

Our Lady & St Edward's Catholic Primary School

7th July 2025

Dear Parents

On Monday 23rd June many of our Year 6 pupils were confirmed by Bishop Paul - we would like to extend our congratulations to them all and to thank their families and extended families for supporting them in their faith development. Many thanks to our Y5 parents who helped set up and clear away-your generosity of time ensured the celebrations could go ahead.

The children had a great day on Sports Day and I would like to thank everyone who came to support the event.

As we approach the end of the Summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely break and to thank you for your continued support. We wish our Year 6 Leavers good luck as they move on to High School and we look forward to welcoming our new children and families in September.

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Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 8th July – KS2 Production Dress Rehearsal at 10.00am

Wednesday 9th July – KS2 Production at 2.00pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 9th July – Reports go home

Friday 11th July – None uniform day in lieu of an item for the Rainbow Raffle

Monday 14th July – Drop In Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Tuesday 15th July - Whole School end of term Mass 9.15 in church led by Y6 - all welcome

Tuesday 15th July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly and Awards Celebration at 6.00pm in school (Y6 families welcome)

Wednesday 16th July – EYFS & KS1 End of Year Assembly 9.10am in School led by Y2 – parents welcome

Thursday 17th July – KS2 End of Year Assembly 9.10am in School led by Y6 – parents welcome

Friday 18th July – School closes at 2.30pm and re-opens on Tuesday 2nd September 2025

End Of Term Assemblies

The children will be presented with Star of the Term (Summer) and Star of the Year. In addition to this, the KS2 children will receive their Summer term project prizes.

Important Information about School Attendance from LCC

- Penalty notices will be charged at a rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice **must** be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

End of Year Reports and Optional Parents Evening **End of Year Reports & Parents Evening**

End of Year Reports will be sent home with the children on Wednesday 9th July. We have an optional parents evening which will be held in school on Monday 14th July, 3.30pm – 5.00pm where parents have the opportunity to discuss any issues arising from reports. We are not operating an appointment system, but time available will be restricted so if there are other issues which may require more than ten minutes please arrange a separate appointment with the class teacher.

Change of Personal Information

Have you changed address, contact number – please remember to inform school of any changes. Also if your child's medical information changes please remember to contact school.

Staffing Changes

After 30 years at Our Lady and St Edward's Mrs Slater has decided to retire from her role as teaching assistant in school. We wish her well as she pursues other ventures and thank her for her years of dedication.

Mrs Musa has also left her role in the school office and she has been replaced by Mrs Rutter – I know that you will all make her feel welcome.

School Uniform Rules and Ordering for September **School Uniform & Other Rules**

Please see below details of uniform expectations. If in doubt please call into the school office where you will be able to see samples. All uniform is available at 'Bang Bang' uniform shop in Preston City Centre and online from Stitch Design www.stitchdesign.co.uk

- Trousers, skirts, shorts and pinafores should be **grey NOT black**
- Cardigans and sweaters should have the school logo
- **School shoes** should be a **full shoe with secure fastenings** and **not slip on shoes**. Therefore, if you are buying new shoes please select a full shoe which fastens. Children can wear laced shoes as long as they know how to tie them.
Pupils are expected to wear shoes to and from school and are allowed to change into trainers at lunchtime for comfort whilst playing games.
- **PE kits should be grey school hoodie and black shorts (not cycling shorts) and black tracksuit bottoms/leggings. These must be plain and not contain any logos/stripes or patterns.** Girls in KS2 can continue to wear the blue skort if they wish. Most of the supermarkets sell plain black shorts and tracksuit bottoms. Children may continue to wear the old uniform of blue shorts etc until they grow out of them so that parents are not going to an extra expense. PE t-shirts are house team t-shirts only.
- School caps & hats are available from Bang Bang - Legionnaire's cap aimed at the KS1 children, and baseball cap aimed at the KS2 children. Alternatively pupils can wear a plain coloured hat with no logo
- **Extreme hairstyles** are **not permitted** in school which includes any shaved shapes/partings. If hair clippers are used, **no lower than a number 2** is allowed on any part of the head and hair should be a blended cut with no ridges or lines. An excess of hair gel is also not allowed. Girls hair accessories are to be in school/hair colours only and of a reasonable size.
- **Ear-rings** are not permitted in school. Anyone who has had their ears pierced during the holidays and is waiting for the 6 weeks before they can be removed must cover their ear-rings with plasters. They must be removed as soon as possible. Plastic retainers may be worn but must be removed for PE/Sports.
- **Sunglasses are not permitted** in school (unless permission has previously been granted for medical purposes).
- A reminder too that all drinks bottles brought into school should only be filled with water – no juice.
- Due to the limited space in EYFS & KS1 classrooms only school blue bags and drawstring PE bags should be brought into school in these classes. At times when children are required to bring additional equipment into school, eg extra-curricular sports kit, they should bring it in a small carrier bag.
- Children in KS2 can bring in a rucksack instead of the school blue bag. PE kits should be in a separate drawstring bag and must be in school at all times.

Parking on Lightfoot Lane and Surrounding Roads

Please drive and park respectfully when dropping off or collecting pupils. There have been reports of cars blocking driveways on Hazlemere Road & Oakwood Drive. Please ensure that children enter and exit cars from the footpath – not the road for safety purposes. We recently had a near miss so extra vigilance from drivers is required.

Please also remember that parents and residents have to walk along footpaths with prams and enough space should be left for this.

