



# Dispatches from Our Lady's

## Year 6 Basketball Competition MATCH REPORT

'On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December OLQOH attended a Basketball Competition at K2. There were 5 teams present allowing all schools to play each other.

The results were as follows:

**OLQOH vs Northgate DRAW 0-0**

**OLQOH vs Maidenbower LOST 0-2**

**OLQOH vs Gossops Green WIN 3-2**

**OLQOH vs Waterfield WIN 10-2**

We qualified for the final against Maidenbower and narrowly lost a very close and fiercely competitive game 2-4, with Maidenbower scoring the winning basket just before the final whistle.

The OLQOH children all gave 100% effort working tirelessly both in attack and defence throughout the tournament. They played with fantastic team spirit working for each other and always encouraging each other.



They won the award for teamwork at the end. I am very proud of them all.

Many thanks to parents, carers and staff for all of their support.'

*(Ann Westgate)*

## Changes to the Ofsted inspection system

There is now a 5-point grading scale: The grades are include:

- **Needs Attention**
- **Expected Standard**
- **Strong Standard**

The new system includes a wider set of evaluation areas such as inclusion (support for children with SEND or disadvantages), curriculum & teaching, achievement, behaviour and attendance, personal development & well-being, leadership and governance.

Whether the school meets safeguarding requirements will be evaluated on its own giving parents assurance about child safety, as well as educational quality.

Parent & Carer input remains important through Ofsted Parent View, where parents can give views on their child's school.



Applications for children beginning school in September must be received by 15/1/26 (by both OLQOH and WSCC).

For help and assistance, please speak to Mr Melia.

## Reminder

There are no INSET Days in Spring Term.

School is open up to and including 27/3/26.



Heavenly Father,

As we begin this New Year, we thank You for the gift of life, learning, and community. Bless our school, our teachers, classmates, and families with Your love and guidance. Help us to grow in wisdom, kindness, and faith, following the example of Jesus in all we do.

Grant us courage to face challenges, patience to learn from mistakes, and joy in sharing our gifts with others. May this year be filled with peace, hope, and opportunities to serve You and one another.

We entrust our plans and dreams to Your care, knowing that with You, all things are possible. Keep us safe, united, and strong in faith throughout the months ahead.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Bridie

Thanks to everyone who has contacted us asking how they might support in creating a lasting memorial to Bridie, our Y5 Pupil who died in October. Plans for a sponsored Colour Run in July (Bridie particularly enjoyed the Colour Run last year), are currently being drafted, with details to follow.