Welcome to Y6



Staff

Mr Lewis Class teacher

Mr Roose Class teacher

Mrs Dooley Class support

A message from Mrs Davidson

We are looking forward to a year filled with learning and exciting opportunities.

I've asked teachers to share a few reminders…

Attendance

It is important that your child attends school, on time, every day.

Our children are learning from the second they walk through the door so we ask that they arrive between 8.35am and 8.50am. Children receive a 'late' mark if they arrive after 8.50am.



The Dfe target for attendance at Our Lady's Bishop Eton is 97%. Our policy was shared with all parents in July and provides information about absence procedures and the Local Authority's Penalty Notice system for unauthorised absence.

In line with our safeguarding procedures, it is essential that messages are sent to the school office regarding your child's absence. Please do not use Breakfast Club or Class Dojo to inform school about absence.

We will communicate with you regularly about your child's attendance and punctuality.

Uniform

Our uniform policy was shared with parents in July. The only change from previous policies brings it in line with Government legislation regarding branded items. These are limited to 3 per phase however, there are other items available from Kitted Out and Stitch Design e.g. school coats, book bags, PE tracksuits but these are optional.

Collection time

Please be mindful that dismissal at the end of the day is extremely busy.
We ask that adults do not approach the area where the children are waiting. It is helpful if you come to the front of the garden area when your child's class arrive outside. Teachers will dismiss the line in order so do not call your child over to you.
As we have such limited space, we ask that families leave the grounds as soon as possible to enable the older children to be dismissed safely.

Dogs

Dogs are NOT permitted on the school grounds, even when carried.

Parking

Green Lane and Cinder Lane are extremely busy roads and very dangerous when there is so much traffic at the start and end of the school day so we ask that you use the church car park. Our neighbours should not have their driveways blocked and cars should not be stopped in the road to drop off children. Please consider everyone’s safety if you have to drive to school.

Living, Loving and Learning in Jesus

Our school is clear in our beliefs and values, and the importance of Jesus Christ in our daily lives. Our Mission Statement underpins all we do:

"Living, Loving and Learning in Jesus."

OLBE is a place of love and learning, where all are equal in the eyes of God. It is the mission of this school to cherish each individual. We try to follow Jesus' example as a friend and guide. We believe that there are talents and strengths within us all, and we strive to let them shine brightly.

Children in our school are guided to use Jesus' life as the basis to reflect upon their actions. Our mission statement promotes good discipline within a calm, reflective atmosphere which enables the children to get to know themselves better and develop a sense of responsibility for their own lives and happiness.

As a result, our children are part of a caring, Catholic community within which all feel secure, valued and respected.

Punctuality

School day starts at 8:50. Doors are open from 8:35.

Punctuality is recorded and tracked by the safeguarding team.

- **Please support your child in ensuring that they have the best start to the school day by being on time and ready to learn.**

Attendance Monitoring

97% and above		Attendance Award
94-96%		School Monitoring
91-93%	At Risk of Persistent Absence	Letter to notify parents of risk of falling into Persistent Absenteeism. Support will be offered.
90% and below	Persistent Absenteeism	Communication to notify parents of Persistent Absenteeism and invitation to meet with school to plan shared strategy to improve attendance.

Year 6 PE

Autumn - a Friday. Swimming - children in Pe kits for the day



Homework

All homework will be given out on a week in advance. Pupils will be expected to complete:

Spelling homework sheet (returned Monday)

CGP Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling booklet (returned Wednesday)

CGP Comprehension booklet (returned Thursday)

Maths No Problem workbooks – Pupils should review lessons from the week, attempt any remaining corrections or discuss different methods used in class to solve problems.

Maths No Problem workbooks will go out on Friday and must be returned on Monday for lessons!

Additional Maths Homework

Pupils will bring home their Maths arithmetic tests which they might want to review at home.

100 club – pupils will complete these in class and could use these to identify multiplication tables they need to learn.

TT Rockstars

Pupils will be expected to complete TT Rockstars weekly. We recommend using this more than once a week to improve multiplication skills.

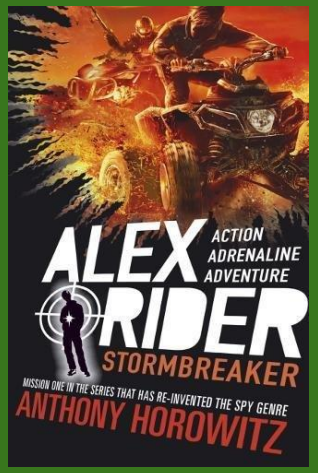
Reading at Home

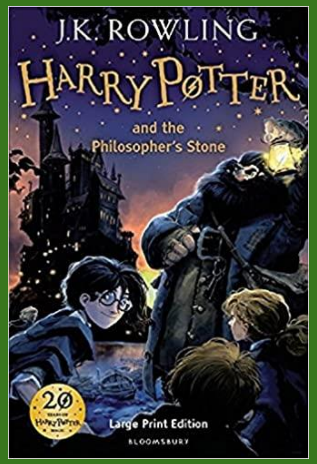
We encourage pupils to read at home and learn to enjoy a wide variety of texts. This could include fiction and non-fiction (anything from newspapers to Harry Potter.)

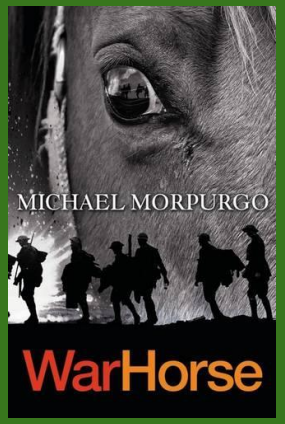
It is a school expectation that pupils read daily at home.

We would love to hear about anything interesting pupils read at home.









Reading Records

Pupils will have a Reading Record to journal their reading every school day. Pupils will complete this independently. They will identify the book which they are reading, the pages they have read and will make a comment about the section including a rating out of ten.

Vocabulary: pupils have boxes at the bottom of the page to list new or interesting vocabulary which they can use in writing.

In Year 6, pupils read for pleasure and therefore they can read a book from our library or from home. Remember, pupils may wish to read a newspaper or another reading material that interests them.

Parents: please sign the reading record each week. Listening to your child reading and asking questions/discussing books is a really effective way of encouraging children to become life-long readers.

Y6 SATs

The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from

Monday 10th May to Thursday 13th May

Your child will sit 3 tests:

Reading

Maths (three papers: Arithmetic, Reasoning 1 & 2)

SPAG (Spelling and Grammar)

Writing will be assessed and moderated based on classwork throughout the year.

Walking Home

In order to walk home pupils must have written permission.

Parents should email school to give written consent and notify of us of any changes.

Pupils are only allowed mobile phones if they are walking home alone. Pupils must have the phone switched off and handed in. At the end of the day they can switch phones on when leaving the building.

Residential

PGL Boreaton Park

21st June - 25th June 2027

Monday - Friday

Arrival at school 10am for 10:30 departure.

Returning at about 3pm on the Friday. (TBC)