



## The Redeemer CE Primary School

'Believing, loving, caring, sharing; everyone growing in the Light of Christ'

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Dear School Community,

It is with profound sadness that we share the news of the passing of one of our Year 5 students who has been courageously battling cancer for the past few years – Oliver Welch. Oliver passed away this morning, leaving a heart-broken family and a huge void in our hearts and our school community.

Oliver, as you all know, was an incredible student who touched the lives of everyone around him. His bravery, strength, and positive spirit in the face of such adversity was an inspiration to us all. Despite the many challenges he faced, Oliver always came to school with a smile on his face and a willingness and enthusiasm to learn. His resilience and determination was truly remarkable.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathies go out to Oliver's family during this incredibly difficult time. As a school, we are committed to supporting them in any way we can, and we encourage our community to come together in prayer, compassion and solidarity.

We understand that this news is deeply distressing and that many of our students, staff, and parents may need support. We will arrange for counsellors to be available at school to help anyone who needs someone to talk to. We encourage anyone who is struggling to reach out.

We will open Church on Thursday afternoon and all-day Friday for any of our school family who may wish to spend time in thought or prayer, light a candle or write words of support in a memorial book. This will be an opportunity for us to come together as a community, share our memories, and celebrate the life of a truly special child who will remain forever in our hearts. To allow this to be a time of reflection, we have made the decision to cancel this Friday's Celebration Worship.

We ask that you keep Oliver and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this time. Let us honour Oliver and celebrate his life by continuing to support one another with the kindness and understanding that he embodied every day.

With deepest sympathy,

All connected with The Redeemer Church of England Primary School