



Our Lady's News

The RUAH



Friday 7th
May 2026

We are here to help. If you are struggling and need support, please contact your child's class teacher or speak to a member of school staff at the school gates.

If you have concerns about a child, please contact our school's safeguarding team without delay:

safeguarding@ourladyscowley.co.uk

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or

visit the safeguarding page on our school website.



**Graded
outstanding in all
areas in our
Diocesan
inspection in
December 2024.**

A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week at school, I would like to thank all of our children, staff, and families for their continued support and positivity. Although it was a shorter week following the bank holiday weekend, school has been full of energy, enthusiasm, and achievement.

Across the school, the children have continued to demonstrate our RUAH values in all that they do. It has been wonderful to see pupils showing respect, understanding, aspiration, and honesty in their learning, friendships, and daily interactions. Their positive attitudes and willingness to support one another continue to make our school such a special community.

During this month of May, we have also been taking time to reflect on and celebrate Mary, the mother of Jesus. We have been exploring the importance of Mary in our faith through prayer, worship, and creative activities. Our prayer areas and acts of collective worship have provided thoughtful opportunities for reflection and spiritual growth.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils, who have been preparing calmly and confidently for their SATs next week. We are incredibly proud of the determination, resilience, and maturity they have shown throughout the year. The children have worked extremely hard, and we know they will do their very best. Most importantly, we are encouraging them to feel proud of all they have already achieved. We wish them every success and look forward to supporting them throughout the week ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend!

Ms Davies and all the staff

Respect, understanding, affection, humour

Learning at Our Lady's

Celebrating Creativity and Inspiration

We're incredibly proud of the effort put into this week's homework project. The display looks fantastic and highlights the creativity, research, and care in every piece. In Year 5/6, pupils have been working hard on biographies inspired by Herstory, and it's been wonderful to see their learning reflected so beautifully in their homework.



As we begin May, we also honour Our Lady making this work even more special.



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News from the classrooms



KS1 Salad Skills in Action

Today we made our salad, practising our chopping and peeling skills. The children used knives, peelers and a grater to create their salads. It was fantastic to see such great KS1 skills in action well done to everyone!



Modern Day Cinderella Stories in Lime Class

Lime Class, have begun publishing our graphic novels on the Chromebooks. The children have been working hard to create their own modern-day Cinderella stories with exciting twists, and we are looking forward to seeing the finished results!



Emerald Class Investigates Changing States

In Emerald Class, we explored how materials can change state by adding heat and energy to a solid – chocolate! The children loved observing what happened as the chocolate melted and discussing the different changes they could see. We now know all about freezing, melting, condensation, and evaporation... especially when chocolate is involved!



Ruby Class Explores Plants

Ruby Class continued their learning about plants today. The children learnt about different types of leaves and then used pocket microscopes to closely observe and compare two different leaves. They enjoyed investigating the details and patterns they could see up close!



Jam-packed Fun in Scarlett Class!

Scarlett class loved starting our new English topic on instruction writing! We wrote instructions for a robot (Mr Reeves 🤖) to make a jam sandwich although some unclear instructions left quite a messy result! 🤖 We then improved our instructions to make them much clearer. Great teamwork and problem-solving from everyone! 🤖

Internet Safety

Roblox update



What's changing for kids in Roblox?

From June 2026, Roblox will introduce new age-based accounts to help improve online safety for children.

What's changing?

Children under 16 will have age-appropriate versions of Roblox.

- Younger children will have restricted access to games and communication features.
- Parents will have more control over chat settings, game approvals, screen time and spending limits.

New account types:

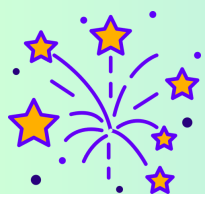
- Roblox Kids (ages 5–8): Limited games and no chat features.
- Roblox Select (ages 9–15): Access to moderated games with parent controls available.
- Standard Roblox (16+): Full access to the platform.

Parents will also be able to verify their child's age directly and manage settings for longer.

Our advice for families:

- ✓ Link your parent account to your child's Roblox account
- ✓ Check communication and privacy settings
- ✓ Set screen time and spending limits
- ✓ Talk with your child about online safety and the upcoming changes

These updates are designed to make Roblox safer for children while giving parents more oversight and control.



Let's Celebrate



Parkrun Superstars in Action!

It was fantastic to see so many OL students taking part in the Florence Park Junior Park Run on Sunday, completing a 2K run. This is a brilliant free initiative that takes place every week, and it was great to see families getting involved. Hopefully, even more families will join in the future.

Caught Being Kind

Caught being kind and shining through our school values.

Laurence-Olive
Alice-Lime
Destiny-Sunflower





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Learner and Salesian of the week



	Learner	Salesian
Sunshine	Double Celebration next week	Double Celebration next week
Buttercup	Lily	Alice
Sunflower	Hannah	Kai
Coral	Marcel	Joshin
Ruby	Leo & Romario	Malakey
Scarlett	Soliman	Oliver
Lime	Rivan	Vicky
Olive	Philippa	Russel
Emerald	Ilena	Arthur
Indigo	Beatrice	Filip
Aqua	Luca F	Maya
Sapphire	Shaylon	Sandivanio

Attendance Award: **CORAL**

A big well done to all the children

Dates for your Diary

May	
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 15 th	Quaddkids Tournament for selected Year 3 and 4 children Group Photo's In school Family bingo night at 5.30–details to follow (<i>previously advertised as a quiz night!</i>)
Monday 19 th	Cultures Week in school
Tuesday 19 th	Touch rugby tournament for selected Year 5 and 6 children
Thursday 21 st	Gaelic Football tournament for selected Year 5 and 6 children In St. Albans Hertfordshire
Friday 22 nd	Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians–Whole school celebration
Saturday 23 rd	Celebration Mass in Church at 12.00noon to celebrate Salesian Co-operators. All Welcome
June	
Monday 1 st –Friday 5 th	Year 6 PGL Residential Year 4 Multiplication Checks begin–(Tested over 2 weeks)
Saturday 6 th	First Holy Communion Mass at our Parish 10.am
Monday 8 th	Phonics screening week for children in Year 1

Wednesday 10 th	Cinema Night 3pm-5pm
Friday 19 th	Fathers Day Gift Shop
Wednesday 24 th	Greyfriars and Oxford Spires Transfer day for Year 6 children
Friday 26 th	Greyfriars Transfer day for Year 6 children
Saturday 27 th	Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish church- Time to be confirmed
Monday 29 th	Open morning for children new to Reception and Nursery 9.00-10.30am
Tuesday 30 th	Open morning for children new to Reception and Nursery 9.00-10.30am

July

Wednesday 1 st	Cheney Transfer day for Year 6 children
Thursday 2 nd	Cheney Transfer day for Year 6 children
Friday 3 rd	Sports Day for children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 at 1pm in school
Wednesday 8 th	iRock Concert at 9am
Thursday 9 th	Transition Day!-Children will meet their new teacher School Reports will be sent home via Arbor
Friday 10 th	Learning showcase for all parents 08.30-09.15 Year 6 Special showcase End of Year festival 4pm-7pm
Wednesday 15 th	Sports Day for children in Years 2- 6 @ Horspath Athletic Track
Thursday 16 th	Leavers Mass and picnic @ 1.30pm Parents and extended family welcome



Friday 17th School Finishes for the summer holidays at 12.30

