



Our Lady's News

The RUAH



Friday 12th 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

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,

What a wonderful week we've had at school! Our Year 1 children rose magnificently to the challenge of their phonics screening check, showing fantastic focus and determination throughout. Emerald Class led a beautiful Celebration of the Word, reminding us all of the power of coming together as a community and leaving us with a powerful mission for the week—one which our children have shown in abundance and was evident in our 'Learners and Salesians of the Week'.

We were also delighted to welcome Laura Fowler, George's mum, to Friday's assembly, where she spoke passionately about sustainability and generously donated a book to our school library thank you, Laura! We love it when parents come and share their professions in school—it shows the children the different jobs that adults do. If any other parents wish to come into school to share their job roles or vocations, please speak to myself or Mr Spackman on the school gate.

To round off the week, Years 5 and 6 enjoyed their swimming session at St John Fisher School, making the most of the fantastic facilities there and ensuring that they know how to keep themselves safe in water.

As we move closer to the end of that academic year, we are reminded of all of the wonderful activities we have in store for the rest of the school year. We hope and pray that you all have a restful weekend full of joy (and hopefully a little sunshine).

God bless.

Respect, understanding, affection, humour

Learning at Our Ladys

Celebrating Learning Through Retrieval and Experiences



We are delighted to introduce our new Retrieval Boards, now displayed in every classroom, to support children in revisiting and reinforcing their learning throughout the year.

Each board also features a collection of key photographs that capture memorable moments from across the year, celebrating not only learning in the classroom but also the rich experiences beyond it. From educational visits and workshops to a variety of enrichment opportunities, these experiences play a vital role in deepening children's understanding and bringing their learning to life.

The Retrieval Boards provide a valuable opportunity for children to reflect on their learning journey, make connections across different topics, and remember the experiences that have helped shape their understanding throughout the year.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion last weekend. We keep them and their families in our prayers as they continue their faith journey. 🙏



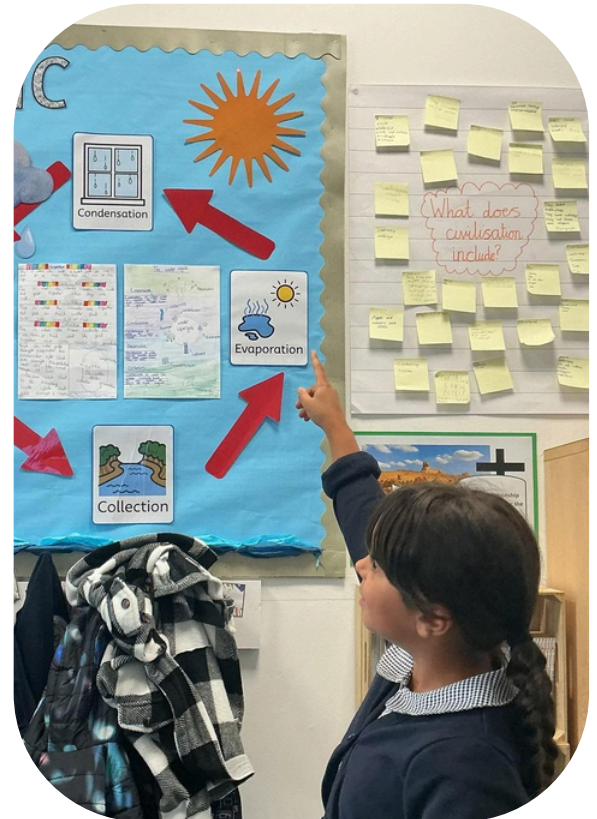
News from the classrooms

Angle Detectives! 🔍

In Maths, we have been angle detectives! We learned about acute, obtuse, and right angles, then set off around the classroom to find as many examples of each as we could. We discovered lots of acute angles, but the obtuse angles were a little more challenging to spot. Great work, Lime! 🍌🟩🟡

Our First Butterfly 🦋

Reception were delighted to spot their first butterfly in the garden this week! The children enjoyed observing it closely and discussing the butterfly life cycle.



Year 6 Become Darwin's Finches!

Year 6 took part in a fun science investigation inspired by Charles Darwin's famous finch study. Using different "beaks" such as tweezers, spoons and chopsticks, the children collected a variety of "food sources" and recorded their results. The activity helped the class explore how adaptations help animals survive in their environments. The children showed excellent teamwork, enthusiasm and scientific thinking throughout the investigation. Well done, Year 6! 🐦🐦



Feeling the Beat! 🥁

Indigo enjoyed an exciting drumming session this week.



⚽ The World Cup 2026 has 'kicked off'!

🎲 Aqua have started 'rolling' with our Dice Football World Cup...

The children have their teams all picked out and the first match between Mexico and South Africa ended in a 3-3 draw!



Let's Celebrate



Learner and Salesian of the week



	Learner	Salesian
Sunshine	Adele	Tayab
Buttercup	Jamael	Valerio
Sunflower	Aiden	Lukas
Coral	All of Coral	Nathan
Ruby	Jeremiah	Levi James
Scarlet	Emanuel	Oliwier
Lime	Oliwia	Alizay
Olive	Mia W	Lewis
Emerald	Uyiosa	Vine
Indigo	Eissa	Erwin
Aqua	Orla	Nadia
Sapphire	Afonso	Jayden



**Attendance Award
Scarlet - 100%**

Dates for your Diary

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