



THE ST ROSE Weekly

Our Lady & St Rose of Lima
Catholic Primary School

Learning, Living, Loving together in Christ



TERM:

Autumn 1

WEEK:

Week 5

DATE:

2nd October 2026

➤ A Little Note from Mrs Hensman

A very happy Friday to you all!

The weather has been kind to us this week and the children have loved being able to play outside, without the fear of rain or being cold. We had the chance to look around the classrooms this week and it was wonderful to see them all so engaged in the lessons and the activities their teachers had planned for them. We're just finishing our fourth week of the new RE curriculum called, 'Discerning Disciples' and it is fascinating hearing the children responding to quite deep and challenging questions throughout the lessons. RE lessons always provide plenty of opportunities to talk and reflect about how we can live like disciples. This links in beautifully to our Mission Statement Luminaries, who were celebrated in our Gifts from God assembly. Out of all the awards, I think this is my favourite as it's the children that choose their winner. Hearing their reasons always brings a smile to my face and warms my heart.

With every blessing,

Mrs Hensman

And finally... Miss Mapother has given you the heads up for 4 different charity events coming up in the remainder of this half term and into next half term, so please take the time to look at it. Have a wonderful weekend.

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This Week at OLSR

We've had a busy week at St Rose, with lots of new topics being taught and clubs starting.

- Children have been learning different poems as part of their English lessons this week, in recognition of National Poetry Day.
- Everyone enjoyed delicious cakes at the Macmillan cake sale last week, including members of the parish who'd now like a bingo session.
- Years 1 and 6 enjoyed their Forest School sessions again, with their final week taking place next week.
- Year 4 gave out prayer cards for the parishioners to take home as part of their Loving mission, a great example of being St Rose Stewards.
- Year 3 were working hard on their School 'Loving Mission' with lots of painting being done.
- Year 5 have become masters of Lego Spike through their Learning Mission and are now experts in coding.
- Nursery enjoyed their first full week in school and have enjoyed playing and learning all about God through their Discerning Disciples lessons.
- Over 180 bronze awards have been given out over the past two weeks for children who have achieved 100 house points in their classrooms. Well done to everyone!

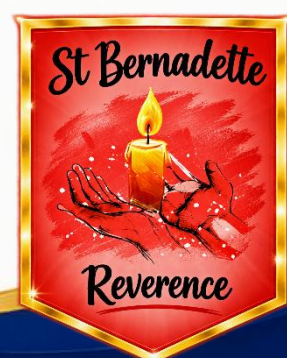
Housepoint Winners



Congratulations

78 children received Bronze awards this week!

Winning House Team for
Week 5



Celebrating Our Children



Each week, we celebrate children for a range of different reasons but with the core understanding that they, in some way, have shone brightly in their classrooms. We celebrate them as part of our 'Gifts from God' assembly.

If your child has been chosen to receive an award, you will be contacted the day before to invite you to our assembly. We look forward to sharing your child's successes with you this year!

Mission Statement Luminaries: This week, the children were given the chance to vote for their Mission Statement Luminaries. They reflect on how the children have shown that they have been learning, living and loving together in Christ. All the children received 'heart' badges to award them for being such kind members of our school. Well done to everyone!

Stars of the Week

★ Nursery ★ Mhalet	★ Reception ★ Tate	★ Year 1 ★ Brave	★ Year 2 ★ Irenosen
★ Year 3 ★ Jesse	★ Year 4 ★ Francis	★ Year 5 ★ Elizabeth	★ Year 6 ★ Luke



Next week, we will be looking for children whose presentation has improved greatly since the beginning of term.

Learning Spotlight



OUR MISSION CURRICULUM

Learning, Living, Loving together in Christ

Our Mission Curriculum gives every child opportunities to **discover their gifts**, develop the **knowledge and skills** they need for life, and use those gifts to **make a positive difference**.



LEARNING MISSION

St Rose Innovators

Curious • Creative • Resilient

We inspire children to be imaginative thinkers who love to learn and are ready to try new things.



LIVING MISSION

St Rose Citizens

Confident • Responsible • Compassionate

We help children build life skills, make wise choices and work together to create a better world.



