

# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

DATE: FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2025











Good morning,

This week, we celebrated the first of our house teams and the St Bernadette house team delivered a beautiful reflection to the rest of the school. It was wonderful to see the whole team together. Next week, the rest of the house teams each have a day, where they celebrate their house saints, so please make sure you take a note of what day your child needs to come in wearing their house saint colours.

From next week, there will be a change to the morning routine. Starting on Monday, the teachers will be staying in the classroom at the beginning of the day to support the children in their morning learning tasks. We believe this will help the children with the tasks that they are given. As a result, two TAs will be present on the playground each morning and they will be able to take messages for you and will pass these on to the class teachers. Alternatively, you can email [enquiry@olstrose.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@olstrose.bham.sch.uk) with any question or concerns and these will be passed on to the teachers.



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLASS TEACHERS

CLASS	TEACHERS	THEIR MESSAGE TO YOU
NURSERY 	MRS KHAN, MISS PLANT & MRS MUHSEN	We are now in week 4 of the term! The children have been settling in beautifully, it's wonderful to see them growing in confidence and enjoying their daily activities. As children will be wearing their house colours over the coming weeks, if any parents are unsure of colours, please speak to a member of staff, we'll be happy to help!
RECEPTION 	MRS SHAW & MRS JONES	The children have been working very hard in Reception this week. They have been writing words and sentences about the Story 'Oi Frog'. In our Understanding of the World lesson this week we have been learning about transport used in Antarctica. The children had great fun making dog sleds and icebreaker boats from Lego and junk modelling material. Please remember to bring book bags into school every day and read with your child each night.
YEAR 1 	MISS MURPHY & MISS CASHMORE	What another busy week in school Year 1 have had! We have been enjoying browsing the Book Fair Year and choosing new books to read and enjoy. The children have also started a new topic of Weather in Science and have been learning about the 4 seasons. We have also begun learning about posters and their features during our English lessons and have been exploring different way to add and subtract to 20 during Maths. Well done to all of Year 1-have a wonderful and restful weekend everyone!
YEAR 2 	MISS ELLIOT, MRS BARNETT & MRS YOUSAF	Year 2 have had an exciting week enjoying the book fair and exploring wonderful new books. They also had great fun celebrating St Bernadette's House Day with a special Prayer & Reflection assembly.
YEAR 3 	MR MCNAMARA & MRS DECADES	Well done year 3 on a great week. This foundations focus was on Ancient Egyptian art, even if some of the clay didn't go to plan, they all did a fantastic job. Keep it up!!!!
YEAR 4 	MISS ASHBY, MRS SAMUELS, MRS CARROLL & MRS FINNEGAN	Year 4 have had another wonderful week, and they've thoroughly enjoyed learning about expressionism in their art lessons. We've also been very impressed by their dance moves through their PE lessons. Well done Year 4!
YEAR 5 	MRS HENSMAN, MRS EDGINGTON & MISS HUMPHRIES	Year 5 have had a fantastic week this week in all their subjects. They've loved starting decimals and percentages in Maths and produced wonderful setting descriptions in English. Their enthusiasm for Science was unbelievable and we can see they're going to enjoy their new astronomy topic - although we may need to do our own research to answer their difficult questions!
YEAR 6 	MS ELSBY-ARNOLD, MISS MAPOTHER & MR LAHERT	Year 6 have been working hard on their adverts for Cheerie-on-Sea, delving into our new history topic on The rise and fall of Hitler and learning about the sacraments of confirmation and baptism this week. They are really applying themselves - Well done!
DAILY ACTIVE & AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS	MR READ	Well done to all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm during the daily active sessions and the after-school clubs. We've had to be creative this week, as we haven't had the normal space because of the book club, but you've been brilliant. Please note, the Thursday after school club isn't on next week due to a Handball tournament.

# MISSION STATEMENT LUMINARY

This week, we decided to introduce a very special award. This is a new luminary award that will be determined by the children. Each half term, the children will nominate their 'Mission Statement Luminary' by thinking about which children are shining examples of 'Learning, Living, Loving together in Christ.' As always, the children responded very respectfully and gave some beautiful examples for how they see learning, living, loving in their nominees.



Week	Week 4
Star of the Week Focus	Mission Statement Luminary
NURSERY	Nathanael
RECEPTION	Chloe D
YEAR 1	Tiliya
YEAR 2	Lanaiya
YEAR 3	Savva
YEAR 4	Luke
YEAR 5	Jenilia
YEAR 6	Grace KW



# TIMES TABLES

Times tables provide the foundation for your child's maths learning. Without secure knowledge of them, your child will struggle with multiplications, divisions, fractions and a whole host of other mathematical concepts.

The image here shows how important they are and how frequently they are needed in their Maths lessons, particularly as they move further up the school.

The only way to learn them fluently, is through regular practise.

Please encourage your child to practise their times tables every night using Times Table Rockstars.



