

## Important Information

### Behaviour

At Our Lady and St. Anne's Catholic Primary School, we teach behaviour as part of our curriculum. Our values are modelled consistently through our Steps to Success, Personal, Social, Health and Economic curriculum, Relationships and Health curriculum and Religious Education curriculum. We also teach Zones of Regulation across school. We ask everyone to observe our 3 agreed rules. These are:

1. Be ready to learn
2. Be respectful
3. Be safe

By displaying behaviours linked to following these 3 rules we will create a safe and positive learning environment which leads to a culture of excellence and success.

### Term Dates

#### AUTUMN TERM 2025

School Opens: Tuesday 2nd September 2025

School Closes for Half Term: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

School Opens: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

School Closes for Christmas: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### SPRING TERM 2025

School Opens: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

School Closes for Half Term: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

School Opens: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

School Closes for Easter: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

#### SUMMER TERM 2025

School Opens: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026

School Closes for Half Term: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

School Opens: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

School Closes for Summer: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### Parent workshops

**English** – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025,

**Maths** – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026,

**Foundation** – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## Useful Websites or Apps

[www.olsa.org.uk](http://www.olsa.org.uk)

[www.tapestryjournal.com](http://www.tapestryjournal.com)

[www.readingeggs.co.uk](http://www.readingeggs.co.uk)

Episodes of Numberblocks - Cbeebies Iplayer

## Important class notices:

### EYFS Curriculum

Children follow a curriculum based on the Early Learning Goals which develop the children's skills and knowledge and prepares them for the more formal stages of learning in Key Stage 1.

The prime areas consist of Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development and Communication and Language. These areas are fundamental throughout the Early Years and are the key to a good start for all children. The prime areas begin to develop quickly in response to relationships and experiences. Once prime areas are developed, children are then able to learn through specific areas of Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, and Expressive Arts and Design. Specific areas include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society.

At Our Lady and St Anne's, we provide a learning environment which allows children to progress across all areas of the curriculum. Children have access to indoor and outdoor spaces and are able to learn according to their individual needs. Adults build strong relationships with the children and guide their learning through their play. Adult led activities are used alongside to teach skills when necessary using a range of individual, group and whole class teaching. As the children progress through the Early Years, more structure and adult led teaching will occur in order to prepare them for the transition into Year 1.

### Independence

We work very hard in Early Years to develop your child's independence and self-help skills. The children in Reception should be able to feed themselves, dress themselves including socks and shoes and be able to zip up their coats. They should also be able to use the toilet independently. Your child should also be able to recognise their own name and be able to write this independently.

Please practice these skills as much as possible at home if your child can not already do this.

### Homework

- Daily reading (10 minutes a day)
- Phonics – letter formation and sound work
- Watch episodes of Numberblocks and Alphablocks

# Transition information

## Our school day

In Reception, children will enter through the gate between **8:40 - 8:50 am** and are to be collected at **3:05 pm**. Please ensure children arrive and are picked up promptly. If they have older siblings the children will leave at their siblings' collection time.

## Uniform policy

Please ensure children are coming into school in their correct uniform especially on their PE days. The school uniform policy (including PE) can be found on the school website. It is also important in EYFS that children have spare clothing on their pegs. Also, please name everything, if items are not named we cannot take responsibility for things that go missing.

## Parent communication

Tapestry is the main form of communication regarding your child's learning. We add observations of learning which can be shared at home and encourage parents to share observations of achievements at home e.g. new siblings, ballet classes, riding bike for the first time.

Please make sure you have access to Parent Hub AND Arbor as this our main means of communication with parents although we will be slowly moving all communication to Arbor. It is very easy to use and all parents must upload the app to any smart phone or device.

You can also email us directly using [earlyyears@olsa.org.uk](mailto:earlyyears@olsa.org.uk) and we will reply as soon as possible.

## Parent Payments

We are a cashless school and all payments to school must be made via our Arbor service. **Remember that School Meals in Reception are free.** If there are any difficulties, please see the school office.

## School motto

**Our Light Shines Always**



Reception  
Mrs Milligan, Mrs Finn &  
Miss Khanlarpour

**September 2025**

