



THE ST ROSE Weekly

Our Lady & St Rose of Lima
Catholic Primary School

Learning, Living, Loving together in Christ



TERM:

Autumn 1

WEEK:

Week 7

DATE:

16th October 2026

A Little Note from Mrs Hensman

A very happy Friday to you all!

We're almost at the final week of the first half term and the children are, understandably, feeling a little more tired now. We've also noticed more children feeling unwell with coughs and colds. Whilst we understand you may want to keep them at home, unless they are really poorly with a very high temperature, we would encourage you to bring them in. If they're unwell during the day, we will contact you but often, they forget about feeling unwell once they are around their friends and in lessons.

Next week, we will be celebrating 'Our Heritage Day' on the final day of term. We would love to be able to celebrate your heritage specifically, but can only do this if you fill out our forms. Please take the time to do this over the weekend, as it would be a real shame not to be able to share as much information about the diversity in our school.

With every blessing,

Mrs Hensman

And finally, if your child is in Years 3 or 6, Father Gary has asked me to say he is finalising Sacramental preparations and will advise everyone as soon as the details are confirmed. Have a wonderful weekend.

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This Week at OLSR

We've almost reached the end of the half term and, with only one week left to go, this week has proven to be another busy one.

- All the classes took part in the Rosary Challenge on Wednesday and learnt about the Joyful Mysteries.
- Representatives from each of the classes spoke in our Gifts from God Assemblies to celebrate their last mission and explain what they had done during their Learning, Living and Loving missions.
- Years 2 and 4 began their Forest School sessions as part of their Learning Mission. This will continue for another four weeks.
- Year 5 began planning how they will decorate the statue at the Church as part of their Loving Mission.
- New school photographs were taken in school, to ensure all our new children have school photographs in school.
- We introduced Wellbeing Heroes during our Gifts from God assembly and hope to have two representatives from each class before the end of the half term.
- MyHappyMind leaflets were sent out to parents, to give access to the same facility we use at home.
- We collected tins and dry food for the SVP as part of our Harvest Festival Charitable Day.

Housepoint Winners



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!

Star of the week: This week, the teachers have chosen their Catholic Virtues luminaries for this half term. Our virtues for Autumn 1 have been 'Compassionate and Loving', so the children who have been chosen below because they have demonstrated how they've noticed things and acted upon it throughout the half term. Well done to all of them.

Stars of the Week

★ Nursery ★ Etien	★ Reception ★ Shanika	★ Year 1 ★ Liia	★ Year 2 ★ Khari
★ Year 3 ★ Hennes	★ Year 4 ★ Monda	★ Year 5 ★ Sara	★ Year 6 ★ Tori



Next week, we will find out who our teachers have voted as this half term's Class Wish Luminary.

Learning Spotlight



Our Heritage Day

Celebrating our school community

At OLSR we are blessed to be part of a vibrant and diverse school community. Our families come from many different places, with a rich range of cultures, languages, traditions, faiths and stories. Our Heritage Day is a special opportunity for us to celebrate everything that makes our OLSR family unique.

PEOPLE
PLACES
TRADITIONS
CULTURES
LANGUAGES
FAITHS



We want to hear about your Heritage!

Please complete the forms that have been sent home so that we can fully celebrate everyone in our school.



Important date to return forms

Please return your completed **Family Heritage Card** to school by

Monday 19th October

so we can collate all the information and create a whole-school display.



Come dressed in traditional clothing!

Children are invited to come to school on

Friday 23rd October

wearing traditional clothing or clothing that represents their family connections.



Our Heritage Day Friday 23rd October



We will be celebrating our school community and sharing the heritage of our families with the whole school.

Many stories. One family.



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Faith & Mission



This Sunday is the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Gospel is Matthew's Gospel story about Jesus paying taxes to Ceasar.



Human Dignity

Every person is made in God's image.
Everyone deserves love, kindness and respect.



Compassionate

We notice when someone needs us.



Loving

We choose to do something about it.

Think about your week...



How do I show God my love?



Do I treat everyone with respect?



Who needs my kindness today?

Your Gospel challenge:

Give God your best!

Choose one way to show God's love this week:
help someone, include them or speak kindly.

A Prayer for This Week

Loving God,

thank you for making each of us in your image.
Help us to give you our hearts through the choices we make.

