



Weekly Head Teacher's Blog

Welcome to this week's news

Friday 18th September 2026

Happy Friday Everyone!

It has been another busy week at OLOP, and it is hard to believe we are already heading into the weekend! 💙

Highlights of the Week

It was lovely to **celebrate Mass with our cluster schools last night** and to come together as a wider Catholic school community. A special highlight was presenting our **House Captains and Vice-Captains with their badges and certificates**. It was wonderful to see some of our former pupils taking on leadership roles within their secondary schools, and I was especially proud to see our former pupil, **Ebony, being appointed Head Girl**. What a fantastic achievement! 🙌💙

Our **Primary 6 and 7 children also enjoyed a transition visit to St Benedict's** yesterday. Several members of staff spoke to me last night about how wonderfully behaved our children were throughout their visit. They were a real credit to OLOP and to their families, and I was incredibly proud to hear such positive feedback. Well done, everyone! 🙌

Last night was also a special evening as we said our **formal goodbye, good luck and thank you to Father Michael**. After many years being part of our school community, we are very grateful for all he has done for OLOP and wish him every happiness and blessing for the future. It was also lovely to meet **Father Joe**, who is looking forward to visiting us at school next week. We are excited to welcome him and begin this new chapter together. 🙌

Our **Primary 6 Young Leaders of Learning and Mr McElhone** also took part in a training session this week alongside Young Leaders from other Renfrewshire schools. We have been partnered with **Fordbank Primary School**, and we are really looking forward to seeing our Young Leaders develop their ideas, share their experiences and work together to help shape and improve **outdoor learning** across our schools. I am sure they will have lots of fantastic ideas to share! 🌱🌳🙌

It has been another fantastic week, and I am so proud of our children and the way they continue to represent OLOP! ⭐💙

Chief Executive of Education Scotland Visiting OLOP!!!

Next week is **Maths Week Scotland**, and as part of the **10-year celebration of this fantastic event**, we are very excited to welcome the **new Chief Executive of Education Scotland, Donna McMaster** to OLOP next Thursday. We are looking forward to showcasing some of the exciting maths learning taking place across our school! ⭐

A small change to our plans for next week: our **Summer Brights Day (Wear Colourful Clothes)** **will now take place on Wednesday rather than Thursday**, as we want everyone to be looking their very best in their **proud school uniform** when our special visitor joins us on Thursday! 😊

Upcoming Events – Next Week

- **Monday:** P6 & P7 Woodwind Lessons; Lunchtime P6 & P7 Mixed Football Training; Lunchtime Friendship Club
- **Tuesday:** P6 & 7 Chanter Lessons; Lunchtime P6 & P7 Girl's Football Training
- **Wednesday:** Assemblies, **Summer Brights Day. (Wear Colourful Clothes)**
- **Thursday:** **Chief Executive of Education Scotland Visiting**
- **Friday:** Holiday

• Wider Achievement at OLOP

Congratulations to:

- **Our P6 Young Leaders of Learning: Gabriel, Irene, Lexi, Cienna & Amelie** for representing the school so well at the Renfrewshire Training Event, in the Tweedie Hall this week.
- **Our House Captains & Vice-Captains: Callie, Arrianna, Sophie, Orlaith, Lucy, Holly, Brodie & Margi:** for being so brave and confident during their leadership presentation last night!

★ ★ Well done – We are very proud of you!! ★ ★

We enjoy hearing all about our children's achievements out with school.

Please encourage your child to tell me about their successes or complete our

Wider Achievement Form: [Wider Achievement at OLOP – Fill in form](#)

Children will be presented Wider Achievement Certificates at Assembly!

Reminders:

☔ **Waterproof Jackets:** Another reminder that **all children should have a waterproof jacket in school each day.**

👟 **Change of Shoes:** With the wetter weather upon us, please remember that children should have a **change of shoes** in school. This helps to keep our classrooms clean, dry and comfortable when shoes get wet or muddy outside.

