



# Dispatches from Our Lady's

## Is your child due to begin school in September 2026?

OLQOH is now accepting applications. Please remember to complete the paper form and return this to the Office.

Please also remember to complete the online form for WSCC, which can be accessed here <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/apply/starting-school-places/>



### Christmas @ OLQOH Day on 17/12/25

As well as a visit and gift from Father Christmas, all children will get to visit the Secret Shop to choose two gifts to be wrapped and taken home.

Children may wear own clothes/ Christmas jumpers, with Christmas Lunch served from noon.

All children (including packed lunches) will also get a Christmas Cracker, with seasonal activities planned throughout the day by Teachers.

Thanks to Friends of School for organising Christmas @ OLQOH Day 2025. As you are able, please make £4 contribution payments for activities, gifts and Christmas Crackers on ParentMail.

## REMINDERS

- Now on sale – Tickets for Christmas events (Nativity Plays etc).
- Donations, please – For the Secret Shop. Drop box in the foyer. Thank you.
- Please support OLQOH in being a good neighbour by parking away from school to reduce congestion e.g. Langley Green Shops or Our Lady's Church. Thank you.
- Y4 REMINDER – Have you returned your PGL Paperwork to the Office Team, please?

## Christmas Camp

22nd and 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
9.30am to 2.30pm

Open to all Year Groups!

We will be running a 2 day Christmas Camp this year. There will be a range of activities including Christmas Computing and Festive Arts & Crafts. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

**£25 payment for the day.**

Please email [info@olqoh.com](mailto:info@olqoh.com) to secure your place. **Please bring a packed lunch.**



**OLQOH is closed next FRIDAY for Inset Day.**



**Ann Westgate, Sports Leader writes...**

### Netball Festival YR 5&6

Thursday 6th November 2025

*'OLQOH took a group of seven YR5 and 6 children to a netball festival at K2. The event was run by students from TBCC who taught the skills, organised the teams and then refereed the friendly matches after the drill sessions.*

*There was a carousel of activities each taught to small groups of children by the students. They covered dodging, marking, spatial awareness, throwing, catching, shooting and movement skills. The children rotated around the activities, spending 15 minutes at each event. After a short break the children got into teams and played friendly, non-scoring matches to learn about rules, positioning, tackling and the most important of all, communication and supporting one another.*

*For some children this was their first experience of match play whilst others have only played matches once before. There was a lot to learn including all of the netball rules and positioning which is tricky at first, as there are many restrictions about where each position is allowed to go, who is allowed to shoot, and many others too!*



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*The children all worked well together during both the skill sessions and the matches, playing with energy and enthusiasm, trying really hard and working well as a team. I was very pleased with their behaviour, their hard work and their support for one another.*

*We had outstanding play from Erikas and Miguel.*

*Many thanks as always to staff and parents for their support.'*

## Hockey Festival Report

*'On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November our Y4's attended a hockey festival at Hazelwick School. There were nine schools present.*

*The event was run as an introduction to hockey with a carousel of activities designed to introduce some of the various skills required to play the sport. After completing the carousel there was a short break followed by three friendly games against other schools to teach the children about the rules of the game, spatial awareness, communication and teamworking skills.*

*The activities included dribbling, passing, marking, tackling, dodging, accuracy and shooting skills. Some of the activities worked on the children's stamina and speed.*

*The activities were all run by secondary school students, and friendly matches were all refereed by these young leaders who did a brilliant job with the children.*

*The children were full of energy, enthusiasm, stamina and determination to get things right whilst taking part in the activities.*

*During the matches we split our children into two teams. All of the children put in 100% effort, concentrated very well on the rules and worked hard to encourage each other. The matches were friendly non-scoring games although I'm proud to report that the OLQOH teams both scored many goals.*



*I was very proud of the children who performed really well at their first ever attempt at competitive hockey. We had outstanding play from Harry and Alex, with Sophie winning the medal for overall effort and good listening skills.*

*Many thanks to staff and parents for their support.'*

## HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

A reminder, please, to avoid this wherever possible. Where time is needed, please do complete a leave of absence form, available from the Office, as we will always do our best to support reasonable requests when we speak to West Sussex County Council. WSCC enforcement are particularly keen to avoid anyone calling in unwell when on trips, please, as this is more likely to trigger a fixed penalty notice. Thank you.

## TERM DATES 2026/27

**Autumn Term** will begin for children on 3/9/26. Autumn Term ends on 18/12/26, with half-term between 26/10/26 and 30/10/26.

### Autumn Term Inset Days:

23/10/26  
27/11/26

**Spring Term** will begin for children on 5/1/27. Spring Term ends on 25/3/27 (Maundy Thursday), with half-term between 15/2/27 and 19/2/27.

### Spring Term Inset Days:

4/1/27

**Summer Term** will begin on 12/4/27 and ends on 20/7/27. Half-Term will run from 31/5/27 to 4/6/27.

### Summer Term Inset Days:

28/5/27  
2/7/27

Summer Holidays begin on 21/7/27. Children will return for the Autumn Term on 2/9/27.

## NEXT Sunday...

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