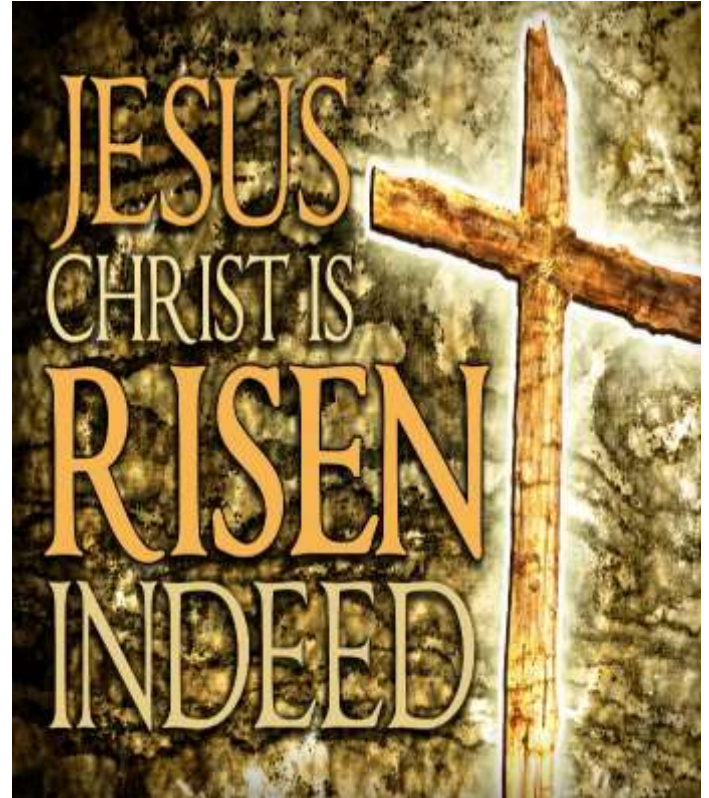


## Latest School News

### Our Catholic Faith Eastertide

In the liturgical year while Lent lasts for forty days, Eastertide lasts for fifty. During Eastertide the new life that Jesus won for us, and what it now makes possible, are presented for our contemplation. We hear the accounts of the resurrection appearances but we also hear of the transformative effect these encounters had on the disciples. As we go through Eastertide the Sunday liturgy makes clear to us what the resurrection means. As we celebrate the feasts of the saints during this period we are also made aware that their strength and power comes from the resurrection. They were faithful to the risen Lord and filled with his life. Let us pray that as we journey through Eastertide we may become more aware of what the resurrection means for us in our lives today.



### Lenten Fun Day

Before Easter we held our annual Lenten Fun Day, a day where children from Year 5 and Year 6 arranged their own stalls in support of a particular charity. This year we chose to support St Mary's Educational Trust in India. A special thank you to the children who put so much effort and time into preparing some great stalls and our thanks to parents for supporting their children.

Thank you for all your generosity for all our Lenten fundraising events. We can now confirm the amounts raised:  
Lenten Fun Day (in support of St Mary's Educational Trust in India): £995.60  
Good Shepherd Appeal Odd Hair Day (in support of Fr Hudson's Care): £743.64



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## Term Dates for Next Year

We are now able to confirm term dates for the academic year 2023-2024 and all INSET days:

### Autumn Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 4th September 2023  
Half Term: Monday 30th October 2023 to  
Friday 3rd November 2023  
Term Ends: Friday 22nd December 2023

### Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th January 2024  
Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 to  
Friday 16th February 2024  
Term Ends: Friday 22nd March 2024

### Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8th April 2024  
(May Day: Monday 6th May 2024)  
Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday  
31st May 2024  
Term Ends: Monday 22nd July 2024

### 2023-2024 INSET Days:

Day 1: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Day 2: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Day 3: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
Day 4: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Day 5: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

## School Association Update

The School Association are holding a pre-loved school uniform sale after school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Please hold the date..... this year's School Association Summer Fair will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 3:30pm to 6:00pm.

## School Vacancies

We have a number of vacancies for roles in school commencing September 2023:

Headteacher  
Nursery Teacher  
EYFS Teacher  
KS2 Class Teacher

We would like to reassure you that there are specific reasons for each vacancy and these vacancies are not due to a large group of staff leaving.

Further details, including information on how to apply, can be found on Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC's website -

<https://www.olaas.co.uk/headteacher-our-lady-of-the-wayside/>

## Young Performers

Well done to Holly and Sophie in Year 5 who performed in a dance on the stage of the Alexander theatre on Wednesday night in the opera, Aida. What a wonderful achievement at such a young age. We are very proud of them.



## School Communication Update

Thank you for sharing your views and suggestions on how we communicate with you as a school. Below are the outcomes of our parent survey. We will be using these outcomes to assist us in writing a new Communication Policy. We plan to share this early June.

