



Year 4 Mixed Basketball Festival

'On 8/6/26 OLQOH took a team of Y4 to K2 for a Basketball Festival.

The afternoon started with a whole group warm up where the children played very active running games to get thoroughly warmed up. They did lots of agility, stamina, dribbling and dodging activities. They also practised switching the ball from left to right and sidestepping to avoid defenders.

The children were then put into three groups with the Storm Club Coaches present along with young leaders from St Wilfrid's School, who organised skills practices for passing, dodging/marketing & shooting.

After the skill activities the children had a short snack break and were then put into teams for friendly matches.

Everyone got to play several friendly matches to get used to the rules and the scoring.

All children got really involved in the games, playing with lots of energy and enthusiasm.

Everyone gave 100% effort, playing with determination and lots of stamina. I was very proud of them all!

Many thanks to staff and parents for their support.' (Ann Westgate)

SCHOOL DINNERS

From September, our hot school meal provider will be changing from Chartwells to ISS.

Chartwells will continue to provide hot school meals until the end of this academic year. We kindly ask all parents and careers to settle any outstanding balances on their ParentPay accounts before 22nd July.

If you currently have a credit balance on your account and would like to request a refund, please contact Chartwells directly at westsussex@chartwells.co.uk

From September, school meals will be provided by ISS through their FEED programme – Feeding Excellence Every Day. This programme focuses on providing freshly cooked, nutritious meals prepared on site each day, offering variety, balance and inclusion, whilst meeting all School Food Standards and dietary requirements.

Parents and carers are encouraged to visit the following website to find out more about the new service, including menus, the catering approach and how the new ordering system will work.

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing further information with parents and carers about the transition to the new catering provider, including details about setting up accounts and accessing the new ordering system.

Above all, the focus is on supporting children to eat well, enjoy their lunchtime experience and feel fueled for learning, while giving schools and parents confidence that their catering service is in safe and capable hands.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fionnuala Quinlan-Bennett

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of former teacher Fionnuala Quinlan-Bennett, who died last week following a courageous two year battle with cancer.

Fionnuala was a fantastic teacher, colleague, and person who made a lasting impression on all those she met, worked with, and taught. She will be remembered for her dedication, warmth, and the positive impact she had on so many within our school community.

May she rest in peace. May Our Lady wrap her in her loving arms and bring her safely home to her Son.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this difficult time, especially her husband, Nathan.

Smart Phone Free Childhood

I am writing to inform you of important changes regarding mobile phone use in schools, which will come into effect from September 2026. National guidance now makes it clear that schools are expected to have robust measures in place to limit the presence and use of mobile phones during the school day, in order to support pupils' safety, wellbeing, and focus on learning.

In line with this guidance, the Governing Body of Our Lady Queen of Heaven are proposing that, from September 2026, pupils will not be permitted to bring mobile phones onto the school site.

The proposed change reflects our commitment to creating a calm, focused learning environment, free from unnecessary distractions, and to promoting positive social interaction among pupils throughout the school day.

If adopted, Governors recognise that there may be a small number of exceptions that would need to be considered on a case by case basis, for pupils in Year 5 and 6 only, who are travelling significant distance to and from school independently. Where this applies, and only with prior agreement between school and home, the proposal is that pupils would be able to carry a basic mobile phone with them for safety purposes. As happens currently, these devices would need to be surrendered at the beginning of the school day, and collected at home time. These devices would need to be a non-internet enabled (for calls and texts only). Smartphones and other internet enabled devices such as Smart Watches would not be permitted.

Governors are confident that the approach being proposed would support pupils' wellbeing, concentration, and overall school experience, as well as providing a compromise solution where children need access to a basic phone for independent journeys to and from school. If anyone would like to feedback on this proposal, please email governors@olqoh.com by 26/6/26.