

Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School



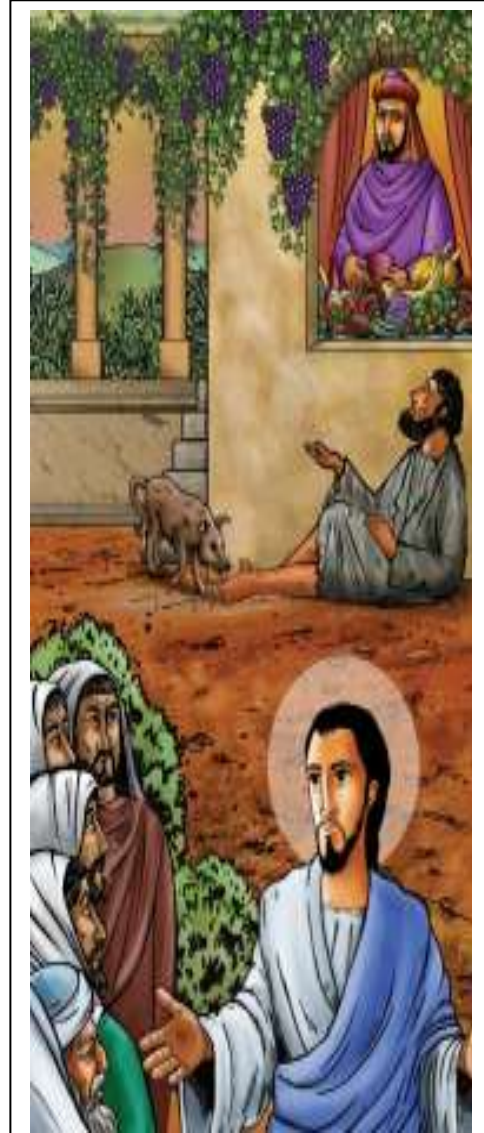
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This Sunday's Gospel

Taken from the Gospel for 25th September 2022

(Luke 16:19-31):

The Rich Man and Lazarus Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, 'Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' 'My son,' Abraham replied, 'remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours.' The rich man replied, 'Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too.' 'They have Moses and the prophets,' said Abraham, 'let them listen to them.' 'Ah no, father Abraham,' said the rich man, 'but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.' Then Abraham said to him, 'If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"



Gospel Reflection

In this Sunday's Gospel we read about poor Lazarus, suffering at the rich man's gate - and the rich man does nothing to help him. It's easy for us to become so caught up in the busyness of life that we don't even notice the needs of others or, worse still, ignore them. But Jesus repeatedly teaches us about fairness, sharing and kindness to others, particularly to the poor.

Pope Francis reminds us that "A simple lifestyle is good for us, helping us to better share with those in need." The question of a successful life is "How did I use what God had given me to help others?" So, let's not put off until tomorrow the good that we can do today. Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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A Warm Welcome

This week it was the turn of our nursery children to start at OLW school. It is such a joy and privilege to have children of nursery age here at OLW, they add so much to our community.

Happy's Circus

Happy's Circus was a huge success again this year bringing fun and laughter to not only the children but to all the adults as well! It was wonderful to see the children so excited and happy. Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the evening and a very special thank you to members of the Parents Association for organising and helping out at the event.



School Council

Over the first few weeks of term, each class (Year 1-6) have held an election to choose their new school councillor. Our school council meets every month where they discuss a variety of topics, including their suggestions on how we can be a better school. The children take meetings very seriously and do not always agree! Before a decision is taken the children always have a vote. Our school councillors this year are:

Year 1: Nancy and Alice

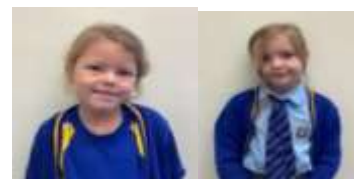
Year 2: Darcy and Arthur

Year 3: Erin and Joseph

Year 4: Wyatt and Isla

Year 5: Christy and Georgie

Year 6: Layla and May



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Attendance

It is essential that children regularly attend school, poor attendance has a serious and long lasting impact on your child. To promote and encourage good attendance we publish weekly attendance figures.

Reception	Red Group 97.0%	Blue Group 97.6%
Year 1	Class 1C 91.9%	Class 1Y 95.7%
Year 2	Class 2F 99.0%	Class 2CS 95.3%
Year 3	Class 3M 98.5%	Class 3TS 99.5%
Year 4	Class 4C 99.5%	Class 4L 99.1%
Year 5	Class 5E 91.3%	Class 5P 94.6%
Year 6	Class 6O 96.9%	Class 6W 95.5%

Overall attendance for this week is 96.3%. Well done this week to Class 3TS and Class 4C with an attendance figure of 99.5%

Coffee Morning

Want to meet some other parents and make some new friends? We have arranged a coffee morning for parents on **Wednesday 28th September** between 9:00am and 10:00am in the Scout Centre. You are all most welcome



Job Vacancies in School

We currently have the following Lunchtime Supervisor roles available in school:

2 x 10 hours
1 x 7.5 hours

Please contact the school office for further details.

School Lunches

Please see attachment for lunch menu next week. (Back to Week 1)

Brain Teaser

Last week's brainteaser:

What makes the number 8,549,176,320 special?

Answer:

It has each number, zero through nine, listed in alphabetical order.

This week's brainteaser:

A sundial has the fewest moving parts of any timepiece. Which has the most?



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School Gate

Please may we politely ask parents not to stand directly in front of the school gates. This is to ensure that staff can easily see children entering the school playground. Also once children enter the playground, they are not permitted to go back through the school gate.