Teach us to be compassionate and loving,
to respect every person and to put others first.
May our words and actions show your love each day.

Amen.



Community & Parish



Get Out Explore Together!

Community & Parish

Local events for our families

Local places • Brighter days • Stronger community

Fri 16 Oct 10 – 11:30am	Stay and Play A friendly play session for children aged 0-5 and their grown-ups. Toys, activities and refreshments.	St Francis of Assisi Church, Sycamore Road, Bournville Ages 0-5 £2 including refreshments No booking required (please check with organiser)
Sat 17 & Sun 18 Oct During venue opening hours	Surreal Creatures Family Art Trail Explore the building and discover imaginative creatures created by local artists. A fun, free activity for children and families.	Midlands Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham Ages 3+ FREE No booking required
Sat 17 & Sun 18 Oct 12pm – 5pm	Explore the Lapworth Museum Discover dinosaurs, fossils, sparkling minerals and the fascinating history of our planet. A brilliant educational visit for all ages.	Lapworth Museum of Geology, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston All ages FREE No booking required
Sun 18 Oct 11am – 3pm	Bournville Artisan Market Enjoy a relaxed community market featuring local artists, makers, handmade gifts and delicious treats. A great way to support local businesses.	Bournville Village Green, Linden Road, Bournville Free to browse (purchases optional) All ages No booking required
Wed 21 Oct 10:45 – 11:30am	Tiny Treasures: Praise, Play, Pray Bible stories, singing and crafts for children aged 0-5 and their grown-ups. Families are welcome to bring a picnic and stay for lunch afterwards.	St Francis of Assisi Church, Sycamore Road, Bournville Ages 0-5 No booking required (please check with organiser)

Families • Community • Together

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

All are welcome



St Peters

8.45am



St Rose

11.30am

A COMMUNITY IN FAITH
WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

THE WORD

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' enemies are plotting his downfall and try to trick him with a devious question about paying taxes.

If Jesus says they should pay, it means that he accepts the Roman Empire, and not God, as his ultimate boss. If he says they shouldn't pay, he can be attacked for being disloyal to the Roman Empire. But then Jesus follows up with a real clincher: 'Pay to the Emperor what is due to the Emperor and pay to God what is due to God!'

Wednesday 14th October 2026

This Gospel story also asks us: 'what is due to God in our own lives?' Surely 'our gratitude' would be a good answer to this question. Being grateful to God brings great joy. There are many blessings in life - let's not just take them for granted.

Being more grateful for our blessings can make a real difference to our lives. Enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word which is **GRATEFULNESS**.

Dom Henry Blackmore

A Word from the Saints

"In all created things recognise the care and wisdom of God, and give him thanks." St Teresa of Avila

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 18th October 2026

The Pharisees devised a plan to trap Jesus. They sent some of their followers who said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are an honest man and teach God's way with honesty. We also know that you are not afraid of anybody: someone's rank means nothing to you. Tell us, then, what you think about this question: Is it right to pay tax to the Emperor Caesar or not?" Knowing what they were up to, Jesus said, "Why do you set this trap for me? Show me the money you pay the tax with." They handed him a coin. He said to them, "Whose head is on this coin, and whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. "So then," he said to them, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God."

Adapted from Matthew 22:15-21
The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful. Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

Good News for Everyone

"A grateful heart is a happy heart." This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how we can live happier lives by giving God what is due to him: our gratitude! Being grateful to God puts us in the right frame of mind. It's good for our well-being and happiness too.

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



You're Invited!

Join us after school for soft play & health advice

Thursday 22nd October
Humpty Dumpty's, Selly Oak
3pm - 6pm

Health • Fun • Food • Wellbeing

Soft Play & Health Advice

FREE



Thursday 22nd October 2026



3pm - 6pm



Humpty Dumpty's 3B Ewhurst Ave,
Selly Oak, B29 6EY

- NHS Health Advice for Children and Adults
- Community Partners offering Service Information and Resources
- Face Painting and Soft Play
- Food for Everyone!



For more information visit our website: www.familywellbeingzone.org.uk or email us at familywellbeingzone@greensquareaccord.co.uk

SEND Spotlight



This week's focus:

Reasonable Adjustments



What does this mean?

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

Sometimes a child needs something to be done differently so they can access school and learning successfully.



