THE ST ROSE Weekly



Our Lady & St Rose of Lima
Catholic Primary School

Learning, Living, Loving together in Christ

TERM:	WEEK:	DATE:
Autumn 2	Week 1	6th November 2026

A Little Note from Mrs Hensman

A very happy Friday to you all!

The first week has flown by and it has been lovely to see the children come back refreshed and ready to learn. This half term is always busy and it is especially important that you keep a note of the key dates that come up during this half term, to ensure your calendars are free. The Key Dates are always at the back of the bulletin, so make sure you put the dates in your diary.

Next week, we have our first parent consultation afternoon. Rather than using the online booking system, we chose to organise the appointments for you. This means, we've managed to book any siblings at the same time. Please take the time to come to this appointment, as the class teachers will be able to advise you about how your child has settled into their year group, along with any immediate targets have they might have!

With every blessing,

Mrs Hensman

And finally, I sent out a parent questionnaire before half term but have only had 9 responses. I would really appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the questionnaire, so that we can continue making improvements for you and your children.

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This Week at OLSR

The first week is done, we're back in the swing of things and we're looking forward to this half term.

- We discussed the new Catholic Virtues 'Faith-filled and Hopeful' in class and thought about how we can show these virtues this half term.
- The children began using their new handwriting books for all subjects and we have already seen some amazing transformations in presentation across the classes – well done!
- In most classes, they started new units of work in Music and History, with our history units including local history to help the children gain a better understanding of the history of Birmingham and Weoley Castle.
- Years 2 and 4 enjoyed Forest School this week and noticed the chill, so please make sure they're wrapped up warm.
- Mr Clewer led Hymn Practice, and the children could be heard singing beautifully from my office.
- We sent home parent consultation times for everyone. The staff have ensured that sibling timings are around the same time. Please make sure you keep a note of your time, ready for Wednesday.
- An email was sent to all parents about our new text message facility. If you didn't receive an email from the Juniper App then we need you to contact the office to ensure your email is correct.



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, we are celebrating the transformational change that some children have made in their handwriting since having the new books. It has been a pleasure walking round the classes and seeing the amazing handwriting. The children below have amazed us this week and are worthy recipients of the star of the week award and badges. A huge well done!

Stars of the Week

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Erlina	Charlie	Esther	Olivia

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jaida	Kaleab	James	Charlie



We do not have a Gifts from God assembly next week as we'll be celebrating mass on Friday morning!

Learning Spotlight

Parent Consultation Afternoon

Wednesday 11th November | **1.00 – 4.30pm**

Appointments have been sent out to all parents, and children have been given a sheet with your appointment time on it, so please make a note of it.

If you aren't able to come, please let the office know so we can book another time.

What to expect?



- All teachers will be in the hall, please take a seat and you will be called over at your appointment time.
- Whilst we endeavour to keep to the appointment times, some do run over so please bear with us if we are running late.
- After your appointment, Year 6 children will be around to get your child so you can take them home with you.
- Books will be available to see in the classrooms **after 3.30pm.** Please feel free to come in and see your children's work.

Who else will be around?

Mrs Hensman will be around to talk to if you have any concerns or suggestions (or just a chat).

Mrs Edgington will be around if you have any SEND needs to discuss.

Miss Kavanagh will be giving out attendance sheets.

Mr Ingram (our IT manager) will be around to help you with any technical difficulties you may be experiencing with the new Juniper App.

What will you be given?



- All teachers will give you a sheet that contains the details to access our new Padlet pages where photos of life in your child's class will be celebrated.
- You'll also be given the details for the parent questionnaire again.

Faith & Mission

This Sunday is the 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time and the Gospel is Matthew's Gospel story about The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

This Sunday's Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Be Ready!



Catholic Social Teaching

The Common Good

We help our community flourish when we are thoughtful, dependable and ready to help.

Faith-filled

We make time for God and put our faith into action.

Hopeful

We trust God's promises and carry hope to others.

Think about your week...



How do I make time for God?



Am I ready to help?



How can I share hope?

Your Gospel challenge:

Keep your light shining!

Each day, spend one quiet minute with God, then do one thoughtful act of kindness.



A Prayer for This Week



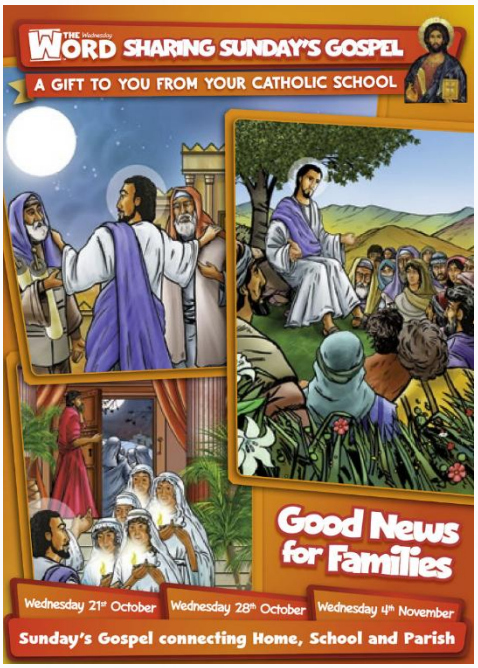
Jesus, help us to keep the light of faith shining in our hearts. Teach us to be ready to listen, to pray and to help others. Fill us with hope, especially when life feels difficult. May our choices show your love every day. **Amen.**



Community & Parish







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



Click here to access the St Rose Parish Newsletter

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SEND Spotlight

This week's focus:

Speech, Language and Communication

What does this mean?

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

Communication includes understanding language, expressing ideas, learning vocabulary and using language socially.