**fractions**

- adding and subtracting fractions:  $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{5} = \frac{10}{15} + \frac{12}{15} = \frac{22}{15}$
- comparing and ordering fractions:  $\frac{2}{3} > \frac{4}{5}$
- finding equivalent fractions:  $\frac{10}{15} = \frac{2}{3}$
- simplifying fractions:  $\frac{6}{9} = \frac{2}{3}$
- identifying prime and composite numbers: 7 (prime), 8 (composite), 9 (composite)
- short division:  $\begin{array}{r} 125 \\ 5 \overline{) 625} \\ \underline{5} \phantom{0} \\ 12 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{10} \phantom{0} \\ 20 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{20} \\ 0 \end{array}$
- short and long multiplication:  $\begin{array}{r} 434 \\ \times 7 \\ \hline 3038 \end{array}$
- finding perimeter of regular polygons: pentagon with 4 cm side, perimeter = 20 cm
- Calculating areas of rectangles, triangles and parallelograms:  $9 \text{ cm} \times 4 \text{ cm} = 36 \text{ cm}^2$ ,  $7 \text{ cm} \times 10 \text{ cm} = 70 \text{ cm}^2$ ,  $70 \text{ cm}^2 \div 2 = 35 \text{ cm}^2$ ,  $7 \text{ cm} \times 10 \text{ cm} = 70 \text{ cm}^2$
- calculating volume:  $5 \text{ cm} \times 3 \text{ cm} \times 2 \text{ cm} = 30 \text{ cm}^3$
- using scale factors with shapes and amounts: Shape A has been enlarged by a scale factor of 3. What are Shape B's dimensions?
- using algebraic rules:  $5n - 4$ 

1 <sup>st</sup> term	$5 \times 1 - 4 =$	1
2 <sup>nd</sup> term	$5 \times 2 - 4 =$	6
3 <sup>rd</sup> term	$5 \times 3 - 4 =$	11
4 <sup>th</sup> term	$5 \times 4 - 4 =$	16
- square and cube numbers:  $4^2 = 4 \times 4 = 16$ ,  $4^3 = 4 \times 4 \times 4 = 64$
- Why are times tables useful?
  - A prize is shared in a ratio of 3:4 between Jamie and Dan. If Jamie gets £21, how much will Dan get?
 
$$\begin{array}{r} \times 7 \\ 3 : 4 \\ \hline \text{Jamie Dan} \\ \text{£21: £28} \end{array}$$
  - recipe:
 

2 servings	1 serving	8 servings
400 ml milk	200 ml milk	1,600 ml milk
600 g fruit	300 g fruit	2,400 g fruit
80 g sugar	40 g sugar	320 g sugar

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WEEK 5

DATE	CLASSES	EVENT
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	ST TERESA TEAM	St Teresa House Team Day - all children in this house team should wear 'yellow' to celebrate their house saint.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	ST JOHN PAUL TEAM	St John Paul House Team Day - all children in this house team should wear 'blue' to celebrate their house saint.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	ST OSCAR ROMERO TEAM	St Oscar Romero House Team Day - all children in this house team should wear 'green' to celebrate their house saint.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	WHOLE SCHOOL	One Life Retreat Day to celebrate the Year of Jubilee
	YEAR 4	Year 4 Handball Tournament at The Factory, Longbridge

## FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



WEEK	DATE		EVENT
Spring 1			
6	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February		Online safety workshops
	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February		Mass at 10am in the church* YEAR 2 will lead the readings and prayers (*date and time may be subject to change)
	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February		Children break up for half term at 1.00pm
Spring 2 Week 1			
1	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February		Children return back to school at 8.30am
	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February		YEAR 6 parent workshop @ 8.45am in the hall
	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February		YEAR 5 parent workshop @ 8.45am in the hall
	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February		Parent Tour - 8.45am Come and see what life is like for your child at St Rose. A separate booking link will be sent out via text.
2	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	 	YEAR 4 and YEAR 3 Swimming lessons all week RE Art week -artist in residence to work on an art project.
	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March		Ash Wednesday - Mass at 10am in the church
	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March		World Book Day in school - theme will be given shortly.
3	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March		YEAR 4 and YEAR 3 Swimming lessons all week
	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March		YEAR 2 parent workshop @ 8.45am in the hall
	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March		YEAR 1 parent workshop @ 8.45am in the hall



HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND.

MR CARROLL AND MRS HENSMAN

# OUR FOREST SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Can you help?



Our Forest School needs some new equipment to help us continue our learning!

We are hoping that our amazing families might be able to help us by donating some of the following equipment!

It doesn't need to be new either!

Our goal to Live Simply means we would gladly accept items that you no longer need or would be 'rubbish' to other people!



Forest School

wooden palettes



tarpaulin



brooms



wooden spoons or ladles



rope



plant pots



tyres



rakes



drainpipes and guttering



seeds to plant



TOMATO  
Songold F1  
Thompson & Mot...



Scatter Seeds  
Wildflower Mixture  
Quick & easy to use!

gardening equipment



buckets



If you are able to help, please send in your contributions to Miss Mapother or Mrs Edgington! Each item would gain your child 5 House Points for their efforts as a way of saying 'THANK YOU'!

Maybe you work for a company that might be able to donate similar equipment? We'd be very grateful for any contacts that we might be able to ask for support!