



THIS IS HOW WE DO IT HERE

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WELCOME FROM HEAD

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter.

I am delighted to welcome our pupils back for a brand-new school year. I hope you have enjoyed a restful summer and are ready to begin the year with energy, enthusiasm, and determination. This year promises to be another exciting one, filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and live out the values that shape our community here at OLSB.

In this first edition of our newsletter, we introduce our new Catholic Life theme for the year, which will guide us in our reflections, celebrations, and daily school life. You will also find key dates for the year ahead, so that together with your families you can look forward to the important events that mark our journey as a school.

I look forward to celebrating all that you will achieve this year.
With every blessing,

Mrs Wilkinson
Headteacher



OUR CATHOLIC LIFE THEME FOR THIS YEAR

'Masterpiece'

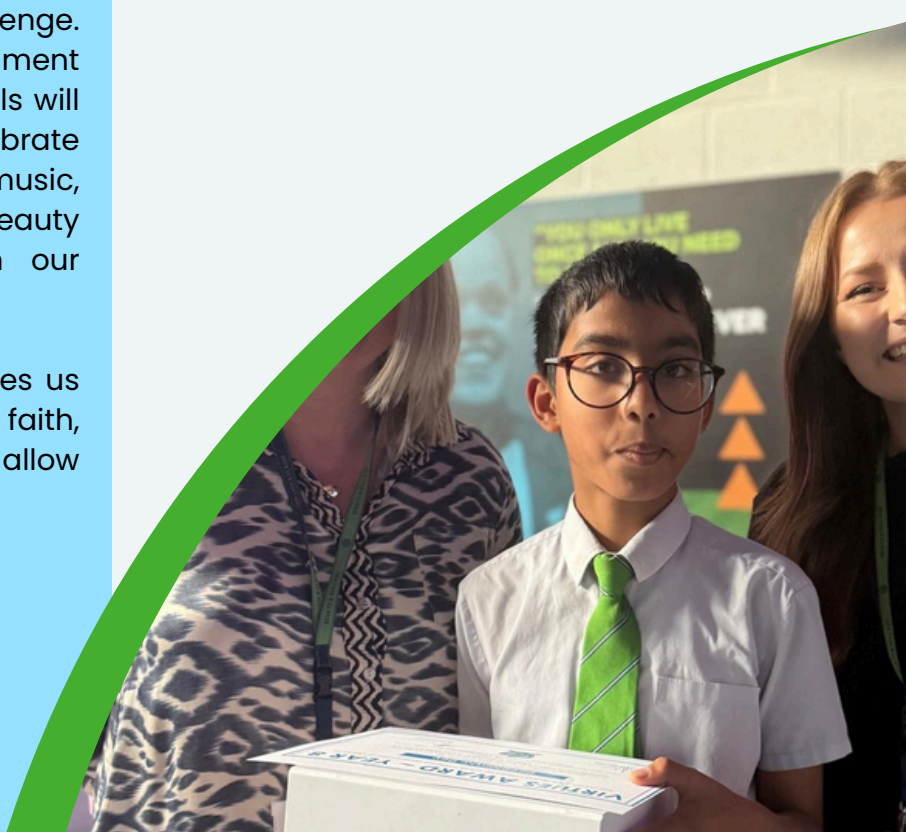
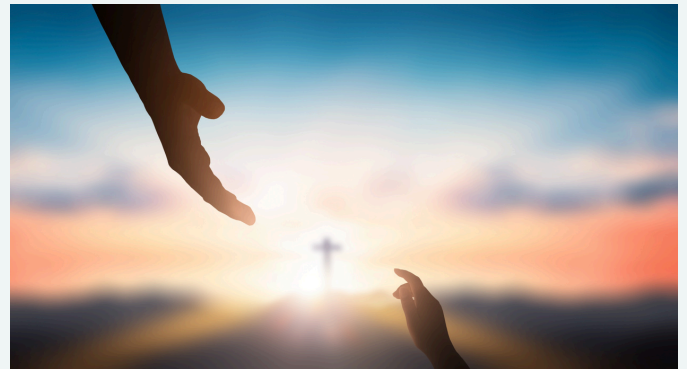
This year, our school community will be journeying together with the theme **"Masterpiece."**

The theme comes from Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." This powerful line reminds us that each one of us is wonderfully made by God, with dignity, purpose, and value. It links closely to Psalm 139:14: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Together, these scriptures affirm that every pupil and member of staff is precious in God's eyes.

We have chosen "Masterpiece" because it captures the heart of who we are as a Catholic school. Just as an artist carefully shapes their work, God has lovingly created each one of us. Sometimes we forget our worth or compare ourselves to others, but this theme is a reminder that we are unique, gifted, and called to use our talents for good.

Over the course of the year, we will bring this theme to life in many ways. In our assemblies and liturgies, we will explore what it means to be God's masterpiece in both joy and challenge. Through curriculum projects, enrichment activities, and our virtues programme, pupils will be encouraged to share their gifts and celebrate the achievements of others. Artwork, music, prayer, and reflection will help us see the beauty of God's creation in ourselves and in our community.

Above all, the theme of "Masterpiece" invites us to remember that when we live with faith, kindness, resilience, and responsibility, we allow God's masterpiece in us to shine brightly.



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“The teachers really believe in us – they push us to be our best whilst always supporting us.”

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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents Evenings	EPRA Evenings (Engaging Parents to Raise Achievement)	Other Key Events
Year 7 Parents Evening – Tuesday 3rd February	Y11 EPRA – Thursday 11th September	Y7 Welcome Mass – Wednesday 10th September 6pm
Year 8 Parents Evening – Tuesday 4th November	Y8 EPRA – Monday 16th February	Y6 Open Evening – Tuesday 7th October 4pm until 7pm
Year 9 Parents Evening – Tuesday 21st April	Y10 EPRA – Monday 18th May	Advent Liturgy – Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December 6pm
Year 10 Parents Evening – Tuesday 14th October		Sports Presentation Evening – Tuesday 14th July
Year 11 Parents Evening – Tuesday 9th December & Tuesday 24th March		

WE KINDLY ASK PARENTS TO TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO COMPLETE THIS SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE ABOUT THE **CATHOLIC LIFE** OF OUR SCHOOL, AS PART OF OUR ONGOING EVALUATION.

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