LOVING MISSION

St Rose Stewards

Faith-filled • Kind • Ready to serve

We nurture children to live out their faith, show kindness, care for others and use their gifts to serve.

OUR FIRST MISSIONS THIS YEAR

Year 1 Learning Mission



The children have been exploring nature, building confidence and learning outdoors through Forest School.

Year 6 Learning Mission



The children have been developing their teamwork, resilience and problem-solving skills through Forest School.

Year 5 Learning Mission



The children have been designing, building and problem-solving with LEGO® Spike, using creativity and teamwork.

Year 2 Living Mission



The children have been learning about how to keep themselves healthy, make positive choices and look after their minds and bodies in our Life Ready Mission 'Healthy Me'.

Year 3 Loving Mission



The children have been working on their **School Steward project**, showing care for our school and helping to make it a clean, beautiful and welcoming place.

Year 4 Loving Mission



The children have been working on their **Parish Steward project**, supporting our parish family and living out their faith through acts of service.

Faith & Mission



This Sunday is the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Gospel is Matthew's Gospel story about the Parable of the Two Sons.



Community & Parish



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Local events for our families

Weoley Castle • Northfield • Selly Oak • and nearby

Sat 3 & Sun 4 Oct
11am – 5pm

Birmingham Open Studios
Explore artists and makers across Birmingham, including Selly Oak and Northfield. A great chance for families to visit creative spaces and see local art in action.

Sat 3 Oct
10am – 5pm

Birmingham WaterFest
A fun day of water-based activities including kayaking, boat races and family activities on the water. Kayaking is drop-in with no booking required. Bellboating places are limited and require advance booking (currently sold out on Eventbrite).

Sun 4 Oct
12pm – 2pm

Great WaterFest Duck Dash
A fun family activity at South Birmingham Paddle Club. Work together on or alongside the canal collecting floating items, with special points for finding the rubber ducks. Open to all ages – families can paddle or walk along the towpath.

Across Birmingham (including Selly Oak and Northfield)
FREE
Family friendly
No booking required

The Boat Inn, Old Kingsbury Road, B76 9AE
FREE
Family event
Kayaking: drop-in
Bellboating: booking required (currently sold out)

South Birmingham Paddle Club, Whitehouse Wharf, Bristol Road, B29 6SR
£6.13 per person
All ages welcome
Booking required

Families • Community • Together

Learning, Living, Loving together in Christ.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

All are welcome

St Peter's
8.45am

St Rose
11.30am

A COMMUNITY IN FAITH
WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

THE WORD

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Wednesday 30th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's easy to get caught up in the daily busyness of life and forget what life's really all about. However, to enter us on our path through life, God sends messengers to help us remember what is most important.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the servants represent God's messengers (the Prophets) and the servants of the vineyard represent the leaders of Israel at that time. Jesus told this story because some of the leaders were not listening to God's messengers.

Jesus said, "There was once a landowner who planted a vineyard, rented it to some tenant farmers and then went off far away. When the fruit-season came, he sent some of his servants to the farmers to collect his fruit. But the farmers seized his servants: he first sent his son to them. They will respect my son," he said, but the farmers said to one another, "Look - here's the heir: come on, let's kill him over his inheritance." So they seized the son, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers?" "He'll bring those bad men to a bad end," was the reply. "Then he'll rent the vineyard to other farmers who will give him the fruit of his harvest time."

Adapted from Matthew 21:33-47
The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

Family Time Prayer & Share Christ!

Good News for Everyone

Click on the image above to access this week's Wednesday Word

Meet the Communication and Autism Team

With Birmingham Parent Carer Forum



Autumn Term 2026

We would like to invite parent carers of young people with a diagnosis of autism, or who are on the Neurodevelopmental Pathway for autism assessment, to meet Birmingham's Communication and Autism Team.

All Birmingham parent carers are welcome

Date: Thursday 8th October 2026 - 1-2.30pm

No booking required, just turn up on the day. Please note there will be no childcare facilities.

The session will take place at:
Birmingham Parent Carer Forum Office,
196-198 Edward Rd,
B2 9LX

We look forward to seeing you there

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Lift Four Dwellings

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All Birmingham parent carers are welcome

Date: Wednesday 7th October 2026 - 1-2.30pm

No booking required, just turn up on the day. Please note there will be no childcare facilities.

