



Olton Oracle



Learning Together; Achieving More

A Quick Round Up

We have had a busy and increasingly warm week in school but the children have had so much fun out on their visits. With different events off site this week, it has often meant it has been quiet in school with children out. Reception visited Solihull Animal Care Centre and the children were a credit to us all in terms of their maturity and behaviour. Our Year 3 children spent a really enjoyable day at Brandon Marsh on Wednesday. In school, we had a really powerful assembly for our Year 5 and 6 children from Alison Cope about safety awareness and empowering children to make positive choices online and face to face. More information about some of this week's events can be found on the next page to give you a flavour of those enrichment activities which make lasting memories for the children.

This week, Charity Week events have dominated and with the final activities taking place today, we will be in a position to share the final total with you at the start of next week once all of the counting has taken place. Also this week, the Year 6 rehearsals have gone into full swing and if the singing and snippets of performances that we have heard as we have been going along the Year 6 corridor are anything to go by, we will be in for a real treat when they perform at the Dovehouse Theatre on Thursday 2nd July. It is always an event that we look forward to immensely and it's brilliant to see children showcasing their talents.

As we know, numerous school events dominate the weeks at the moment and next week we have a couple of sporting events to look forward to with the Year 6 Borough Sports event on Monday and the Year 5 cricket festival on Tuesday. Also on Monday, we have the Lowe Ranger visit for our Nursery children as well as Year 2 library visits across the week. On Wednesday we have our reading loungewear day for which we ask for a £1 donation and we round up on Friday with a Greek themed day for Year 6. It really is going to be quite a week!

The Nursery children singing this morning and the Reception children enjoying the Father's Day picnic with their loved ones has been a really lovely way to bring this week to a close. We hope you have an enjoyable weekend and we will look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mr Chamberlain, Mrs Gray & the Olton Team

Reception to Year 1 Transition Meeting

Our Reception to Year 1 Transition Meeting for parents of our current Reception children will be held on **Wednesday 8th July at 2:15pm** in the main school hall.

During the transition information meeting we will:

- Explain our transition process in more detail and how it will support your child.
 - Share information about Year 1 routines, learning and expectations.
 - Outline the enhancements we have made to support children as they move into Year 1.
 - Provide useful information to help you prepare your child for the new school year.
 - Answer questions and address any concerns you may have.
- The meeting will finish before 3:00pm to allow time for collecting children. All children will need to be collected at their usual finishing times. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate younger siblings at the meeting.

Please use the link below to let us know whether you are able or unable to attend. <https://forms.office.com/e/niUcTg51SH>



Diary Dates

- 23.6.26 - Year 5 Cricket Festival
- 24.6.26 - Reading Loungewear Day £1 donation
- 26.6.26 - Year 6 Greek Day
- 29.6.26 - Year 6 rehearsal at Langley
- 29.6.26 - KS1 Sports Day (9:10 - 10:30am)
- 30.6.26 - Y3/4 Sports Day (9:00 - 10:15am)
- 30.6.26 - Y5/6 Sports Day (10:30 - 11:45am)
- 30.6.26 - Reception Sports Day (1:30 - 2:45pm)
- 1.7.26 - Transition day in school & Lyndon transition day for Year 6 pupils
- 2.7.26 - Nursery Sports Day (9:00 - 10:00am)
- 2.7.26 - Year 6 Leavers' performance at Langley
- 3.7.26 - Non-uniform day (bottle donations)
- 8.7.26 - Reception to Year 1 Transition Meeting (2:15pm)
- 10.7.26 - Non-uniform (chocolate & cake donations) & Year 6 reward trip
- 11.7.26 - Summer Fayre (11am - 2pm)
- 15.7.26 - Nursery Graduation (pm)
- 16.7.26 - Year 1 VR experience
- 17.7.26 - End of term

Summer Holiday Cycling Courses

Solihull Council in conjunction with bikeability are offering summer holiday cycling courses taking place around the track at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre for children 8+.

Scan the QR code for more details on the attached flyer or visit: solihull.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking



Value of the half term: Positivity

Reception - Solihull Animal Care Centre

Our Reception children had a fabulous time on their class trips to the Solihull Animal Care Centre! They enjoyed meeting and learning about a wide variety of animals, including donkeys, meerkats, rabbits, chinchillas, tortoises, sugar gliders and many more.

The children also had the exciting opportunity to handle some amazing animals, including snakes, lizards, stick insects and guinea pigs. Many of the children were incredibly brave; in fact, they were braver than the adults when it came to holding the different animals!

Of course, the highlight of the trip was... lunch!

