



Olton Oracle



Learning Together; Achieving More

A Quick Round Up

Our last week of this half term has been full of trips and activities to keep us busy - so much so that we have added an extra page onto today's newsletter to share with you more information and photos of the different events. Today, our Year 2 children are currently enjoying a day at Leicester Space Centre and we will share more about their visit on our next newsletter, in the first week back. We are saying goodbye to Miss Mann who has been our Penguins teacher this year and we wish her well as she moves onto her new school. We have welcomed back Mrs Attwell this week and she, along with Miss Morgan, will teach Penguins next half term.

We have been busy planning our next half term and so you will start to see lots of dates for upcoming school events being added. The second half of the Summer term is always busy with discos, trips, sporting events, performances, induction and transition, so do keep checking back for reminders about these. Reminders about events are also added to Dojo.

Although our Year 6 children completed their SATs last week, there are further statutory national assessments taking place next half term. The Year 4 children will complete their multiplication check during the first two weeks back and then also in the second week Year 1 children will have their phonics screening check. Parents in these year groups have previously received information about these but if you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

This half term has gone by in a flash and all that is left for us to do is to wish you all an enjoyable break. The warmer, sunnier weather we have seen today looks set to continue into the half term holiday which we know give lots more options for keeping the children entertained! Have a wonderful week and we will look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday 1st June**.

Mr Chamberlain, Mrs Gray & the Olton Team

Diary Dates

- 1.6.26 - Children return to school
- w/b 1.6.26 - MTC check (Year 4)
- w/b 8.6.26 - Phonics Screening Check (Y1) and MTC check (Year 4)
- 9.6.26 - Year 4 Cricket Festival
- 10.6.26 - Year 5 Tudor Day & Professor McGinty Workshop
- 10.6.26 - Induction evening for September 2026 Nursery and Reception intake
- 16/17/18.6.28 - Reception Animal Care trips
- 17.6.26 - Year 3 Brandon Marsh Nature Trip
- 19.6.26 - EYFS Father's Day celebrations
- 23.6.26 - Year 5 Cricket Festival
- 24.6.26 - Reading Loungewear Day £1 donation
- 26.6.26 - Year 6 Greek Day
- 1.7.26 - Transition day in school & Lyndon transition day for Year 6 pupils

National Numeracy Day

As part of our celebration of National Numeracy day all of the classes took part in a competition to guess the number of sweets in a jar. There were some excellent methods being used to calculate answers. The Year 6 children were applying their knowledge of both ratio and volume to calculate their final guess and there were brilliant Maths conversations across the school.

Thank you for supporting our day of Mathematical celebration.

Winners

KS2 - Coyotes with a guess of 300. Actual answer 296

Nursery / EYFS / KS1 - Penguins with a guess of 135. Actual answer 136.



Term Dates 2026/27

We are in the process of finalising our term dates and INSET days (days where school is closed to pupils) for the 2026/27 academic year. We will be in a position to share all of the dates for the year with you soon but many parents/carers have been asking about what date the children are returning to school in September and so in the first instance we have agreed the Autumn Term 2026 dates to help you plan.

Autumn 2026

- 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

School Office News



To help keep down waiting times and queues in the office, popular forms are now available to collect from the magazine rack in the school office foyer. A secure post box is situated outside by the front door for any completed forms or communications for the office. Thank you.

Value of the half term: Empathy

Year 1 Trip to Twycross Zoo

The Year 1 children had a fantastic trip to Twycross Zoo last Friday and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the zoo and learning about a wide variety of animals. The children were beautifully behaved throughout the day and showed great enthusiasm and curiosity as they observed animals including monkeys, giraffes, penguins and meerkats. It was a fun and educational experience that created many happy memories for everyone involved. Thank you to the parents who supported on the trip - your support is much appreciated.

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Nursery Events

Planting and Growing Workshop

On Wednesday morning, the children in Chipmunks had a wonderful time with their families at their planting and growing workshop. They decorated a pot before planting sunflower seeds, discussing what they will need to do to look after their plants when they take them home. They then enjoyed completing lots of different craft activities including making bees, butterflies and drawing sunflowers. We are very grateful to parents/carers taking time out of their day to come and spend time with the children in school. Thank you.

