



Olton Oracle



Learning Together; Achieving More

A Quick Round Up

When we sent out the newsletter last week, we were anticipating some warmer weather, but we really didn't anticipate the impact it would have. Closing the school is not a decision we ever take without real consideration of the impact of this on children, parents and carers but despite the continued efforts of staff and children to manage the challenging conditions, we had to prioritise the health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff. We know many of you have had to make adjustments due to the early finish and so we really do appreciate your support this week. It feels like we will never complain about the cold and wet again after this week but give it a couple of weeks and I'm sure we will!

Some of the scheduled events this week fell victim to the extreme weather. The Year 5 cricket festival on Tuesday was cancelled and although the children were disappointed, they had a short period of time out on the field in the morning before it got too warm having their own mini festival. The cheerleading festival was also cancelled as were some of the Year 2 visits to the library. The visit to Lyndon which some of our Year 5 pupils were due to attend today has been postponed but we are hopeful we can rearrange this before the end of term.

Today's newsletter does celebrate some of the events that did go ahead such as the Lowe Ranger visit to Nursery and there is also some information and photos of the Father's Day picnic which took place at the end of last week. Whilst most sporting activities were cancelled, on Monday, a group of Year 6 children attended Borough Sports Athletics with Miss Walton, Mrs Tamvada and Mrs Lama. The children represented the school, competing in both track and field events (in the scorching heat!!) and did so fantastically! We are so proud of them for how supportive they were to each other. We also had our loungewear day on Wednesday and raised a brilliant £358 which will be spent on our school libraries. On the subject of reading, although the children haven't had much opportunity to use it yet, this week we unveiled our reading nook on the playground and you can read more about that on page 3 of today's newsletter.

We are very much looking forward to a cooler week next week, particularly as we have all of our Sports Day events, transition day and a Year 6 performance to look forward to. See 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

- 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) & Year 4 Kings and Queens Day
- 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

Charity Week 2026

Last week, we held our annual charity week in support of The British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research UK. Over the course of the week, the children participated in different events to raise money for the charities and we were able to reveal the final total in assembly this week. The total for the different events is shown below

£1081.97	Sponsored Events
£ 38.40	Coin Collage
£1129.65	House Markets/Cake Sale
£ 587.57	Non-uniform/Soak the Head

Our grand total was an amazing **£2837.59**

20% of the funds raised will be used by school to fund First Aid training for all of our Year 5 and 6 pupils before the end of term. We will be donating the remainder equally between the two charities meaning they will each receive £1135.04 each. A huge thank you to our whole school community for your support and generosity.

Value of the half term: Positivity

Nursery The Lowe Ranger

Our Nursery children had a memorable afternoon on Monday when the Lowe Ranger came to visit with her two baby dinosaurs, Molly and Dexter. Molly is a Stygimoloch who loves nothing more than being tickled under the chin with a feather and Dexter is a cheeky T-Rex whose favourite toy is a squeaky chicken! The children became honorary Rangers helping to train and feed the dinosaurs whilst also learning lots about each dinosaur, their eggs, nests and fossils. They finished the afternoon by working together to build their own dinosaur nests which Ranger Gill used to protect her latest precious eggs.

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The Book Nook

Thanks to the incredible support of our families, we raised an amazing £1,609.88 during our Movie Event! As a result, we have begun creating a quiet outdoor space for children who prefer to read, relax and enjoy some calm time during playtimes.

We are delighted to announce that the Book Nook is now open to all children on the playground. It currently includes a selection of books, cosy bean bags and even a special throne for children to sit and enjoy their reading.

This is just the beginning! We are looking forward to adding more seating, extra books for the playground benches, sensory toys and other exciting features in the coming weeks. Thank you for helping us make this wonderful new space possible.



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Funded by the generosity of our children and parents.
A quiet space for all children to read, relax and enjoy playtime.
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EYFS Father's Day Picnic

Last Friday in EYFS we had a truly special time celebrating Father's Day and recognising all the important male role models in our children's lives including dads, stepdads, grandads, great grandads, uncles and other significant figures who offer care, guidance and support.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to say thank you and to share time together in school. Our Nursery children sang beautifully and confidently outside on the nursery playground filling the space with joy and pride. It was lovely to see how much they enjoyed performing and sharing their learning with their special guests.

In Reception the children took part in their Father's Day picnics out on the field. They had great fun enjoying games, food and quality time together in the sunshine. The atmosphere was full of laughter and happiness making the most of the beautiful weather.

Overall it was a very successful and memorable day. It was heartwarming to see so many families come together to celebrate and enjoy these special moments.

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Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day so meaningful for the children.

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

Nursery: Deen

Reception: Ethan & Richie

Year 1: Isabella, Eliza & Maha

Year 2: Yahya & Ocean

Year 3: Zayden & Zach

Year 4: Elizabeth, Darcie & Pippa

Year 5: Rose

Year 6: Mujtaba, Ziad & Ismaeel

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

Nursery: Alaia

Reception: Olivia & Alizeh

Year 1: Alex & Jacob

Year 2: Aayansh

Year 3: Fraser & Sarrinah

Year 4: Jacob

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.



Club Reminders and Payment

This is a gentle reminder that club payment is due for July on or before Tuesday 30 June 2026.

If your child was booked to attend after school club on Thursday 25 June and/or Friday 26 June we will be applying 50% credit to your account as per the club policy.

Please make contact with Mrs Chakmak if you wish to make a club booking for September. Spaces are filling up quickly and you will need to complete a booking form if you wish to secure a place.



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 **29.6.26** is attached.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for the year to 19.6.26 is **94.94%**

Well done to **Gibbons** who had **99.3%** attendance for week ending 19.6.26

Please inform us of absence by 8:30am.