jesus into our lives. It is a getting ready time, a time of preparation and spiritual renewal.

*Lord Jesus, we eagerly await your coming
come, and let your light shine through us
so that through our actions
we may be salt for the earth,
a light in people's sight
and that we might reach out to you
in one another,
especially those in need.
Amen.*



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This Week's Highlights

Reception

This week Reception Class have been learning about postal workers and how they help us. We opened our 'Christmas Post Office' role-play area and had fun decorating our Christmas tree. In R.E we have been thinking about Advent and talking about ways that we can prepare for Jesus' birthday.

Year 1

Year 1 have worked so hard in Maths and English this week; Miss Punch and Mrs Sloan are so very proud of them! In PE, we have been learning ball skills. We know how to kick a ball with the inside of our foot and how to stop the ball with our soles. Our favourite part of the week was decorating the classroom for Christmas and listening to classic Christmas songs.

Year 2

This week Year 2 have been learning about poetry in English. In Maths we have started understanding multiplication. We are also being busy preparing for the Nativity singing songs and learning our lines.

Year 3

We begin Advent this week with making our Advent promises and writing prayers of hope, peace, joy and love in Year 3 RE. We also discussed what if Mary had said 'No' and the children came up with really good thoughts on this from 'there would be no Christmas or Easter' to there would be 'No Saviour'. We decided we were very glad Mary said 'Yes' to the Angel Gabrielle. Our Ukulele playing goes from strength to strength and we are preparing a short Christmas concert which will hopefully be uploaded to dojo or twitter.

Year 4

Year 4 have been learning a lot about perimeters, rectilinear shapes and how to draw a rectilinear shape to specified measurements with careful use of a ruler. In RE, Year 4, have been learning about the Family Tree of Jesus and discussing how many names they know from his linear of ancestry and in English the children have written a synopsis of the poem 'Overheard on a Saltmarsh'.

Year 5

In Year 5 this week we have been writing fantastic descriptions about Diagon Alley in English, we have learnt how to calculate the area of a shape in maths and we have begun our unit about Advent in RE. The children discussed about how they would feel if they were Zechariah and wrote some brilliant reflections.

Year 6

Year 6 have been using their Science skills to make their own air raid sirens. The children had to make their own circuit with working lights and buzzers, as well as make their own box to display it in.

Altar Servers

Would your child like to train to become an altar server? If so, and they have made their First Holy Communion, please let their teacher know that you are happy for us to pass on their name to the Parish Secretary. Father Sebastian is inviting all interested children to attend the 4.30pm mass on Boxing Day at

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OLA where he will welcome any new children. In the spring, your child will then begin training to serve. This is a wonderful opportunity for some of our pupils to become more involved in the parish and to grow in their faith.

Extra Clothing

In order to reduce the transmission of the virus, we are making sure that all our classrooms are well ventilated. You may wish to send your child in with an extra layer of clothing to keep them warm during the colder weather. This could be a fleecy top or jumper, sports skins or even an extra pair of socks! If you find that providing extra clothing is difficult for you, please do not hesitate to contact the school for support.

Reception – September 2021

The closing date for making an application for a Reception place in September 2021 is **15 January 2021**. Applications can be made via the Parent Portal on the Coventry City Council website.

https://emsonline.lea.coventry.sch.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will resume after Christmas.

Royal Mint Competition

A huge well done to Scarlett in Year 5 and Sara in Year 6 who were the winners of the Royal Mint Competition. Well done to the runners up, Alex in Year 5 and Ellie Mae in Year 6.

Food Bank

Many thanks for the foodbank donations we have received so far. Our Mini Vinnies will continue to organise the collection of food for the foodbank in the run up to Christmas. If you are able to donate non-perishable goods they will be gratefully received. Please send in your donations before Friday 11th December. This will give us time to quarantine the donations before passing onto the foodbank

Tier 3

As you are already aware Coventry has been placed into Tier 3 on 2 December 2020 following the second lockdown. Please adhere to the alert level rules.