What parents need to know

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

An adjustment might involve seating, equipment, instructions, movement breaks, visual support, additional processing time or changes to an activity. Fair does not always mean giving every child exactly the same thing - it means helping every child access the same opportunities.



What you can do at home

Practical tips and ideas to support your child/children.

Talk positively about differences: some people need different things to help them succeed. Let the class teacher know about strategies that particularly help your child.



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@olstrore.bham.sch.uk



This week's focus:

Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing



What does this mean?

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

All children experience difficult feelings sometimes. Worry, sadness and anger can all be normal parts of growing up.

Sometimes, however, children's emotions begin to affect their everyday lives.



What parents need to know

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

Changes can include becoming unusually withdrawn, tearful or angry; difficulties sleeping; stopping activities they normally enjoy; frequent physical complaints; or becoming extremely worried about school or friendships.

One sign alone doesn't necessarily mean something is wrong. Changes from what is normal for your child are important to notice.



What you can do at home

Practical tips and ideas to support your child/children.

Create regular opportunities to talk.

Listen before offering solutions and let children know that difficult feelings are safe to talk about.

Good routines around sleep, food, exercise and devices can also support emotional wellbeing.



Talk about it together

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

Try asking:

"What has made you happy, worried and proud this week?"



Need help?

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

If changes in your child's emotions or behaviour are persistent or concerning you, please speak to school.

We would much rather begin supporting a child early than wait until things become more difficult.



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.



Lost Property



There are lots of jumpers, cardigans and jackets on the lost property rail. They belong to children in this school, so please check the rail in the **main playground** if your child has lost something.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetable crumble Quorn nuggets	Chicken goujons Quorn goujons	Roast Chicken Or Quorn Roast	Salt and pepper chicken	cheese Pizza
Diced potato		Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Vegetable spring roll	Fish goujons
Seasonal vegetables	Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans Seasonal Vegetables	Creamed Potatoes Roast potato Seasonal Vegetables	Egg noodles Seasonal Vegetables	Chunky Chips Baked Beans Seasonal Vegetables
Fresh Seasonal Salad Bar With Bread Available Daily				
Strawberry Mousse with Sprinkles Yoghurts	Assortment of fresh fruit or Yoghurts	Chocolate shortbread Yoghurts Fresh Fruit Selection	Assortment of fresh Fruit or Yoghurts	Ice Cream Assorted Yoghurt
Fresh Fruit Selection				Fresh Fruit Selection

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

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



School Crossing Patrol



Drive slowly

Please keep your speed low around the school at all times.



Do not park

Please do not park on yellow lines, zig zags, dropped kerbs or across driveways.



Park considerately

Use designated parking areas and park away from the school gate to keep the area clear and safe for everyone.



Avoid turning

Please do not turn in the road or use residents' drives to turn around.



Keep children safe

Please take extra care at the start and end of the school day when our children are walking to and from school.



No mobile phones

Please do not use your mobile phone while driving or when stopped near the school.

Weekly Attendance

Year Group	Attendance
Nursery	94.2%
Reception	94%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	94.3%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	97.4%

Share Your Views and Experiences

We are inviting parents and carers whose children attend Catholic primary schools to take part in a short survey.



About the research

A member of staff within the Archdiocese is undertaking research as part of a PhD and is keen to hear the views and experiences of parents and carers whose children attend Catholic primary schools.

The research is a survey which should take no longer than 5 minutes.



Making a difference

The findings from this research will be used to help enhance and support Catholic education, so we would be very grateful for your participation.



Everyone's views are welcome

Parents and carers of all faiths, and those of no faith, are warmly encouraged to take part – your views and experiences are important.



Your participation

Participation is entirely voluntary, and consent can be withdrawn at any time.

Click here to take part

Thank you for supporting this valuable research.



Next week at OLSR



Key Events Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 5 Tales Together 3.15 – 3.30pm in the hall	Year 4 Tales Together 3.15 – 3.30pm in the hall	Whole School Mass 10am in the church	Year 3 Tales Together 3.15 – 3.30pm in the hall	Gifts from God Assembly 8.45am in the hall Our Heritage Day

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.

Children break up for half term on
Friday 22nd October
at **1.00pm.**

and return at
8.30am on
Tuesday 3rd November.

You can email the school at

 enquiry@olstrose.bham.sch.uk



Visit our website

www.olstrose.bham.sch.uk



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Everything you need to know for the year ahead.

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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

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

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

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

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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



KEY

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