The session will take place at:
Lift Four Dwellings Secondary,
Dwellings Lane,
B32 1RJ

We look forward to seeing you there



SEND Spotlight



This week's focus:

Quality First Teaching



What does this mean?

A clear and simple explanation of this week's topic.

The first step in supporting children with additional needs is high-quality, inclusive classroom teaching.



What parents need to know

Key information, advice and why this matters for your child/children.

Teachers routinely adapt lessons so that children can access learning. This might include breaking instructions into smaller steps, using visual prompts, providing additional modelling, changing resources or allowing more processing time. These strategies can benefit many children - not only those identified with SEND.



What you can do at home

Practical tips and ideas to support your child/children.

Ask your child what helps them learn best. At home, try short instructions, demonstrations, visual reminders and plenty of thinking time.



Worried about your child? Start here

If you **have any concerns** about your child's learning, development or possible SEND, please **speak to your child's class teacher first**.

Your child's teacher works with them every day and is best placed to discuss what they are noticing in school alongside what you are seeing at home.

If concerns remain, you can request an **Initial Concern Evaluation (ICE) Meeting** with your child's class teacher.

At the ICE Meeting, parents and teachers will discuss the concerns together, look at your child's needs and agree possible actions and support.

1

Speak to your child's class teacher



2

Request an ICE Meeting



3

Agree support and next steps



Need further SEND support?

If further SEND advice or involvement is needed following this process, our SENDCo is:

Mrs Edgington

Deputy Headteacher & SENDCo

✉ senco@olstrose.bham.sch.uk



This week's focus:

Is Your Child Old Enough for That App?



What does this mean?

A clear and simple explanation of this week's topic.

Apps, games and social-media platforms have age restrictions to help protect children from features, content and interactions they may not be ready to manage.



What parents need to know

Key information, advice and why this matters for your child/children.

Even if it seems that "everyone" has a particular app, that doesn't necessarily make it appropriate for a primary-aged child.

Some platforms can expose children to strangers, inappropriate content, harmful comments, influencer culture, advertising and pressure to share personal information.



What you can do at home

Practical tips and ideas to support your child/children.

Check the age requirement of every social-media app your child uses.

Look at privacy and communication settings and periodically review the apps installed on children's devices.

Remember that parental controls work best alongside regular conversations.



Talk about it together

Questions or conversation starters to help you explore the topic as a family.

"What would you do if someone you didn't know sent you a message?"

Explain that an online "friend" isn't necessarily somebody they really know.



Need help?

Further support, useful contacts or where to get more information.

If you are unsure about an app or game your child is using, speak to school or use a trusted online-safety resource to check its features and age suitability.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, contact the police.



Digital

Wellbeing



Each week, we'll provide a different guide to help you with online safety at home.

This week, we've included advice on how to set up parental controls on an iPhone. This is really important, as it will ensure your child can only access things that are suitable for them and appropriate for their age.

Next week: Android

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.

How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

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Parent Information



Our Everyday Uniform



Royal blue V-neck sweatshirt with school badge and gold stripe



Royal blue cardigan with school badge and gold stripe



White polo T-shirt



Plain black joggers



Plain black trainers

Girls school Uniform



From Monday 5th October, all girls should be dressed in the **winter school uniform** as shown in the uniform box.

Please note - girls should **not** be wearing skirts, pinafores or shoes. They should wear the active uniform.



Weekly Attendance

Year Group	Attendance
Nursery	97.5%
Reception	96.4%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	85.3%
Year 6	99.7%

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetable bolognese Cheese and potato pie	Beef burger Quorn Burger	Roast Beef or Quorn fillets Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Chicken and vegetable Pie Quorn and vegetable Pie	Homemade Margarita Pizza Fish fingers
Spaghetti Seasonal Vegetables	Diced potato Seasonal Vegetables	Roast potato Seasonal Vegetables	Creamy mash Seasonal Vegetables	Chips Baked Beans Seasonal Vegetables
Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar With Bread Available Daily				
Jelly Yoghurts Fresh Fruit Selection	Assortment of fresh fruit or Yoghurts	Toffee sponge Cake Yoghurts Fresh fruit selection	Assortment of fresh fruit or Yoghurts	Ice Cream Jelly Yoghurt Fresh Fruit Selection

Does your child arrive
after 9am?



