



Olton Oracle



Learning Together; Achieving More

A Quick Round Up

We have had another busy and very warm week in school which is surely a sign that the summer holidays will soon be upon us. It is hard to believe that next week is our last week in school before the summer break!

It was lovely to see so many current Reception parents in school this week, firstly to attend the Year 1 transition meeting on Wednesday afternoon and then again this afternoon for the Reception 'Look How Far We Have Come' exhibition after school. On Thursday our rock bands performed at the final 'Rock Steady' concert of the year and showed so much confidence in their performances - well done! Our older children have had much to enjoy this week with the Year 6 Leavers' disco on Thursday and the Year 6 reward trip today. The fun continues into the weekend with the PTA summer fayre on Saturday running between 11:00am and 2:30pm. Please do come along and support this if you are able to, armed with sunhats and sun cream, as it looks as though the sunshine will be with us over the weekend too. Thank you for the donations of sweets and cakes that you have sent in with the children today for tombola prizes. We decided it was just too warm to be storing chocolate!

Into next week, we have our final events to bring the school year to a close with our final Year 4 Ukulele concert on Tuesday afternoon where the children can showcase all they have learnt during the year. On Wednesday afternoon we will celebrate with our Nursery children and parents as they 'graduate' and then we have a Virtual Reality experience for Year 1 on Thursday.

We hope everyone has a lovely weekend and although we know we will see many of you tomorrow at the fayre, we will look forward to seeing everyone on Monday to enjoy our last week in school.

Mr Chamberlain, Mrs Gray & the Olton Team

Diary Dates

- 11.7.26 - PTA Summer Fayre
- 14.7.26 - Year 4 Ukulele Concert (parents invited)
- 15.7.26 - Nursery Graduation (2:15pm)
- 15.7.26 - Year 6 Greek Day (rearranged)
- 16.7.26 - Year 1 VR experience
- 17.7.26 - End of term
- 1.9.26 - INSET Day - school closed to pupils
- 2.9.26 - INSET Day - school closed to pupils
- 3.9.26 - Term begins

Ban Homework—Democracy Rules!

Following on from learning all about persuasive writing in English, a few weeks ago, Year 5 carried out a protest through school, along the theme of banning compulsory homework in primary schools.

After this, one of our parents Laura P, who is also a local Solihull Councillor came to speak to all of Year 5. Laura taught us all about the democratic process and how to make changes at local and national level. She suggested that if children wanted to initiate change, they needed to create a petition and she volunteered to share a 'ban homework' petition at the next full Solihull council meeting. This is where all of the Solihull council representatives share their local issues and petitions from the community with the Mayor, Sardul Marwa.

The good news is that on the 7th of July, Councillor McCabe shared Olton Primary's petition with the Mayor at Solihull Council - watch this space!!

The bad news is that until then, you still need to continue to complete your homework!

Gold School Games Mark

The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Having achieved the Silver School Games Mark in previous years, this year, we have been awarded the Gold Award, having demonstrated excellence in each of the four key areas:

- **Participation** - The number of young people, at our school, that are engaged in sporting activity.
- **Competition** - The number of different sports that are being played and how many competitions we have entered.
- **Workforce** - The number of pupils that are involved in leadership activities alongside taking part in competitions.
- **Clubs** - The number of local links we have with clubs or establishments in the community.

Huge congratulations to all the children, and staff, for achieving this amazing award!



Value of the half term: Positivity

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Well done to the following children who have received the celebration certificate for their class.

Nursery: Roman
Reception: Saint & Paige
Year 1: Hadiya, Mason & Jools
Year 2: Ellie & Luhayyah
Year 3: Raine
Year 4: Amaya, Matilda Dua & Haniyah
Year 5: Labeeb
Year 6: Aadhya & Florence

Well done to the following children who have received a silver award for showing our school values.

Nursery: Sofia
Reception: Neda, Deacon & Nellie
Year 2: Ameena
Year 3: Logan & George
Year 4: Frankie

Lost Property

We will be putting out tables on the main driveway next week with all of the lost property in the hope that it will be claimed before the end of term. Please be aware that items that have been in lost property for a few weeks and are unclaimed at the end of term will be donated or disposed of. Thank you.

Missing Scooter

Can you help locate this missing scooter please? It has a name sticker on the handlebar and also under the footplate. If you find it please bring to the school office so that we may reunite it with its owner.

Thank you



Well Done Oscar!

What a massive achievement for Oscar! He played at The Cavern Club in Liverpool recently, with encouragement from Mrs Ewer. Oscar has played the Ukulele since he was introduced to it in lessons at Olton. This just shows the importance of giving children musical opportunities!

Well Done Jax!

On Sunday, Jax took part in a Colour Run to help raise money for the Matt Gallagher Foundation, a local charity that supports people and families affected by Motor Neurone Disease (MND). He really enjoyed taking part in the event, getting covered in colourful powder while raising money for such an important cause. It was a fun and memorable experience, and he was proud to support the Foundation and help raise awareness of MND.

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School Meal Credit

Could we kindly ask all Parents/Carers to check they have sufficient credit on their ParentPay account should they wish their child to order/purchase a school lunch over the remaining days left until we finish on 17 July 2026. As a gentle reminder, **funds should be available from 8:30am** on the days you wish your child to use the Catering provision at school.

Thank you.

Term Dates Autumn 2026

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Tuesday 1st September - INSET Day
Wednesday 2nd September - INSET Day
Thursday 3rd September - Term begins
Monday 26th to Friday 30th October - half term
Friday 27th November - INSET Day
Friday 18th December - End of term

Lunch Menu

Lunch Menu for week beginning **13.7.26** is attached.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the year to 3.7.26 is **94.64%**
Well done to **Dolphins**
who had **98.3%** attendance for week ending 3.7.26

Please inform us of absence by 8:30am.