Value of the Month for July

The value for this month is SIMPLICITY. Please help your child to understand what appreciating the small things in life means. Discuss also how simplicity is about having no unnecessary thinking.

TenTen Newsletter

As a school we subscribe to the TenTen resources which we use in assemblies, class worship and staff prayer. Please read the newsletters each month as they provide useful information and spiritual guidance, supporting the work we do in school. Below is a link to the parent newsletter

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Sports Achievements since last newsletter

U5 Mini Skills came 6th in their competition

Y5/6 Girls came 3rd in their group at the National Football Finals and had a great day at Molineux.

Dynamo Cricket – the mixed team came 4th & the girls team didn't place
Rounders – Our school Team were winners of their group and have progressed to the semi finals which are due to take place this week.

Curling – Our Curling Team finished runners up in the Northern Finals at Bolton – a fantastic achievement!

Sports Festival – Over 40 children took part in the sports festival competing in a range of different sports. Many of our teams progressed through to the quarter finals and the cricket team came 3rd. A fantastic effort from all our children.

End of Year Production – “Porridge”

Our children in Years 5 & 6 will be taking part in our Summer Production - “Porridge”. Performances will be as follows:-

- Tuesday 8th July at 10.00am Dress Rehearsal (parents/grandparents & parishioners unable to attend the evening performances are welcome at the Dress Rehearsal).
- Wednesday 9th July at 2.00pm – Performance
- Wednesday 9th July at 6.30pm – Performance



Tickets were sent home on Friday.

Entry is strictly by ticket only (for health & safety reasons). If you do not have a ticket you will not be permitted into the performance. Everyone over the age of 5 will need a ticket. Children under 5 with no ticket must sit on their parent's knee!

If you have any spare tickets please return them to Mrs Kippax so they can be given to people on our reserve list.

We shall have a retiring collection for the Year 6 chosen charity.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

Pupils may wear their hoodies to school from the week beginning 14th July. If parents have any outstanding bills, we ask that all monies owing to school are settled by Friday 11th July in order for the pupil to wear the hoodie – please also read the box below.

Outstanding Balances at Year End

Can parents please check their balances on Arbor for school club and school dinners and pay any outstanding balances. Please remember to add enough into the account to cover school dinners for this week and next week. The balance showing on your child's account is to the end of the day on Monday 7th July so funds will need to be added to cover the remainder of the term. Even if your child is currently not on school dinners there may be amounts owing from previous lunches. If you would like clarification of any amounts owed to school please contact Mrs Kippax.

EYFS & KS1 Reading Books

All reading books and school library books will be collected in on Friday 11th July to allow the staff to prepare for September.

St Edward's School Club

Can we please ask that children do not use St Edward's School Club as just a social activity as parents who require places due to work commitments are not always able to book the places they require.

All children attending St Edward's School Club should be registered before any sessions are booked. If you are wanting to book sessions for the first time you must contact the school office.

Please remember the following:-

Whilst bookings can be made at any time, should a place be required within 48 hours please also email the school office to let them know a booking has been made. If you are booking over the weekend for a Monday slot, the office should also be informed via email.

Please also remember that payment should be made at the time of booking. Places in St Edward's School Club are not confirmed until payment has been received.

PTA

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Bangers & Beer Family Fun Day. We would like to thank Sainsbury's Bamber Bridge, Tesco, Premier – Gibson's, Warburtons & Ribby Hall for their kind donations. We would also like to thank Barton Grange & So for their donation of gardening equipment.

Have you signed up to the School Lottery yet? You can join for £1 per week and the profits come back to the school either in direct fundraising or as cash prizes for our school families and there are some big prizes to be won! A number of draws have taken place with members winning money. Join here: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-lady-and-st-edwards-catholic-primary-school>

Easy Fundraising - Have you downloaded the Easyfundraising app yet? easyfundraising is the simplest way to raise money for Our Lady & St Edward's Primary School PTA – We have raised over £1,100 so far!

Shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising website - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/UJX6FK/MHPPE8/>

When you click on this link just search for the cause – Our Lady & St Edward's Primary School PTA. It's simple and quick to do!

School Dinners & Changes to Lunch Routines for September

If your child is wanting to make any changes to their current lunch routine for the new academic year you must email school with the changes before the end of the Summer Term.

Please keep a check on Arbor as your balance for school lunches should always be in credit.

Sports Provision

Next year we will continue to provide curricular and non-curricular provision, we are currently timetabling coaching and teaching to ensure that we continue to provide a range of sports and clubs across the school. As well as sports, we are aiming to provide other creative clubs in order to cater for a wide range of interests which we know that the children have.

Year 5 Robinwood – October 2025

A reminder to any parents in Year 5 to any parents still owing the balance for Robinwood in October 25 that this payment is now overdue. Please ensure that the balance is paid via Arbor.

Summer Rainbow Raffle Ticket Request (from Monday 23rd June 2025)

I would like to purchase tickets at a cost of £1.00 per ticket / £5.00 per strip of tickets

I enclose £..... Cash / Cheque (payable to OLSE PTA)

Child's Name

Year



July 11th is own clothes day, all we ask is you bring in a coloured item for our rainbow raffle

Each year group has their own colour

Any non-perishable items are welcome, see the suggestions below for your ideas.

Sweets, biscuits, teabags, shower gel, pasta, chocolate, wine, what will **YOU** bring?!

Donations will be bundled together for our Big Summer Raffle later that day..



Raffle will be drawn on July 11th