



# Our Lady's News

# The RUAH



Friday 15th  
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](mailto:safeguarding@ourladyscowley.co.uk)

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,

This week all of the children in our school have worked exceptionally hard. I would like to take this moment to congratulate our Year 6 children for completing their SATs. These tests have to be taken under strict test conditions which are externally verified by someone from the Local Authority. All of the children in Year 6 rose to the challenge and even though nerves were present in the mornings, they quickly overcame their worries and were not phased by what they were doing. We have no idea how the children have performed as all of the texts have to be sent away to be marked by qualified examiners across the country. We will receive their results on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July and we will share the headlines with the school community. Last year, our Year 6 results were the second-best in the whole of Oxford and so we are hoping to match that this year!

Next week will be a very special week for our school community. Everyone is unique with individual gifts and talents and this will be celebrated in Cultures Week. We are busy planning a week of activities for the children - please see the details below. On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May we will celebrate our feast day - the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. On this day the children are invited to come to school wearing traditional clothes from their cultures and backgrounds. They are also invited to bring some food from their heritage to share as a class.

In the Gospel this week, Jesus tells his Father in Heaven that he has completed what was asked of him. Then, Jesus prays for his friends. The mission for our school community this week is friendship. What a perfect theme for cultures week: friendship to everyone who is made in the image and likeness of God.

If you would like to join us for Mass on Friday morning at 9.15am, you are most welcome.

With best wishes  
Ms Davies and all the staff

*Respect, understanding, affection, humour*

# Cultures Week: Monday 18th-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Cultures Week  
Monday 18th-  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
2026



What to wear on  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:  
national dress,  
football kit,  
the colours of your  
country or  
something else - be  
creative!  
Be ready to talk to  
your class about  
what you are  
wearing.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:  
Bring in some food,  
a book or pictures  
from your country  
to share with your  
friends.

**No uniforms on  
Friday and no  
money needed!**

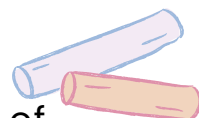
## News from the classrooms



### Victorian Games Fun!

Scarlett enjoyed playing a variety of Victorian games as part of our preparation for writing instructions about how to play them.

Fantastic work, everyone!



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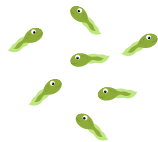
## Creative Clay Creations Inspired by Islamic Art ★

Emerald have been developing our art skills by designing and creating clay relief tiles inspired by our topic of Islamic Art ★ We explored different patterns and shapes carefully to create our designs. Later this week, we will be trying again to make perfectly symmetrical versions before painting and decorating our finished tiles!



## Singing Stars in Aqua Class 🎵

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic singing lesson with Mr Bisson this afternoon! The children sang beautifully and showed great enthusiasm throughout the session. We certainly have some wonderful singers in Aqua Class!



## Tadpole Explorers 🐸

Our tadpoles are growing quickly! Today, we enjoyed taking a closer look at them in the classroom. Watching them carefully helped us think of lots of interesting words to describe what they look like and how they move. We loved observing their wriggling and swimming as they continue to grow and change.



## Money Masters in Lime Class! 💰

In Maths, Lime Class have been learning all about money! Today, we explored different ways to make amounts by converting pounds and pence. Everyone worked really hard and showed great problem-solving skills. Well done, Lime Class!





# INTERNET SAFETY



STAY SAFE. BE KIND. SPEAK UP.



## AROUND SEXTING



We all have the right to feel safe online.

At our primary school, we are committed to helping children stay safe online.

As part of our internet safety education, we teach pupils about appropriate online behaviour and the importance of protecting themselves and others when using technology.



Children are taught, in an age-appropriate way, that they should **NEVER** share personal information, photographs, or videos online without a trusted adult's permission.

We discuss the dangers of sending or receiving inappropriate images or messages, sometimes referred to as "sexting," and explain that this is **unsafe** and **not suitable** for children.

### PUPILS ARE ENCOURAGED TO:



Speak to a **trusted adult** if something online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.



Keep passwords and personal information **private**.



Be **respectful** and **kind** when communicating online.



Understand that once something is shared online, it can be **difficult to remove**.



