



Dispatches from Our Lady's



We're pleased to announce that the builders (pictured here) have completed works at OLQOH, which began in July.

Pictured is our electrician, Alfie Gent, and the brilliant Roy Fenton (Project Manager from CBG Construction) along with some of their apprentices.

The new extension provides OLQOH with new administration facilities, as well as additional Teaching & Learning spaces, for EYFS and KS1 to access, which are fit for the 21st Century.

These works take the total invested at OLQOH, since 2014, to over £4 million. Thanks to everyone who has made all of these projects possible, through hard work, tenacity and relentlessly looking for opportunities to bid for funding to make our school such an amazing place to work and learn in.

Final touches to the extension, including a new canopy, will be installed in February Half-Term.

THANK YOU

Thanks from all of the OLQOH Team for their cards and treats. Not expected but very much appreciated. We wish you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all on 7/1/25.

School Uniform

Like all of you, we were recently advised that our Uniform supplier had been taken over by PMG School Wear.

Unlike our previous supplier, due to escalating costs, PMG are charging a delivery fee to home addresses. However, following discussions, PMG are also able to offer a half termly Free to School Delivery option, which is now live on the PMG Web Page

To make use of the Free to School Delivery option, please enter the school voucher code OLQOHFC at check out on the PMG website.

Once you enter the code and press submit on the voucher code this will check and display a message 'Voucher code has been applied successfully'.

For any questions or queries re School Uniform, please contact the PMG Customer Services Team who are always on hand if anyone has any difficulties.

Daily Advent Prayer

By Fr Henri J M Nauwen (1932-1996)

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send Your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces
to hear Your voice each day.
We, who are anxious over many things
look forward to Your coming among us.
We, who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of Your kingdom.
We, whose hearts are heavy
seek the joy of Your presence.
We, are Your people,
walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.
To You we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen!



Boys Utilita Cup

'On 5/12/24 OLQOH attended the Utilita Cup Tournament at K2 wearing our new football strip (courtesy of Miss Johnson).

There were 3 groups with 3 teams in each group. Each team played the other 2 group teams twice, with the winners of each group (and runners up), qualifying for the semi-finals and final.

In our group we played Seymour and Three Bridges. Our first game against Seymour was 5-0, a very convincing performance with the team passing well and supporting each other brilliantly. Our first game against Three Bridges was also a win, this time 2 nil. We then played Seymour again and won 1-0, with our second game against Three Bridges ending with a 3-1 win for OLQOH.

We then played Pound Hill in the semi-final. This was a much more closely contested game with some very determined play from Pound Hill. The game ended 0-0 and we went on to a penalty shoot out which we lost at sudden death.

Disappointing, but the boys did very well!





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Boys League Matches

OLQOH completed 2 more Boys League Matches at ICC this term, with one on Friday 29th November and the other on Friday 13th December.

On Friday 29th November we only had 1 competitive match to complete, with this supplemented with 2 friendly games.

The first match was against Three Bridges (lost 0-1) and the second against Maidenbower (won 4-0).

Our League game was against Forge Wood. The boys played really good linking football with lots of passing and totally dominated the game. We had 2 goals from Cailan, 1 from Daniel and 1 from Jack, winning the match 4-0.

On Friday 13th December Mr Adams escorted the children to ICC where they completed 2 more League Match games. Their first was against Northgate which they won 4-0 and the second against Maidenbower which was 0-0.

The boys are doing very well in the ICC league, and they haven't lost a match yet. Many thanks to all of the parents, carers and staff who make these events possible.

Girls Football League Matches

On Monday 9th December our Girls Football Team played the third round of league matches at ICC.

Our first game was against Three Bridges School. They were a very strong team, well organised, skilful and determined. Despite some good attacking and very good marking, they were just too strong for us and we lost the game 0-4.

Our second game was against Pound Hill. This was a very evenly matched game with good attacking and defending from both teams. The girls showed some good resilience and determination in this game which ended up in a 1-1 draw. It was nice to see Emily get her first, well deserved goal of the season.

Our third game was another very tough game against Milton Mount. Milton Mount had some very strong attacking forwards who put us under pressure early in the game, and despite some really good defending, they scored quite quickly. The OLQOH girls were not deterred and continued to work very hard in defence. However, Milton Mount scored again and despite a late rally, with some good attacking play, we lost the game 1-3.

I was very proud of how hard the girls tried today. We had 2 of the hardest teams in the league against us and despite this the girls did not give up or get depondent. They continued to try hard until the final whistle blew. We had outstanding work from Ophelia in both attack and defence, showing amazing determination and stamina. Jiya and Felicity also did very well, showing some excellent defensive skills, with Sophia playing really well in goal.

All Match Reports courtesy of Ann Westgate (Sports Leader)



Mr Melia writes...

'A huge thanks to all of the staff and Governors at OLQOH for the exceptional effort they put in to making our school such a successful place to work, learn and visit.

As a community, we are blessed to have such a dedicated team, particularly given the national challenges re recruitment and retainment of school staff .

Let us all prayer for continued success in 2025, working together to ensure all of the children of our school thrive and succeed.'

Well done!

Congratulations and well done to the children and staff of OLQOH for achieving such brilliant SATs results earlier this year.

Recently published DfE data shows that 81% of OLQOH children met the expected standard in English and Maths in 2024 (OLQOH was one of only three Crawley settings to score above 80%), compared to a national pass rate of 61% and a West Sussex pass rate of 57%. Results to be truly proud of.