

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025



Dear Families,



A warm welcome back to Olor! I hope you all had a fabulous summer and were able to enjoy some rest and quality time with your families. I would also like to extend a special welcome to our new families. I am sure this week has been filled with mixed emotions as your child begins the first stage of their school life, but rest assured we will work in partnership with you to ensure their time at Olor is full of happiness, excitement, and plenty of opportunities. We are looking forward to getting to know their unique characters and seeing them flourish over the coming weeks.

It has also been fantastic to see our current pupils transition into their new year groups, they suddenly seem so grown up! Our Year 6 children have settled brilliantly into their new roles as prefects and buddies, already putting their leadership skills into action. They have made us very proud. Thank you to all our parents who have sent in pictures of our Year 6 children that have started their new journeys, we have managed to share some of these on our social media channels.

The start of this term has felt calmer than last year, when we were in a period of transition. We are now fully part of the Emmaus Trust and are fortunate to have the support of their skilled team, who are working closely with us to continue moving Olor forward and ensuring the best possible education for our children. I am incredibly excited to begin my second year leading the school and to keep working in partnership with you, maintaining the highest standards of education and, most importantly, ensuring that Olor is a safe and happy place for all our pupils and staff.

As you are aware, we remain under considerable financial strain this year, and the school is operating with a deficit budget. I will continue to work hard to bring as much income into the school as possible while ensuring that standards remain high. This year, we plan to set up a PTA to allow parents to work with us in fundraising efforts, and we hope many of you will get involved. Our first main fundraising event of the year takes place next Friday, and we would love to see as many of our pupils, families, and extended families attending as possible.

I take immense pride in the wonderful community we have here at Olor. The kindness, support, and spirit shown by our families makes our school such a special place. I hope you will continue to walk alongside us as we strengthen this even more.

Best wishes
Mrs Groves

Upcoming events

Diary Dates

We have tried to put all the upcoming dates on our school website. If you visit the tab that states calendar dates you can subscribe to the calendar which will allow you to sync the dates into your phone

Mary's Birthday



This week all our classes have been learning about Mary, the Patron Saint of our school. On Monday we will gather together to celebrate Mary's birthday, which is celebrated on the 8th September. As part of the celebrations each class have created a pledge to Mary that they hope to achieve this year

Longford Park



Dates for the Cross Country races at Longford Park this year are now on the website. We hope to see many of our talented children attend (Year 3-6)

- Sat Sept 27th
- Sat Nov 15th
- Sat Jan 17th 2026

Family Festival:



We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual Family Festival on Friday the 12th September. The festival is an opportunity for all our community to come together and enjoy an evening of live music and welcome many new families to OLOR. This year we have a wonderful singer and DJ playing on the outdoor stage. Please invite your extended family and friends to join the festival.

The festival will begin at 4.30pm and finish at 7.30pm, access will be via the Parish field. Families are encouraged to bring chairs, picnic blankets and refreshments for the afternoon. We will have a games stall with prizes starting from 50p a go, along with a snack stall selling hot dogs, snacks and drinks. There will be a food van and we are excited that 'Soul Bowl Mcr' will be bringing their, açai trailer. There will also be festival glitter tattoos and face painting available. If any parents are available to help, please contact the school office. Tickets will be on sale from Thursday, this week on the school playground or can be purchased from the office. Tickets are £5, purchased before the event and £6 on the door, payment must be in cash. Under 2's are free.

YEAR 6 BUDDIES



Year 6 met their new Buddies on their first day of term.

WELL DONE:



Well done to Emily from Year 4 who donated her hair to The Little Princess Trust over the holidays.

GOVERNANCE:

As a welcome back to OLOR staff, the Governors treated them to a breakfast. This was a real positive start to the year and gave everyone a chance to sit and share their summers.





Useful information

Over the summer holidays we have migrated to a new MIS system, Arbor. This system is used to store all pupil data and is the system that Parentpay pulls all pupil information from. There have been various issues with the migration which has resulted with some essential information for the children who joined our school in September not being transfer. As part of the migration a data check, that we were only able to upload yesterday due to the issues, has to be performed by Parentpay. We were informed this morning that this could take up to 2 weeks to complete. Until the check has been completed we are not able to create accounts for children who joined school in September and it may be that your child is showing as being registered in the wrong year group. Parents who do not have a Parentpay account will not be able to book breakfast or afterschool club, please email the school office, admin@ourladyrosary.co.uk, with the sessions you would like your child to attend and we will manually book them on your behalf. If you have any questions please speak to the school office.

I have questions about...	Who you need to talk to...
Your child's learning / homework / class activities /	Your child's class teacher
Attendance and Absence Requests	Please send an email outlining your request to admin@ourladyrosary.co.uk
Immediate Safeguarding concerns	Mrs Groves (or another member of the Safeguarding Team)
Bullying and Behaviour	Your child's class teacher
Special Educational Needs	Mrs Weinberg
Before and After-School Club	admin@ourladyrosary.co.uk