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Ducklings

After almost two weeks, the ducklings that our Nursery children have cared for so lovingly have left us. We chose an ethical hatchery because they guarantee every single duckling will return to a high welfare farm to live out a happy life.

The ducklings really have proved a very popular addition to the Nursery classroom and it has been impossible to pass without popping in to see what they have been up to. The children particularly loved seeing the ducklings swimming in the water tray!

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

Chameleons: Sienna
Nursery: Musab
Reception: Santiago & Myah
Year 1: Brianna, Colby-Jax & Freddie
Year 2: Naushad
Year 3: Harlee-Mai & Fraser
Year 4: Ella, Cole & Pippa
Year 5: Laylah
Year 6: Amarah

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

Nursery: Deen
Reception: Samaa, Hollie & Ethan
Year 2: Elliot & Oscar
Year 3: George & Ava
Year 4: Jacob & Poppy
Year 5: Nicole & Nawaal

Gold Certificate
Year 4: Nyla



Nursery 30-hour Vacancies 2026/27

We currently have places available for our Nursery for the new academic year 2026/27 starting in **September 2026**. The places are based on a **30 hour full time** curriculum and children need to be age 3 by the **31st August 2026**.

If you would like to apply for a place for your child, please contact the School Office via our EYFS email address s12eyfs@olton.solihull.sch.uk or call on 0121 706 2644. Please note, applications will be accepted in order of return and will be checked for eligibility.



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Football, Dodgeball, Tennis, Cricket, Netball, Basketball, Creative arts, LEGO, Clay Modelling, Board Games & more.

BOOK 4+ HALF / FULL DAYS GET 15% OFF
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Strategic discount of 10%. Children over 10 must be accompanied by an adult. The most available at £2.50 per session. Under 10s: book 4+ sessions, half-price only. Half places available. Maximum of 4 half days for half. Half Day Morning 9am - 12.45pm. Half Day Afternoon 12.45pm - 4.30pm.

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ACE Sports Camps

Multi-Sports at Olton School
Accepting New Bookings
 Dates: Thursday 4th June - 10th July 2026 (7 weeks)
 Time: 9.30 - 4.30pm
 Age: Reception - Year 6
 Cost: Half Term £52.50 (7 weeks)
 (Selling Discount: 50% OFF Total Booking)
 1 week trial offer £25

Cricket & Rounders Club at Olton School
Accepting new bookings
 Dates: Monday 8th June - 10th July 2026 (7 weeks)
 Time: 9.30 - 4.30pm
 Age: Reception - Year 6
 Cost: Summer Half term £52.50 (7 weeks)
 (Selling Discount: 50% OFF Total Booking)

Why Join Our Multi-Sports?

- Cover a range of sports over the term.
- Fully qualified, first aid trained and DBS checked coaches from West Warwick Sports Complex.
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Why Join Our Cricket & Rounders Club?

- Rounders and cricket training help students build teamwork, improve hand-eye coordination and mental fitness, while developing key skills such as listening, planning, catching and throwing awareness.
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Reminders

Payment Reminders

Year 1 VR Experience - payment of **£6.50 is due by Friday 29th May** for the Year 1 virtual reality minibeast experience taking place on Thursday 16th July.

Nursery The Lowe Ranger - payment of **£10.10 is due by Monday 1st June** for the Nursery Lowe Ranger visit taking place on Monday 22nd June.

Theme days, trips and visit are a wonderful way to bring learning to life for the children but as always, we require sufficient contributions to be received for any trip or visit to go ahead. Thank you.



Lunch Menu

Lunch Menu for week beginning **1.6.26** is attached.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the year to 15.5.26 is **94.84%**

Well done to **Lemmings, Meerkats and Wallabies**

who had **100%** attendance for week ending 15.5.26

Please inform us of absence by 8:30am.