What parents need to know

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

Communication difficulties do not always mean difficulty speaking. A child might speak clearly but struggle to understand instructions, find the right words, organise their thoughts or understand conversation. Communication needs can also affect learning, friendships and behaviour.

What you can do at home

Practical tips and ideas to support your child/ children.

Give your child time to answer, use clear language and talk together during everyday activities. Avoid rushing to finish their sentences for them.

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

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Safeguarding

This week's focus:

Healthy Friendships

What does this mean?

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

Healthy friendships help children feel happy, included and valued.

Friends won't always agree, but a friendship should be based on kindness, respect and fairness.

What parents need to know

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

Healthy friends listen, include, encourage, apologise and respect boundaries.

A friendship shouldn't regularly leave a child frightened, controlled, humiliated or worried about what will happen next.

What you can do at home

Practical tips and ideas to support your child/ children.

Talk about friendships as well as asking who your child played with.

Notice significant changes in friendship groups or if your child regularly seems upset after spending time with a particular person.

Talk about it together

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

Ask:

"How do your friends make you feel?"

Then ask:

"How do you think you make your friends feel?"

Need help?

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

If friendship difficulties are repeatedly upsetting your child or affecting school, please speak to their teacher so that we can support them.

Our Catholic Mission: Jesus teaches us to treat others with love, dignity and compassion—even when we disagree.

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Digital Wellbeing

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

Mobile phones are a common accessory for children now and this opens them up to dangers that you might not be aware of. This week's online safety spotlight is on Mobile Phones and how you can be more aware to ensure your child is safely using them in your care.



Parent Information

We want to hear from you!

We are inviting all parents and carers to complete our **Parent Questionnaire** to share your views about our school.

Your feedback is really important to us. It helps us to celebrate what is working well and to identify ways we can continue to improve for our children and families.

The questionnaire includes questions about:

- Your child's learning and experience at school
- Our communication with families
- How you would like to engage with school (e.g. preferred times for events such as Tales Together and Stay and Pray)
- Ideas for future improvements
- Any other comments you would like to share

Scan the QR code to complete the form

Thank you for your support!

New School App

Have you received the email notification?

Juniper Education



An email has been sent to everyone's email address asking you to download and register for the Juniper App.

- Please click on the link in the email and register your details.
- If you have more than one child, these should appear in the top right hand corner of the app.

Mr Ingram will be around on Wednesday should you experience any technical difficulties.

If you haven't received the email, please contact the office ASAP so we can get your email updated.

We will continue to use the Track It Lights App for messages for the next week, until we are confident that everyone is set up.

Once this is launched, we will use:

- Juniper for messages
- Track It Lights for Housepoints and Attendance.

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetable crumble Quorn nuggets Diced potato	Chicken goujons Quorn goujons	Roast Chicken Or Quorn Roast Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Salt and pepper chicken Vegetable spring roll	cheese Pizza 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 Fresh Fruit Selection	Assortment of fresh fruit or Yoghurts	Chocolate shortbread Yoghurts Fresh Fruit Selection	Assortment of fresh Fuit or Yoghurts	Ice Cream Assorted Yoghurt 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.

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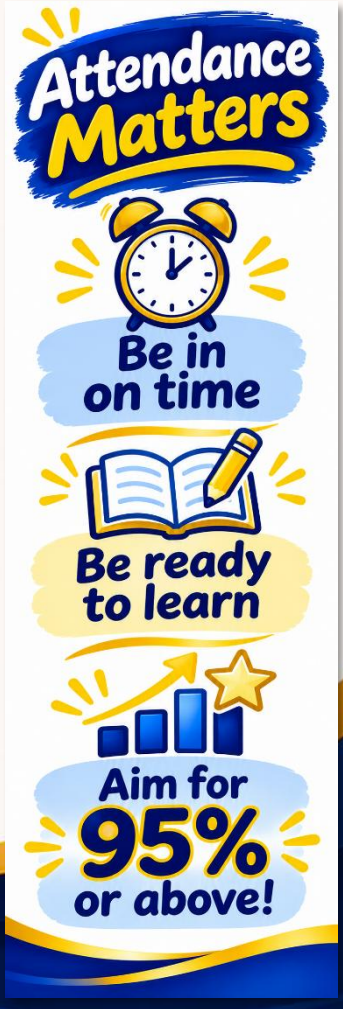

Next week at OLSR

Key Events Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Remembrance Day Parent Consultation Afternoon		Children in Need Day Whole school mass at 9am

After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Football (Years 3 - 6) Finishes at **4.20pm**	Fundamental Skills (Years 1 & 2) Finishes at **4.20pm** Lighthouse Group Finishes at **4.15pm**	Cancelled Finishes at **4.20pm**	Tag Rugby (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.

Important Notice

No after school club on Wednesday due to Parent Consultation afternoon.

BBC Children in Need

Fri 13th Nov

Wear yellow or spots and bring £1

You can email the school at enquiry@olstrose.bham.sch.uk

Visit our website www.olstrose.bham.sch.uk

2026–2027 Parent Planner

Everything you need to know for the year ahead.

Learning Living Loving together in Christ

AUTUMN TERM

SEPTEMBER

- 1st and 2nd – Teacher Training Days
- 3rd – Children return to school
- 3rd and 4th – St Rose [illegible]
- [illegible]
- 14th – 20th – [illegible]
- 16th – Year 2 Parent Workshop
- 17th – Year 1 Parent Workshop
- 23rd – Reception Parent Workshop
- 24th – Nursery Parent Workshop
- 25th – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Autumn 1 done!

OCTOBER

- All Month – History Month
- 2nd – National Poetry Day
- [illegible]
- 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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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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WORLD BOOK DAY

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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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Dates may be subject to change.