



NEWSLETTER – JUNE & JULY 2025

This month our virtue to live by is 'Journey'

Y6 Leavers

I have just had the pleasure of watching the final rehearsal of the 'OLOG Oscars.' Our amazing Y6 children took the school on a journey through time, looking back at key moments of their time with us. They also prepared some brilliant songs & staff helped them create an emotional slideshow presentation of photos & memories. It really was fantastic. They will be performing it again for their families tomorrow (doors 9:15am). On Tuesday I also had the pleasure of joining them for lunch at Rudy's Pizza Prestwich. They were a credit to their families and school. Next week we have some final pieces of transition work to complete, then, on Friday (18th) we will walk to Church to participate in the Y6 Leavers' Mass. This is always a lovely event. Please attend if you can. (9:30am). I am also delighted to announce that this cohort have achieved some of the best ever scores we have seen at Our Lady of Grace in their Key Stage 2 SATs! Well done.

Mrs Harrington

As many of you are aware, Mrs Harrington is retiring in August. On Wednesday 16th July we will gather as a community at Church (9:30am) to celebrate all that Mrs. Harrington has contributed to education in the Diocese of Salford over the last 35 years! (18 of those years spent here at Our Lady of Grace). We will reflect upon her time with us and offer thanks for her kindness, her patience and her unconditional love of every child she has been responsible for (over 1500). Mrs Harrington has, year after year, brought limitless energy, fun and laughter to our corridors and certainly now deserves a rest. On a personal note, I would like to add, that it has been an absolute privilege to not only work alongside Ursula but to learn from her knowledge/wisdom. Ursula has become a very close friend to me and I am going to miss her greatly. I am sure you will join me in pleading with her to maintain her close connection with the school and to visit us as often as she possibly can. All are welcome to attend the Mass, although space will be limited.

During the mass we will also pray for Mrs Watkins (the proud mother of a new born baby boy) and Mrs Neill (embarking on her maternity leave this month). Mrs Droyzd one of our Support Staff is also leaving us in August to explore her love (and gift) for baking. We wish all the very best.

School Places

I am pleased to announce that in 25-26 we are again offering places in our fantastic Nursery to children who will turn three after September 1st 2025. If you know of a child who will be three in the next year please let their parents know. Visits to our modern, purpose built Early Years Centre are highly recommended. If you know anyone interested ask them to contact Linda Barmby via the school office as soon as possible. Our Early Years Team are experienced & will help your child feel welcome, make new friends, build confidence, improve speaking skills, develop through play & be ready to start school.

New Website & Instagram Launch

The current website, while functional, is not as parent friendly as I would like. I have therefore arranged a complete overhaul. The new website will launch on September 1st and will be smart, informative and easy to navigate. The Home Page will bring us into the modern world by including a feed to our new Instagram Account @OLOGPrestwich launching today. We will continue to run our successful X account alongside. Please follow us and share.

Bulging Trophy Cabinet

This academic year has been remarkable for sporting achievement

- Girls Crofton Cup Champions:
- **National Premier League Runners-Up**
- Prestwich & Whitefield Rounders Champions
- Boys Crofton Cup Runners-Up
- Netball Triumphs: Our netball teams had a brilliant season, winning two major tournaments
- Gabriel Cup Athletics Winners
- Prestwich & Whitefield Chess Champions

These achievements are a testament to the hard work of our pupils, the dedication of our coaching staff and the support of our wider school community. We are incredibly proud of every student who represented the school this year—whether on the pitch, the track, or the chessboard. Their commitment and passion for sport continue to inspire us all. Here's to another year of teamwork, perseverance and continued success in sport at Our Lady of Grace.

We Couldn't Have Done It Without You (and your lovely children).

I just want to officially thank you for your support over the last (tough) Academic Year. A smile on the playground, giving a positive comment after an event or trusting us to plan changes for your child carefully have all contributed. This has meant that the staff and I here at Our Lady of Grace are able to look back with pride on a year full of challenges overcome, successes achieved and happy thriving children. We will recharge over the Summer and come back even stronger.

OLOG PTA (registered charity) 200 CLUB

Thank you to everyone who has joined the 200 club (details below). The £60 cash winner (June) Drawn out by an EYFS child this week was L Sweeney (parent). Congratulations!

You have until midnight on 31st July to enter our July and August draws which will take place on the first day back at school (Wednesday September 3rd) Your generosity has allowed us to purchase resources to brighten the school corridors for all of our children this Summer. Thank you so much, it really is a fantastic way to donate to charity.

PTA 200 CLUB GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Sort Code: 01-07-20 Account: 04001990

Reference – (Child's Name)

£5 Monthly Standing Order

Still time to enter for the next draw. Thank you.

PTA WhatsApp Community

If you would like to be included.

Please email your number to the PTA

olog.pta@outlook.com

Please reference your child's name.

Many of the things reported here can be seen (with photographs) on the website 'Latest News Section' or join over 145 parents & follow us on X @OLOGPrestwich or Instagram @OLOGPrestwich. Enjoy your Summer Break & see you all back here in September.

Thanks for all that you do for this wonderful school & parish community.

Tom Collins

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ACTING HEADTEACHER

"Pupils Achieve Highly" - Ofsted 2023 "Christ is at the Centre of the School" – Salford Diocese 2024