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TIER 3
VERY HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY No mixing of households indoors, or most outdoor places, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six in some outdoor public spaces (e.g. parks, public gardens).	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS Hospitality is closed, with the exception of sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.	RETAIL Open.	WORK AND BUSINESS Everyone who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.	INDOOR LEISURE Open. Group activities and classes should not take place.	ACCOMMODATION Closed (with limited exceptions)	PERSONAL CARE Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS We advise against overnight stays other than with household or support bubble.	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS 15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships and wakes; 30 for funerals. Wedding receptions not permitted.	ENTERTAINMENT Indoor venues closed.	PLACES OF WORSHIP Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING Avoid travelling outside your area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply. Reduce the number of journeys where possible. Plan ahead and avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble.	EXERCISE Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but people should avoid higher-risk contact activity. Group exercise activities and sports indoors should not take place, unless with your household or bubble. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.	RESIDENTIAL CARE COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/nighttime visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	LARGE EVENTS Events should not take place. Drive-in events permitted.

Find out what support you can get
 For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.
gov.uk/coronavirus

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:
 A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
 A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste
Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be inviting children to come to school wearing their Christmas Jumper on Friday 11 December to raise money for Save the Children. We are asking for a £1 donation per child, payment can be made via School Money.

Design a Christmas Jumper Competition

Thank you for all the fantastic entries for the Christmas Jumper Competition. The winners will be announced on Christmas Jumper Day, Friday 11 December.

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Christmas Advent Calendar



Studybugs

Please can parents and carers download the Studybugs app to report your child's absence.

https://studybugs.com/schools/_/help/telling

Studybugs enables you to quickly report your child's absence so school is notified straight away.

Daily Mile

Congratulations to Year 3 who are this week's Daily Mile Champions. **Well done Year 3!**

Remote Learning

If your child has to stay at home for reasons related to coronavirus, we will do everything we can to ensure access to quality teaching resources. We have put a number of things in place, depending on the reason why your child is not able to come into school.

The expectation is that your child will engage with the remote learning that is set for them. Please follow the link below with further details.

<https://ourlady.coventry.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/Remote-Learning-Plan.pdf>

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Class Dojo

Class Dojo is the main way in which teachers communicate to parents on a day-to-day basis. It is a quick and easy way for parents to ask questions and get a quick response. Also, teachers can let you know how your child is getting on and share their work with you. If you have not already signed up, please do so. This will avoid you missing important updates that are just for your child. If you have already signed up, please make sure your notifications are turned on. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

PTA NEWS

Thank you to all our School Lottery supporters! We are still 17 tickets away from our 50 ticket goal **REMEMBER** once we reach our 50 ticket goal we will achieve our target of raising **£1,040** per year! Currently we are projected to raise £686.

HELP! spread the word! Once ticket sales increase the guaranteed jackpot will also increase PLUS with usual fundraising events this is our only way of raising much needed funds for the PTA and ultimately for the pupils of OLA! During this challenging time we hope that you can continue to help us raise funds.

School Lottery

Next draw date: 5 December 2020

£25,000.00 JACKPOT and £9.90 Guaranteed Prize to 1 OLA supporter

Big congratulations to our latest School Lottery guaranteed prize winner who won £9.90 - remember this will increase with an increase in ticket sales!



WIN A Nintendo Switch Mega Bundle

This term there is an additional HUGE prize. Support our school lottery before 19th December 2020 and you'll automatically be entered into a draw to win a *mahoosive* **Nintendo Switch Mega Bundle** containing:

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- Nintendo Switch Console Neon
- Mario Kart Home Circuit DOUBLE PACK
- Nintendo Switch case and accessories
- Mario and Luigi hats
- Minecraft and Lego Marvel Heroes 2 games

Good Luck! Terms and conditions apply

Future Fundraising

This year is very different in many ways, not least of all fundraising opportunities for small schools such as OLA, if you have any suggestions/ideas please feel free to contact the PTA/school (details below) to discuss! Remember as parents/grandparents of the pupils we are all part of the PTA.

PTA Facebook Group

This is a friendly group, please feel free to join - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OurLadyOfTheAssumptionPTA/> you will be asked your child's name and year group to confirm you are eligible for membership, please answer these so that approval can be granted to the group.