200 Club

There is still an opportunity to join 200 Club. Attached to this week's newsletter is information regarding the 200 Club. It costs £30 to enter (you can pay for the year or termly) and there is a £100 prize draw every half term. Please do consider entering and perhaps encourage friends and family to buy a number too!

School Clubs

The majority of our school clubs start again next week. These clubs are provided by Our Lady of the Wayside staff at no cost to parents. Clubs change throughout the year and by the end of the school year every child (Reception to Year 6) will have had the opportunity to join at least one club. Clubs starting next week include:

- **Chess Club** (Monday, 8:30am for Year 5 and Year 6 children)
- **Badminton Club** (Friday, 7:50am for Year 6 pupils)
- **Netball Club** (Monday, 3:30pm to 4:15pm for Year 6 pupils)
- **School Choir** (Wednesday, 8:30am for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils)
- **Basketball Club** (Monday, 8:00am for Year 5 pupils)
- **Movers & Shakers Club Year 1** (8:00am, Tuesday and Wednesday)
- **Movers & Shakers Club Year 2** (3:30pm to 3:45pm Tuesday and Wednesday)
- **Movers & Shakers Club Year 3** (8:00am or 3:30pm, Thursday)

Personal Best Challenge

From Monday, we restart our Personal Best Challenge for children in Years 3-6. Our Personal Best Challenge is led by Mr Staley, Our Lady of the Wayside's PE and Sports Coach. There are some changes to this year's Personal Best Challenge. Children will be challenged, each week, to set a personal best in just one activity using an activity chosen by Mr Staley to promote stamina and fitness. We hope children enjoy this term's Personal Best Challenge.

Sharing Achievement Information

Attached to this week's newsletter are details of how we will share your child's ongoing achievement information. Please do take a few moments to read this for the changes are significant. This information has also been emailed via ParentPay. Thank you.

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School Association News

The School Association are running their Christmas Card Project which they are undertaking in partnership with Art Projects for Schools Ltd (APFS). If you have not taken part before, the process is simple, and more importantly recognises and celebrates your child's creative effort. They are great to send to family and friends. At the end of the term, APFS also send the school a cheque to go towards the School Association fundraising. For further details, please see the attached letter and poster. Children will bring home stickers with QR codes today to attach to their artwork.

Mass Times at OLW Church

Saturday evening Vigil Mass for Sunday

5.30pm Evening Mass

Sunday Mass

10:00am

Children's Liturgy runs every Sunday at 10am Mass during term time. If you would like to be involved or have any questions, please contact Anna. (annaperfect13@gmail.com).

Reminders for this week:

Mass

Upper Phase will celebrate Mass with Our Lady of the Wayside Parish on Tuesday 27th September. Mass starts at 10:00am; you are all most welcome. Our new Mini Vinnies will be enrolled at this mass.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Meeting

On Thursday 29th September there is a meeting in OLW Church at 3:45pm for parents of Y3 children preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

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Diary Dates – Autumn 2022 Term

Please find below a list of diary dates for this term. Our apologies for the delay in adding to the school calendar.

- 27th September, 10:00am - Upper Phase Mass with enrolment of our new Mini Vinnies
- 28th September, 9:00am - Parent coffee morning
- 29th September, 3:45pm - Year 3 First Holy Communion Meeting in Church
- 30th September - Year 6 rock climbing programme commences
- 4th October, 10:00am - Lower Phase Mass
- 4th October, 3:30pm - School Association meeting and AGM
- 6th October, 3:00pm - Year 5 Alton Castle meeting for parents
- 8th October, 5:30pm - Year 4 Family Mass with OLW Parish
- 11th October, all day - Year 5 to Big Pit - National Coal Museum in South Wales
- 11th October, 10:00am - Middle Phase Mass
- 14th October, 2:45pm - One World Liturgy in OLW Church
- 14th October - Pupil Report Card 1 issued
- 18th October, 10:00am - Upper Phase Mass
- 19th October to 21st October - Year 5 residential retreat at Alton Castle
- 21st October, all day - School Association non-uniform day
- 31st October - INSET day
- 1st November, 10:00am - Whole School Mass
- 2nd November, 3:45pm - All Souls Liturgy
- 3rd November - school photos
- 10th November, 5:00pm - First Holy Communion Family Session 1
- 12th November, 5:30pm - First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass
- 15th November, 10:00am - Middle Phase Mass
- 22nd November, 10:00am - Upper Phase Mass
- 29th November, 10:00am - Lower Phase Mass
- 2nd December, 2:45pm - Advent liturgy led by Year 6
- 3rd December, 5:30pm - Year 5 Family Mass with OLW Parish
- 6th December, 10:00am - Middle Phase Mass
- 7th December - NHS weight and height checks for Reception and Year 6 children
- 9th December, 2:45pm - Advent liturgy led by Year 5
- 12th December, 9:45am - Year 3 Nativity of Jesus
- 12th December, 2:00pm - Year 4 Nativity of Jesus
- 13th December, 9:45am - Nursery Nativity of Jesus
- 13th December, 2:00pm - Reception Nativity of Jesus
- 14th December, 9:45am - Year 2 Nativity of Jesus
- 14th December, 2:00pm - Year 1 Nativity of Jesus
- 15th December - Christmas boutique
- 15th December - Christmas parties
- 16th December, all day - School Association non-uniform day

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Information Received this Week

Please find below information received this week which may be of interest to you. In addition items are attached with this newsletter. We do not endorse external clubs or businesses, but as part of our commitment to extended provision we signpost opportunities. Additional details can be found at the front of the school office or by contacting the organisation directly.

St Augustine's Musical Theatre Company are holding a Nearly New Sale with tea and refreshments on 1 October 2pm - 4pm in the Parish Hall of Our Lady of the Wayside (behind church). Entry is free