



Our Lady's News

The RUAH



Friday 25th
September 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 glorious sunshine we have enjoyed this week! The curriculum maps for Early Years and Years 1-6, as well as the calendar for the Autumn Term, have been finalised and they should be with you either today or very early next week. We apologise for the delay but we were a bit behind following the building work that took place over the summer.

Next Friday the 1st October we will be selling teas and coffees for Macmillan Cancer Care @8am. Please remember to bring some change!

The applications for secondary school places are now open for children in Year 6. I strongly encourage you to visit Greyfriars Catholic Secondary School for their open evening next Thursday 1st October 6-8pm. The school is a wonderful environment where children thrive and every pupil is championed for success. Mr Spackman and I visit Greyfriars regularly and from the bottom of our hearts, we would love all of the children from Our Lady's to continue their RUAH formation at this school because of their high standards of behaviour, high aspirations and continued improvements in academic success. In the summer, past pupils of Our Lady's achieved exceptionally well at both GCSE and A-Level examinations at Greyfriars: they achieved straight 9s and 8s in their GSCEs (former As and A*s for those who remember the old style GCSEs!) and A*s, As and Bs at A-Level enabling them to be accepted at the following universities: Oxford, Birmingham and Bristol to name a few. I hope to hear that the majority of our Year 6 children have at least attended the open evening.

The mission from our Gospel this week was to be generous. How can you be generous with your time as well as with money for charity?

Have a lovely weekend
With best wishes
Ms Davies and all the staff

Respect, understanding, affection, humour

News from the classrooms



Learning to Stay Safe Near Roads with Ride On Time



This week, we were delighted to welcome the team from Ride On Time to St Thomas More for a fun and engaging road safety workshop.

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in interactive activities that helped them learn important road safety skills in a way that was exciting, memorable and age-appropriate. Through play-based learning, the children explored how to recognise potential dangers near roads, the importance of stopping, looking and listening before crossing, and how to stay safe when travelling with adults. Ride On Time's Early Years road safety programme is designed to help children develop awareness and build safe habits for life.

The session was full of enthusiasm, with children actively participating and demonstrating excellent listening skills throughout. Learning how to stay safe near roads is a vital life skill, and the workshop provided an excellent opportunity for our pupils to develop their understanding in a practical and enjoyable way.

A huge thank you to the Ride On Time team for visiting our school and helping our children become safer and more confident pedestrians. We are incredibly grateful for the valuable lessons they shared and know the children gained knowledge that will stay with them for years to come.

For more information about Ride On Time and their road safety workshops, visit [Ride On Time](https://www.rideontime.co.uk/).



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News from the classrooms

During this week's Italian lesson, the children thoroughly enjoyed stepping into the shoes of Italian fashion designers. Inspired by Italy's rich history of fashion and design, they used their creativity and imagination to create their own unique clothing designs. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they explored Italian culture while developing their artistic skills and expressing their individual ideas.



Mr Spackman met with our RUAH Leaders today to discuss their important role within the school. Our RUAH Leaders help promote our values of Respect, Understanding, Affection and Humour and are excellent role models for their peers. They work hard to support our Catholic ethos, share ideas to improve the school and help ensure that everyone feels welcomed, valued and respected.



RUAH Leaders



Bikeability

Our Year 6 pupils have been taking part in Bikeability training and have thoroughly enjoyed developing their cycling skills and road safety awareness.

Throughout the programme, the children have learned how to ride safely and confidently on the road, including carrying out safety checks on their bikes, communicating clearly with other road users and making informed decisions in different traffic situations. The training has provided valuable practical experience while helping pupils build confidence and develop safe, responsible cycling habits.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, determination and maturity shown by all of the children during the sessions. A huge thank you to the Bikeability instructors for delivering such an engaging and informative programme, and to our Year 6 pupils for representing the school so well.

Well done, Year 6!





Let's Celebrate



Learner and Salesian of the week

	Learner	Salesian
 Sunshine	Amelia-Rose	Elora
Buttercup	Lucas	Ayaat
Sunflower	Jose	Daniel
Coral	Mohamad A	Zegan
Ruby	Umaiza	Jagoda
Scarlet	Pedro	Gustavo
Lime	Romario	Alice
Olive	Abu-Baker	Hareem
Emerald	Damien	Franek
Indigo	Aleks	Mohammed
Aqua	Benedict	Caoimhe
Sapphire	Theo+QJ	Zak
Bartholomew	Noah	Matias

**Attendance Award-
Sunflower**



**Caught being kind
Zak, Elijah, Erwin, Abanob, Bilee, Mario & Isla**





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*A Catholic school
that champions
all students so
they can flourish
individually
and collectively.*

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

OPEN EVENING

DISCOVER LIFE AT GREYFRIARS



Thursday
1st October 2026



6pm – 8pm



Greyfriars Catholic School
Cricket Rd, Oxford
OX4 3DR

We warmly welcome prospective students and their families to join us for our Open Evening. Meet our students and staff, tour our school and see our values in action.



High aspirations
for all



A caring and
inclusive community



A strong Catholic
ethos



Excellent opportunities
for the future

Come and see the Greyfriars Way!



BELONG



LEARN



FLOURISH



SERVE



OPEN MORNINGS

Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th
and Wednesday 8th October

Tours are available at 8.50 am and 9.50 am
on each of these days.

*Book your slot
via our website!*

www.greyfriarsoxford.org.uk

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