



Our Lady's News

The RUAH



Friday 25th 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,

I hope you managed to survive the heat this week; we had great fun with the hosepipe on the field during lunchtime on Tuesday! It really does animate the soul to hear children's laughter and sheer joy filling the air. Well done to the children who made it into school all week; it was really important that we remained open to support our working parents and to give the children continuity and consistency. Special thanks to Miss Houghton and Mr Silvero in our admin office who purchased 20 extra fans for classrooms; they are currently sourcing quotes for air conditioning in classrooms - watch this space! It is a stark reminder that our world is changing and extreme weather that we experienced this week will become more frequent. It is crucial that schools adapt and cope with the new norm and as always, we are trying to be ahead of the game.

A special mention must go to all of our incredible staff who managed to keep the school working like clockwork under challenging circumstances. They managed the week with professionalism and humour under large drops of sweat - what a team! They really are wonderful models of RUAH.

Next week is a busy week in school with transition days for Year 6, trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park for Years 1 and 2, stay and play sessions for children new to Nursery and Reception and sports day for children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 on Friday from 1pm. It is such an incredibly busy time of year as we begin to put plans in place for September. I hope to see lots of parents at our school events coming up; please see the list of dates at the end.

On Saturday morning some children in Year 6 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We all wish you a wonderful day and may the gifts of the Holy Spirit guide and protect you always. Have a wonderful weekend.

With best wishes

Ms Davies and all the staff



Respect, understanding, affection, humour

Keeping cool during the heatwave



We've certainly had a hot week! Our focus has been on ensuring the children stay cool, hydrated, and safe throughout the day.



News from the classrooms



🎨 Lime's Fantastic Figure Sketching! 🍋

This morning, Lime Class enjoyed a relaxing art session, focusing on drawing and sketching figures. The children followed a step-by-step guide from a professional artist and created some fantastic sketches of a variety of figures.

We were so impressed with their concentration, creativity, and attention to detail. Well done, Lime Class – your artwork looks amazing! 🎨🍋👏



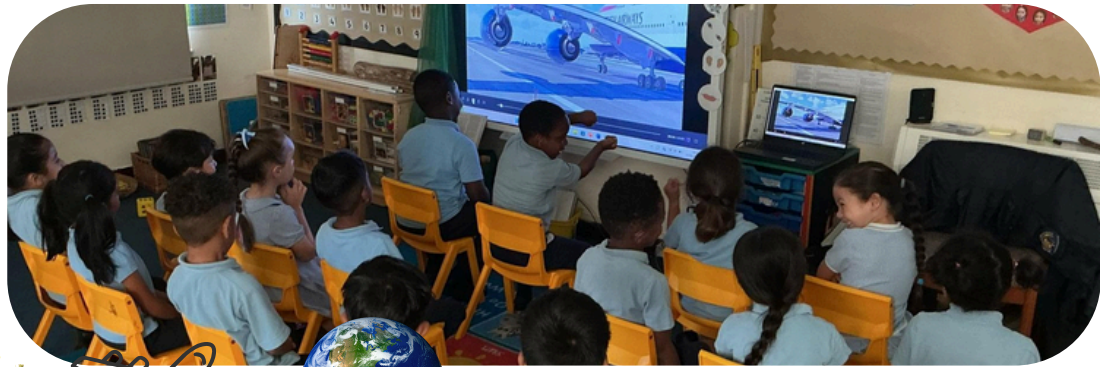
This week, Olive wrote newspaper reports about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's lost tomb. We also enjoyed reading more of our class text, practised our inference skills, spent time developing our computing knowledge, and completed some tricky paper-craft models of a sarcophagus, coffin and mummy, carefully nesting each one inside the other just like the Ancient Egyptians did!



🌍 Big Wide World Adventure in Reception ✈️

In Reception, we boarded Our Lady's Airlines and flew around the world for our 'Big Wide World' topic! 🌍 We explored European landmarks, the African savannah, the Himalayan mountains, and even visited penguins in Antarctica. 🐧 We landed back in Oxford just in time for Phonics! ✈️

📖 What an amazing adventure! ❤️



The Reception class have enjoyed harvesting the produce they have grown themselves.

🔍 A Fantastic Trip to Sherlock Holmes!

Today, we had a wonderful time watching Magdalen School's end-of-year production of Sherlock Holmes. The children were captivated by the performance and amazed by the talent of the cast. They especially enjoyed meeting the performers afterwards and having the chance to chat with them.

A huge thank you to everyone at Magdalen School for a fantastic production, and to Amaka's mum for joining us and supporting the trip. 😊👏





Let's Celebrate



Learner and Salesian of the week



	Learner	Salesian
Sunshine	Eric	Garce
Buttercup	School Trip	School Trip
Sunflower	School Trip	School Trip
Coral	Connie	Marcel
Ruby	Denzel	Niyamat
Scarlet	Levi	George & Vivaan
Lime	Emma	Abanob
Olive	Laurence	Ismail
Emerald	Alex	Max
Indigo	Hadassah	Valentino
Aqua	Krishna	Suyog
Sapphire	Afonso	Ayaan M

 Attendance Award-Staff and children who attended during the heatwave 

 Caught being kind Hareem 

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 27 th June	Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish church at 10am.
Wednesday 1st July	Cheney Transfer day for Year 6 children
Thursday 2 nd July	Open morning for children new to Reception and Nursery 9.00-10.30am Cheney Transfer day for Year 6 children Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park for children in Years 1 and 2
Friday 3 rd	Open morning for children new to Reception and Nursery 9.00-10.30am Sports Day for children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 at 1pm in school
Wednesday 8 th	iRock Concert at 9am
Thursday 9th	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 16th	Leavers Mass and picnic @ 1.30pm Parents and extended family welcome



**We return to school on Thursday
3rd September
Have a wonderful Summer!**





Summer festival 26

FRIDAY 10TH JULY

4-7PM



ENTRANCE FEE:

£1 PER ADULT & 50P PER CHILD

ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME!



festival 26



FOR CHILDREN:

BOUNCY CASTLES
TOMBOLA
PENALTY SHOOT OUT
SOAK THE STAFF
FACE PAINTS
FESTIVAL GLITTER

FESTIVAL GAMES:

TIN CAN ALLEY
HOOK A DUCK
TOY RACING
TARGET THROW
GUESS THE BALLOONS

CHILDREN'S BAR:

SWEETS AND SNACKS
POPCORN
CANDYFLOSS
SOFT DRINKS
ICE CREAMS

FOR ADULTS:

BBQ
PIZZA
PIMMS
APEROL
BEER

COME AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND SOCIALISING WHILE YOUR CHILDREN PLAY IN A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT. THEY CAN HAVE FUN ON THE STALLS WITH THEIR CREDIT CARDS, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BUY AT THE ENTRANCE GATE.