Contacting the PTA; via Facebook, email – pta@ourlady.coventry.sch.uk

Lunch Orders

Please continue to complete your child's lunch order weekly via our texting system T2P. The text messages will be sent **every Tuesday**; please ensure you respond with your child's lunch choice for the following week. The school orders food based on your selections and therefore if you do not respond it will mean we will contact you requesting you to provide a packed lunch for your child.

If you select the 'packed lunch' option, it means **YOU** are providing the packed lunch as we do not provide them at school. If you order a school lunch and then send your child in with a packed lunch you will be charged for the school meal.

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Drop-off and Pick-up times

	Drop-off	Pick-up
Reception	8.40am	3pm
Year 1 & Year 2	8.55am	3pm
Year 3 & Year 4	9.05am	3.10pm
Year 5 & Year 6	9.15am	3.20pm

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

School Uniform

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

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

CHRISTMAS HITS

w/c 7 December

All I want for Christmas is you – Mariah Carey

Last Christmas – Wham

Feliz Navidad – Michael Buble



Mass Times

Saturday: 4.30pm at OLA; 6pm at SJV

Sunday: 9.30am at SJV; 11am at OLA

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Foodbank

"The foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline."

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis.

Our local foodbanks are:

St Oswalds Foodbank

St Oswalds Church

Jardine Crescent

CV4 9PL

Opening Times – Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00

Thursday 10.00 – 12.00

Canley Family Centre

45 Glebe Close

Canley

CV4 8DJ

Opening Times – Saturday 11.00 – 13.00

If you are worried about accessing the foodbank, please contact the school and speak to Mrs Lucas.

Anyone can reach crisis point and we are here to help.

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Looking for before or after school care?
Or holiday care?



Little Flowertots offers both!

Here at Little Flowertots we are open from 7.45am – 6pm.

We are located in the shops at Nickson Road, a short walk from the school and can take or pick your child up. We offer breakfast in the morning and a snack for tea in the evening, if staying after 4pm. All of our highly motivated staff are qualified and DBS checked. Our most recent Ofsted rating was 'Good'.

Our holiday club offers fun, age appropriate, activities that cater to the children's interests. When planning activities for the holidays we ask the children for their input to make sure it's both stimulating and fun.

For more information phone...

02476 460644

As a special offer we will match the price that you currently pay for your child's before and after school sessions.

Holiday club prices vary.

Little Flowertots Daycare, 28-30 Nickson Road, Coventry, CV4 9RU. 02476 460644.

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EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME

FAQS

1. What is the EU Settlement Scheme?

- The UK Scheme to **help EU/EEA citizens** and family members to **secure their right to stay in the UK and access to benefits, healthcare and pensions**

2. Who should apply?

- All **EU/EEA citizens** apart from Irish nationals and those who have acquired British Citizenship (unless applying on behalf of family members)
- **Adults** may need to **apply on behalf of children, family members or carers**
- Family members include spouse, civil partner, partner, child, grandchild or great-grandchild, dependent parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, dependent relative
- EU/EEA citizens with permanent residence. EEA citizens who were previously granted Indefinite Leave to Remain don't have to apply, but may wish to do so as proof of residence
- See **full list of nationalities** on **page 2**

3. Why apply?

- **New rules will apply to all EEA nationals who arrive in the UK on or after 1 January 2021**
- All **EEA nationals in the UK** before 1 January 2021 **must apply before 30 June 2021** to **ensure** that they **remain** in the **UK lawfully**

4. How long do I have to apply?

- The EU Settlement Scheme closes **30 June 2021**

5. What is the process to apply? What do I need?

- There are only **3 requirements**:
 1. **Proof of identity** and nationality (passport, ID card, residence card/permit etc.)
 2. **Proof of length of residency** in UK (address, National Insurance number, bank statement, P60/P45, bills etc.)
 3. Undergo a **criminality check**

6. How can I access support and advice?

- There is **FREE, independent and confidential support** available to **anyone**. This includes:
 - i. Application support and advice
 - ii. Document retrieval, evidencing residency etc.
 - iii. Support in accessing services
 - iv. Free legal advice
 - v. Information sessions
 - vi. Digital support

Email **CoventryEUSS@coventry.gov.uk**
or call **07507 726 526** on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**



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














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	CZECH REPUBLIC		N	NETHERLANDS	
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