🎉 **Fundraising:** Please see **fundraising information** on previous Seesaw Message and on School Facebook Page. We will be launching **7 themed Non-Uniform Days for just £5**, payable through ParentPay. The first of these will take place on Wednesday 3rd September! 😊

🎃 **Halloween Costume Swap & Shop:** Please see information about this on previous Seesaw Message and on School Facebook Page. Dates also listed below.

If you have any concerns about your child, please contact **Mrs Wilson (P1–4)** or **Mr McGoldrick (P5–7)** via the school enquiries email or through the school office, rather than using Seesaw. Thank you.

School Office 0300 300 0173 or by email: ourladyofpeaceenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

- Please click on the link below to see next week's school meals menu. **Next week is WEEK 3.**
[School Meals | Our Lady of Peace Primary School](#)



- **Monday 21st to 25th September:** Maths Week Scotland
- **NEW Wednesday 23rd September:** Summer Brights Day. Wear Colourful Clothes
- **Thursday 24th September:** First Golden Tea Party of the Year & Chief Exec Visit
- **Friday 25th September:** **Schools Closed for September Weekend**
- **Monday 28th September:** **Schools Closed for September Weekend**
- **Thursday 1st October:** Parent Council Meeting, 6:30pm–7:30pm (Google Meet)
- **Monday 5th October:** Term 1a Winning House Celebration
- **Thursday 8th October:** P7 & P7/6 Poppy Display with Linwood War Memorial Association
- **NEW Friday 9th October:** Crazy Hair Day
- **NEW Tuesday 20th October:** Halloween Swap Shop open 9am–10am
- **NEW Friday 23rd October:** Halloween Swap Shop open 9am–10am
- **NEW Monday 26th October:** Halloween Swap Shop open 9am–10am
- **NEW Tuesday 27th October:** Halloween Swap Shop open 9am–10am
- **Monday 12th October to Friday 16th October:** **Schools Closed for Mid Term “October Week”**
- **Monday 19th October:** **Schools Closed – In-Service Day**

- **Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October:** Care Experienced Week
- **Wednesday 28th October:** Flu Vaccinations
- **NEW Thursday 29th October:** P6&P7 Transition Day 2
- **Thursday 29th October:** Halloween Disco
- **Monday 2nd November:** New P1 Aug 2027 Online Registration Opens
- **Wednesday 11th November:** Linwood Remembrance Service
- **Wednesday 11th November:** Final day for New P1 Aug 2027 Registration
- **Thursday 12th November:** Parent-Teacher Meetings. 3:30pm-8:30pm
- **Friday 13th November:** P7 Race Night – Tickets will be on sale soon!
- **Monday 16th November:** Monument Photography for individual & family photographs
- **Monday 16th to Friday 20th November:** Book Week Scotland & Anti-Bullying Week
- **Thursday 19th November:** School Choir Singing at the switch on of Linwood's Christmas Lights
- **NEW Friday 27th November:** Wear something Scottish/Tartan
- **Monday 30th November:** **Schools Closed – St Andrew's Day**
- **Thursday 3rd December:** Parent Council Meeting, 6:30pm-7:30pm (Google Meet)
- **Thursday 10th December:** Christmas Lunch
- **NEW Monday 14th December:** Winning House celebration
- **NEW Tuesday 15th December:** Dress Rehearsal
- **NEW Wednesday 16th December:** Pensioners Show - pm
- **NEW Thursday 17th December:** School Show - pm
- **NEW Friday 18th December:** School Show - pm
- **NEW Monday 21st December:** Christmas Parties - pm

And finally

As we come to the end of another busy week, I would like to thank our children, staff and families for all their hard work, support and enthusiasm. There have been lots of wonderful moments to celebrate, and I am incredibly proud of the way our children continue to represent OLOP so positively. ❤️

I hope you all have a **lovely and relaxing weekend** with your families. Enjoy the break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday on Monday for another exciting week at OLOP!



Best Wishes,
Lesley-Anne Dick

