



# Our Lady's News

# The RUAH



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
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@ourlady-scowley.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ourlady-scowley.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*

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term; I hope you all had a lovely half term break. I cannot believe that there are only 6 weeks left in the academic year - this year has flown by!

During half term the national headlines were filled with the devastating news of accidents involving young people in water. We offer our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies to the family of local teenager Baltazar L'Quy who was also a member of our local parish. We extend our thoughts and prayers to the wider East Timor community who know Baltazar and his family.

Just before half term children in Years 2, 3 and 4 attended a water safety assembly held by instructors from The Leys swimming pool. The importance of being safe around water was re-enforced in a whole-school assembly last Monday. It is critical that all children learn to swim. The Leys swimming pool are offering FREE swimming lessons for children. I strongly urge all parents to book swimming lessons if you have not done so already. Being able to swim 25 metres is a requirement of the National Curriculum and therefore, when we organise swimming lessons during the school week, they are compulsory and not optional.

This weekend is the feast of Corpus Christi - the Body of Christ. It is an extra special weekend for all of the children who are receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. We wish all our children and families a wonderful weekend of celebrations for this very special occasion.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.  
With best wishes  
Ms Davies and all the staff.

*Respect, understanding, affection, humour*

# Learning at Our Ladys



You may have noticed the new display board in Reception. As part of our ongoing safeguarding work, we have been reinforcing with the children the importance of all staff and visitors wearing lanyards while on the school site. This helps ensure that everyone in the building is easily identifiable and that our school remains a safe and secure environment for all pupils.

We also use different coloured lanyards to help distinguish between staff and various categories of visitors, making it even easier to identify who is who at a glance.

This system supports our safeguarding procedures and helps maintain clear security across the school site at all times.

## Parish News

This week, Fr Harry attended a special service at St Chad's Cathedral where he was officially installed as a Canon.

This is a significant honour within the Church and recognises his dedicated service, leadership and commitment to the Catholic community.

The installation ceremony took place in the cathedral and was attended by clergy, family, friends and parishioners.

We congratulate Fr Harry on this wonderful achievement and keep him in our prayers as he takes on this important role alongside his parish ministry.

*Congratulations*

# News from the classrooms



 Wonderful Keyboard Music Lesson at Aqua 

They had a wonderful music lesson on the keyboards at Aqua, enjoying a lively and engaging session filled with fun, rhythm, and plenty of hands-on musical exploration.

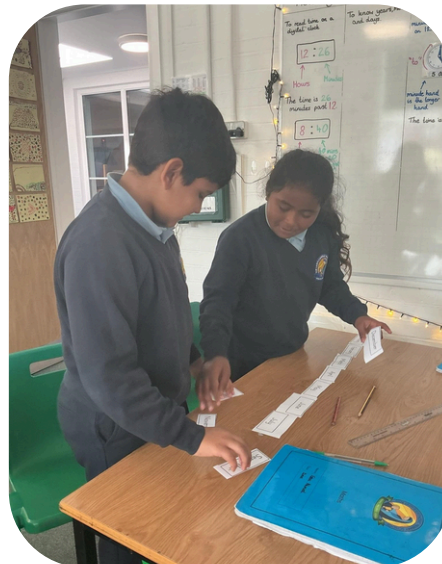


Emerald's classic Islamic tiles are ready to be sent to their new homes just look at how amazing they look!





Our Butterfly Journey Begins!

Four caterpillars have arrived in Reception and are now part of our learning space. We are excited to observe them as they grow, develop, and eventually transform into beautiful butterflies



 Time Explorers: Months, Days and Leap Years! 

In Maths this week, Lime have continued our learning about time. We have been exploring the months of the year and the days of the week, and working out the length of time between different dates and events. We have also been learning why February is different from the other months, and why leap years are needed!  



# Water safety advice



**Please read and share this information with your children about the importance of staying safe around water.**

Spending time near water can be fun, especially in warm weather, but open water can be dangerous even if you are a strong swimmer. Rivers, lakes, canals, quarries and reservoirs can be much colder than they look, with hidden hazards and strong currents.

- Do not jump, dive or swim in open water unless it is a supervised, designated place.
- Never go near water alone – stay with friends and make sure someone knows where you are.
- Be aware that cold water shock can affect anyone, even strong swimmers, and can make it hard to breathe or move.
  - Rivers, canals and lakes may have hidden dangers under the surface such as rocks, rubbish, weeds, fishing line or sudden drops.
- Do not take risks to impress others, including dares, bridge jumps or entering the water for social media content.
- If you fall in, try to stay calm, float on your back, keep your airway clear and control your breathing.
  - If you see someone in trouble, call 999 or 112, shout for help, and throw something that floats. Do not go in after them.
- If possible, choose supervised swimming venues or pools instead of unsupervised open water.

Remember: Enjoy the good weather, look out for your mates, and stay safe around water.



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

### 1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



### 2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



### 3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



### 4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



### 5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



### 6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

### 7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

### 8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED

For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

### 9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

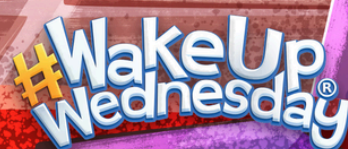
### 10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

## Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



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# Let's Celebrate



## Learner and Salesian of the week



	Learner	Salesian
Sunshine	Zahra	Arad
Buttercup	Elijah	Khizar
Sunflower	Abdul	Tita
Coral	Cadhla Mae	Peter Gill
Ruby	Leo	Derek
Scarlett	Alia	Dominic
Lime	Emma	Peter
Olive	Jasmine	Thebora
Emerald	Graciela	Maciej
Indigo	Maya	Caleb
Aqua	Eva S	Xanthi
Sapphire	All	Yusef



**Attendance Award  
Scarlett 100%**

# Dates for your Diary

## June

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
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
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 9.00-10.30am
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Open morning for children new to Reception and Nursery 9.00-10.30am

## July

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

## July

Thursday 9th	Transition Day!-Children will meet their new teacher School Reports will be sent home via Arbor
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Learning showcase for all parents 08.30-09.15 Year 6 Special showcase End of Year festival 4pm-7pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day for children in Years 2- 6 @ Horspath Athletic Track
Thursday 16th	Leavers Mass and picnic @ 1.30pm Parents and extended family welcome

## Preparing for September

Over the next two weeks we will be asking the children to name some friends that they would like to be in their class next year so that we can begin the mammoth task of organising the classes for September.

Please remember that every child will have at least one friend that they have named but they may not have all three.

This has been the criteria over the last five years and will remain the same this year. Children will be told who their new class teacher will be on transition morning on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

## Class Dojo

We use ClassDojo as our primary communication platform for sharing important school and class information.

Please ensure you check it regularly so you don't miss any updates, announcements, messages from teachers, or key reminders about your child's learning, events, and school activities.

Staying up to date will help you remain informed and involved throughout the school year.



# SUMMER CAMPS

AGE  
5-14

PLAY. LEARN. DEVELOP. HAVE FUN!



## DATES

20/7 - 24/7  
27/7 - 31/7



## TIME

9AM - 4PM



## AGE

5-14 YEARS



## VENUE

St John Fisher School  
Littlemore, Oxford  
OX4 6LD



## REGISTER NOW!

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