If you see something upsetting or inappropriate, **report it** to a trusted adult.



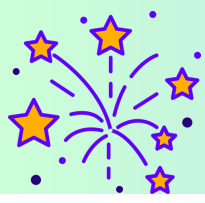
Through **RHSE**, Computing, assemblies, and safeguarding lessons, children learn how to use the internet safely, responsibly, and confidently.

We also work closely with parents and carers to promote safe online habits both in school and at home.



STAY SAFE ONLINE! **SPEAK UP. GET HELP. YOU MATTER.**





# Let's Celebrate



## Empowered Girls, Inspiring Futures

Well done to all the children who took part in the Her Voice. Her Game. workshops at Greyfriars School. While basketball was at the heart of the workshops, the days were about much more than sport alone. The aim was to create a safe, fun, and supportive environment where girls could feel empowered, build confidence, and feel inspired through physical activity and teamwork.

# Caught Being Kind

Caught being kind and shining through our school values.



**Olivia Ruby**  
**Hunaif Sunflower**



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## Arc Oxford Honey Label Competition – Congratulations to Our Winners

Well done to all the children who took part in the Arc Oxford Honey Label Competition.

We were especially delighted to have three winners from Our Lady's School.

What an amazing achievement!

- 1st Prize: Eliza**
- 2nd Prize: Rezrecta**
- 3rd Prize: QJ**



Each of the winners was awarded a well-deserved goodie bag. Congratulations to all involved for their creativity and effort!



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## Learner and Salesian of the week



|  | Learner  | Salesian |
|---|----------|----------|
| Sunshine  | Jose     | Tallulah |
| Buttercup   | Hunaif   | Amaya    |
| Sunflower   | Peculiar | Isla     |
| Coral   | Gurvir   | Kameela  |
| Ruby  | Tisenia  | Sarah    |
| Scarlett  | Imelda   | Emanuel  |
| Lime  | Uday     | Ethan    |
| Olive   | Michael  | Saad     |
| Emerald   | Max      | Shawn    |
| Indigo  | Kalyan   | Daisy    |
| Aqua  | Monet    | QJ       |
| Sapphire  | Year 6   | Year 6   |

 **Attendance Award**   
**YEAR 6 CHILDREN**

 **A big well done to all the children**

# Dates for your Diary

## May

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>   | Cultures Week in school  |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Touch rugby tournament for <b>selected Year 5 and 6 children</b>                                 |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> | Gaelic Football tournament for <b>selected Year 5 and 6 children</b> In St. Albans Hertfordshire |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>   | Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians-Whole school celebration                                    |
| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Celebration Mass in Church at 12.00noon to celebrate Salesian Co-operators. All Welcome          |

## June

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| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> -Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> | Year 6 PGL Residential<br>Year 4 Multiplication Checks begin-(Tested over 2 weeks) |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>                       | First Holy Communion Mass at our Parish 10.am                                      |
| Monday 8th                                     | Phonics screening week for children in Year 1                                      |
| Wednesday 10th                                 | Cinema Night 3pm-5pm   |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>                        | Fathers Day Gift Shop  |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>                     | Greyfriars and Oxford Spires Transfer day for Year 6 children                      |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>                        | Greyfriars Transfer day for Year 6 children  |

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| Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>  | Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish church- <b>Time to be confirmed</b>                              |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>    | Open morning for children new to Reception and Nursery<br>9.00-10.30am                                   |
| Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>   | Open morning for children new to Reception and Nursery<br>9.00-10.30am                                   |
| <b>July</b>                |  |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Cheney Transfer day for Year 6 children  |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Cheney Transfer day for Year 6 children  |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | Sports Day for children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 at 1pm in school                                |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | iRock Concert at 9am   |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>   | Transition Day!-Children will meet their new teacher<br>School Reports will be sent home via Arbor       |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>    | Learning showcase for all parents 08.30-09.15<br>Year 6 Special showcase<br>End of Year festival 4pm-7pm |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> | Sports Day for children in Years 2- 6 @ Horspath Athletic Track  |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Leavers Mass and picnic @ 1.30pm Parents and extended family welcome                                     |



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> School Finishes for the summer holidays at 12.30**