Communication Outcomes:

Q1 - OLW should continue to use their Twitter account to share and celebrate school life.

Strongly agree	21
Agree	12
No opinion	2
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	1

Q2 - OLW should continue to write a weekly school newsletter.

Strongly agree	15
Agree	17
No opinion	3
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	1

Q3 - My preferred communication tool is emails via ParentPay.

Strongly agree	13
Agree	12
No opinion	5
Disagree	5
Strongly disagree	2

Q4 - My preferred communication tool is messages via the Marvellous Me app.

Strongly agree	16
Agree	8
No opinion	6
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	3

## Keeping Children Safe (Safeguarding)

Here at Our Lady of the Wayside we have a dedicated safeguarding team, a team of Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). Our DSL team consists of:

- Mr Taylor
- Mrs Ashcroft
- Mrs Lloyd
- Mrs Compton

**Have a concern about a child?** Please contact our DSL team. Alternatively, you can discuss your concerns for a child with Solihull Children's Social Work Services by calling the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0121 788 4300.

If you need to report concerns out of office hours then please contact the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0121 605 6060. If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the emergency services on 999. Alternatively you can contact the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000.

## Industrial Strike Action Update

Following on from previous industrial action, the National Education Union has announced further strike action on the 27<sup>th</sup> April and the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We can confirm that Our Lady of the Wayside remains unaffected by this action and **all classes are open for all pupils on the 27<sup>th</sup> April and 2<sup>nd</sup> May.**

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## School Website

During the Easter holiday, we updated our school website removing outdated information and adding lots of new information, including additional information about our school curriculum. If you have a moment, please do have a look at our website. Don't forget to check the school calendar for forthcoming events.

<https://www.ol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk/>

## Mrs Haines News

We are delighted to report that Mrs Haines (Reception teacher) gave birth to a daughter - Rosie Joan Haines - earlier this week. Both Rosie and Mum are doing well.

## Mr Taylor's Working Days

Mr Taylor has now started his new role working at St Teresa of Calcutta MAC in Birmingham. His working days at Our Lady of the Wayside are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Ashcroft is Acting Headteacher on a Monday and a Tuesday. Mr Taylor will be leaving Our Lady of the Wayside at the end of this term.

## Pupil Review Meetings

Next week we have pupil review meetings cycle four. Pupil report cards are available from tonight; please talk to your child about their pupil report card.

## Summer Uniform

As we begin the summer term and the weather improves (hopefully!), all children are now allowed to wear their summer school uniform. Please click on the link below to find further details.

<https://www.ol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

We would please, please ask that you adhere to our uniform policy. Please talk to us if you are unsure about any aspect of school uniform. Thank you.

## Sacrament of First Holy Communion

On 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May, children in Year 3 will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will be sending out information to parents next week about final arrangements. Please keep all the children and families in your prayers.

## The week ahead...

There are a number of events/trips planned for next week. These include:

Tuesday - Y5 Maths Challenge -at St Augustine's School

Wednesday - Catholic Cup Netball Competition at Birmingham University.

Wednesday - Y2 trip to Birmingham Central Mosque

Wednesday at 10am - Start of term Mass. You are all most welcome to join us.



## Brain Teaser

### Brainteaser on our last newsletter:

You want to boil a two-minute egg. If you only have a three-minute timer (hourglass), a four-minute timer, and a five-minute timer, how can you boil the egg for only two minutes?

### Answer:

Once the water is boiling, turn the three-minute timer and five-minute timer over. When the three-minute timer runs out, put the egg in the boiling water. When the five-minute timer runs out, two minutes have elapsed and it is time to take the egg out of the water. You don't need the four-minute timer for this riddle.

### This week's brainteaser:

How many plums?

A farmer in California owns a beautiful pear tree. He supplies the fruit to a nearby grocery store. The store owner has called the farmer to see how much fruit is available for him to purchase. The farmer knows that the main trunk has 24 branches. Each branch has exactly 12 boughs and each bough has exactly 6 twigs. Since each twig bears one piece of fruit, how many plums will the farmer be able to deliver?



## Sporting News



Well done to our Y6 girls' football team who made it to the final of the Catholic Cup on Thursday evening. They won all 4 games and the semi-final to secure a place in the final but lost 1:0 against Knowle. Special mention to Gracie P for a fantastic penalty save.

## 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 88.3%	Blue Group 96.3%
Year 1	Class 1C 93.4%	Class 1Y 98.0%
Year 2	Class 2F 96%	Class 2CS 99.3%
Year 3	Class 3M 92.6%	Class 3TS 93.6%
Year 4	Class 4C 94.6%	Class 4L 97.8%
Year 5	Class 5E 96.0%	Class 5V 93.7%
Year 6	Class 6O 97.5%	Class 6P 98.1%

Overall attendance for this week is 94.1%. Well done this week to Class 2CS with an attendance figure of 99.3%