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 2026
School Opens: wednesday 2nd September
School Closes for Half Term: Friday 23rd October
School Opens: Monday 2nd November
School Closes for Christmas: Friday 18th December

SPRING TERM 2027
School Opens: Monday 4th January
School Closes for Half Term: Friday 12th February
School Opens: Monday 22nd February
School Closes for Easter: Thursday 25th March!

SUMMER TERM 2027
School Opens: Tuesday 13th April
School Closes for Half Term: Friday 28th May
School Opens: Monday 7th June
School Closes for Summer: Friday 16th July

Parent workshops

English – Thursday 8th October 2026
Maths – Thursday 21st January 2027
Foundation – Thursday 6th May 2027

Useful Websites or Apps

www.olsa.org.uk
www.tapestryjournal.com
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 starting points. Adults build strong relationships with the children and guide their learning through play opportunites and daily interactions. Adult led activities in the form of whole class, group and one to one are used alongside the children's play to teach specific skills. As the children progress through the EYFS, 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. You child should also be able to recognise their own name and be able to write this independently. Please practice this as much as possible a home if your child can not already do this.

Homework

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

Our school day
In Reception, children will enter through the gate between **8:35 - 8:40 am** and are to be collected at **3:10pm**. Please ensure children arrive and are picked up promptly.

Uniform policy
Please ensure children are coming into school in their correct uniform especially on their PE days (Friday this term). 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. Those new to school will get a login by Oct half term. Please make sure you have access to Arbor as this our main means of communication with parents. 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** 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. Please select your child's meal on the Arbor App. If there are any difficulties, please see the school office.
School motto
Our **L**ight **S**hines **A**lways

Transition information

Reception

Mrs Milligan & Miss Justice

September 2026