That means this is an

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE

not a late and will affect not only
your child's attendance, but the class attendance!

Parent Information



IMPORTANT MORNING REMINDER

Children remain the responsibility of their parent or carer until they have safely entered the school building.

Please **do not** drop children off and leave them to enter the playground or school site by themselves.

For safeguarding reasons, please ensure that your child arrives **safely** and **see them enter the school building** before leaving.

Even when children are becoming more independent, the start of the school day is a busy time. Remaining with your child until they are safely inside helps us to make sure **that every child is accounted for and safely in our care.**

❤️ Thank you for working with us to keep all of our children safe. ❤️

School Office

Office Hours
8.30am – 4.30pm
Monday – Friday

Our school office team are busy supporting our children, staff and families but will always endeavour to help with any enquiries within a **reasonable time frame.**

If you need to contact the office outside of these hours, please call
0121 464 2283
and leave a voicemail message.

You can also email us at
enquiry@olstrose.bham.sch.uk

Please remember...

- ✓ The office are unable to answer calls or emails outside of office hours.
- ✓ If you contact us outside of these hours, please leave a voicemail or email.
- ✓ We will get back to you as soon as possible and always within a reasonable timeframe.

Paid Before and After School Club

Breakfast Club
The paid Breakfast Club starts at **7.30am.**

If you arrive after 7.30am, please call the club number so a member of staff can come and get your child.

After School Club
For the paid After School Club, please call the number on the gate and a member of staff will bring your child to you.

Do not press the gate buzzer or call the school office number for After School Club.

☎ 07346211802



Next week at OLSR



Key Events Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3 Tales Together 3.15 - 3.30pm in the hall	Year 1 Tales Together 3.15 - 3.30pm in the hall	Whole School Mass 10.00am in the Church	Year 2 Tales Together 3.15 - 3.30pm in the hall	Gifts from God Assembly 8.45am in the hall Wear Yellow for Young Minds

After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
 Mixed Football (Years 3 - 6) Finishes at 4.20pm	 Gymnastics (Years 1 & 2) Finishes at 4.20pm  Lighthouse Group Finishes at 4.15pm	 Mixed Football (Years 1 - 6) Finishes at 4.20pm	 Sports from Around the World (Years 3 - 6) Finishes at 4.20pm  Choir Finishes at 4.15pm



All children to be collected from the main pedestrian gate at the finish time.



Please be considerate and collect your child on time from all clubs. Our staff give up their time after school to run these clubs and any children collected late impacts on their free time.

DATE CHANGE

Year 1 Tales Together
will now take place on
Tuesday 6th October

Year 2 Tales Together
will now be on
Thursday 8th October



Wear Yellow
for Hello Yellow Day
Friday October

Bring in **£1**
to raise money for
YOUNG MINDS charity.

£1



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You can email the school at



enquiry@olstrose.bham.sch.uk

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AUTUMN TERM

SEPTEMBER

-  1st and 2nd – Teacher Training Days
-  3rd – Children return to school
-  3rd and 4th – St Rose of Lima Celebration Days
-  7th – Year 6 Parent Workshop
-  9th – Year 5 Parent Workshop
-  10th – Year 4 Parent Workshop
-  14th – Year 3 Parent Workshop
-  14th – 20th – National Coding Week
-  16th – Year 2 Parent Workshop
-  17th – Year 1 Parent Workshop
-  23rd – Reception Parent Workshop
-  24th – Nursery Parent Workshop
-  25th – Macmillan Coffee Morning

OCTOBER

-  All Month – History Month
-  2nd – National Poetry Day
-  4th – 10th World Space Week
-  5th – 11th Libraries week
-  9th – Yellow Day for Young Minds
-  23rd – Our Heritage Day
-  23rd – Children break up for October half term holiday

KEY

-  Teacher Training Day
-  Children return to school
-  Liturgical Celebration
-  Parent Workshop
-  Curriculum / Learning
-  Performances
-  Swimming
-  Charity Event
-  School Holiday