We were so proud of all of our Reception children, who were wonderful ambassadors for our school. They were respectful throughout the visits, listened carefully to the staff's instructions and information, and showed great curiosity and enthusiasm as they explored and learned about the animals.

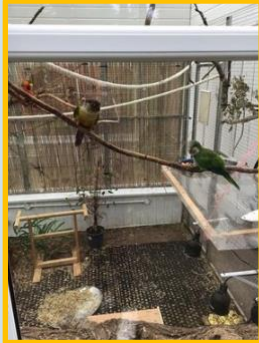


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Year 3 Brandon Marsh

On Wednesday, Year 3 went out for the day to Brandon Marsh in Coventry and had the most wonderful time! The children began with den building in groups and had to show strong teamwork skills. After that, the children looked at the different parts of flowers and their purpose. They also enjoyed pond dipping and some children managed to catch a newt! The day finished with a story and a quiet ride home on the coach with some tired children and adults! The photographs below capture some of the enjoyable experiences the children had.

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Year 5 & 6 Assembly with Alison Cope - Safety Awareness

On Tuesday, the children in Years 5 and 6 had a very powerful assembly as part of our ongoing safety and PSHE curriculum delivered by Alison Cope who is an anti violence campaigner. Alison spoke about safety, choices and the importance of sharing worries and concerns with a trusted adult. She spoke very much from the heart about some of the influences online from popular gaming platforms like Fortnite which promote violence and during the assembly, many of our children actively spoke about their awareness and familiarity with some of the gaming sites mentioned which were above their current ages. Alison also spoke about online arguments and how these can escalate into acts of violence. The focus was very much on empowering our children to speak up when they are worried and dispel some of the myths about knife crime. We have had lots of positive feedback from the children but also from parents who attended and also from families where children have gone home and talked about the assembly and made some independent positive choices about what they are accessing online.

Alison has offered to do a session, exclusively for parents at Olton and we would like to gauge interest as to whether you would find this informative. Please complete the forms link below by Friday 19th June and if we have sufficient interest we can look to book something in the near future.

[Expression of Interest for a Safety Workshop for KS2 Parents – Fill out form](#)

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

Chameleons: Beau
Nursery: Isnaba
Reception: William, Oakley & Laura
Year 1: Gio, Luca & Ezekiel
Year 2: Barney & Jaxon
Year 3: Emelia & Musa
Year 4: Eli, Sienna & Max
Year 5: Harley & Zoya
Year 6: Idrees, Izaan & Iqra

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

Nursery: Deen
Reception: Tooba & Shay
Year 1: Conal
Year 2: Barney, Ibrahim Lyla, Logan & Aakif
Year 3: Ava & Khadija
Year 4: Leo, Ava, Tilly, Amelia, Umaiza, Kaeleb, Shaun, Evlyn & Aleezay
Year 6: Joey, Bobby, Jacob & Idrees

Gold award: Shay

Summer Reading Challenge 2026

Read to the Beat! Summer Reading Challenge - free at your local Solihull library!

Children (age 4–11) can join the Summer Reading Challenge. It starts on Saturday 11 July and runs throughout the summer holidays.

Find out more about it on the Solihull Libraries website:

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/libraries/children-and-young-peoples-library-services>

Summer Holiday Camp at Olton

Once again this year, we will be having a summer holiday club on site. The holiday club will run at Olton Primary School during the weeks below:

27th to 31st July
 3rd to 7th August
 10th to 14th August
 17th to 21st August

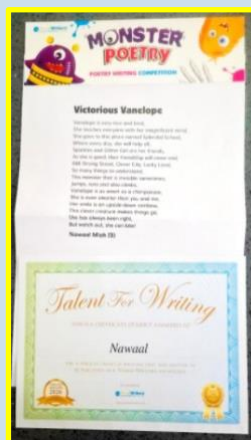
Paid holiday club bookings are now open and HAF places will be open from 22nd June 2026 - more information about these places will be available soon.

Please see the attached poster with more details about pricing as well as other dates at other Solihull venues. The poster also includes contact details and a QR code to make a booking.



Well Done!

Congratulations to Nawaal in Impalas who has become a published poet! She entered the Monster Poetry competition to celebrate Young Writers 2026. Her writing is going to appear in an anthology of poems, we are so proud of you - well done! Here is her incredible poem entitled 'Victorious Vanelope.'



Afterschool Club Bookings

Please look out for the Autumn Term booking details for our independent after school clubs. All information will be sent as separate attachments via email. 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 **22.6.26** is attached.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the year to 12.6.26 is **94.92%**

Well done to **Aardvarks** who had **99.3%** attendance for week ending 12.6.26

Please inform us of absence by 8:30am.