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

EYFS & Year 1

- Monday 14th December at 2pm
- Tuesday 15th December at 9:30am

Year 2 & KS2

- Thursday 17th December at 3:30pm

NOVEMBER

-  2nd – Teacher Training Day
-  3rd – Children return to school
-  9th – 13th World Nursery Rhyme Week
-  10th – 14th Anti-bullying Week
-  11th – Remembrance Day
-  11th – Parent Consultation Afternoon
-  16th – 27th – Years 5 & 6 Swimming
-  25th – Red Wednesday – Advent Charity 1

DECEMBER

-  4th – Advent Charity Day 2
-  7th, 8th & 9th – Assessment Mornings
-  9th – Christmas Story Event
-  9th – Christmas Jumper Day
-  11th – Advent Charity Day 3
-  14th – EYFS & Year 1 Christmas Performance (afternoon performance)
-  15th – EYFS & Year 1 Christmas Performance (morning performance)
-  17th – Year 2 & KS2 Christmas Performance
-  18th – Advent Charity Day 4
-  18th – Children break up for Christmas holiday

YEARS 5 & 6 SWIMMING

Monday 16th – Friday 27th
November



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OLSR we...

♥ **Learn**
with curiosity
and joy

♥ **Live**
with faith
and kindness

♥ **Love**
one another
as Jesus does

✝ **Together**
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SPRING TERM



JANUARY

- 4th – Teacher Training Day
- 5th – Children return to school
- 6th – Year 6 Parent Workshop
- 7th – Year 5 Parent Workshop
- 11th – Year 4 Parent Workshop
- 11th – 22nd – Years 3 & 4 Swimming
- 13th – Year 3 Parent Workshop
- 14th – Year 2 Parent Workshop
- 18th – Year 1 Parent Workshop
- 20th – Reception Parent Workshop
- 21st – Nursery Parent Workshop
- 26th – One Life Retreat Day
- 29th Jan – 5th Feb – Book Fair



FEBRUARY

- 9th – Internet Safety Day
- 12th – Children break up for February half-term holiday
- 22nd – Children return to school
- 26th – Lent Charity Day 1



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- School Holiday

WORLD BOOK DAY

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

For World Book Day, children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character, so *start planning your costume now!*



MARCH

- 3rd – Brew, Book and Bake
- 4th – World Book Day
- 5th – Lent Charity Day 2
- 8th – 12th – British Science Week
- 12th – Lent Charity Day 3
- 17th – Parent Consultation Afternoon
- 19th – Lent Charity Day 4
- 22nd, 23rd & 24th – Assessment Mornings
- 25th – Children break up for Easter Holiday at 1pm



LENT CHARITY DAYS

- Lent Charity Days
- 26th February
- 5th March
- 12th March
- 19th March



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

8th – 12th March 2027



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SUMMER TERM



APRIL

- 12th – Teacher Training Day
- 13th – Children return to school
- 22nd – Earth Day



MAY

- 3rd – May Bank Holiday
- 8th – David Attenborough Day
- 10th – 13th – KS2 SATs Tests
- 28th – Children break up for May half-term



KEY

- Teacher Training Day
- Children return to school
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- Parent Workshop
- Curriculum / Learning
- Performances
- Swimming
- Charity Event
- School Holiday

KS2 SPORTS DAY

KS2 Sports Day
TBC



JUNE

- 7th – Children return to school
- 8th – World Oceans Day
- 7th – 18th – Y4 Multiplication Tests
- 14th – 18th – Y1 Phonics Screening
- 21st – World Music Day
- 22nd – Book Share



JULY

- 5th – Assessment all Day
- 6th – Assessment morning
- 7th – Transition Morning
- 9th – Reports go out to parents
- 13th – Healthy Living Workshop
- 14th – Charity Day
- 15th – EYFS & KS1 Sports Day
- 15th – Summer Fayre – school closes at 3:00pm
- 19th – Year 6 Leavers' Performance
- 21st – Year 6 Leavers' Mass
- 21st – Children break up for summer holidays



SCHOOL SUMMER FAYRE

Thursday 15th July

School closes at 3:00pm for all children.



YEAR 6 LEAVERS

- 19th – Year 6 Leavers' Performance
- 21st – Year 6 Leavers' Mass



SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Wednesday 21st July
Children finish for the summer holidays.



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