

# OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL



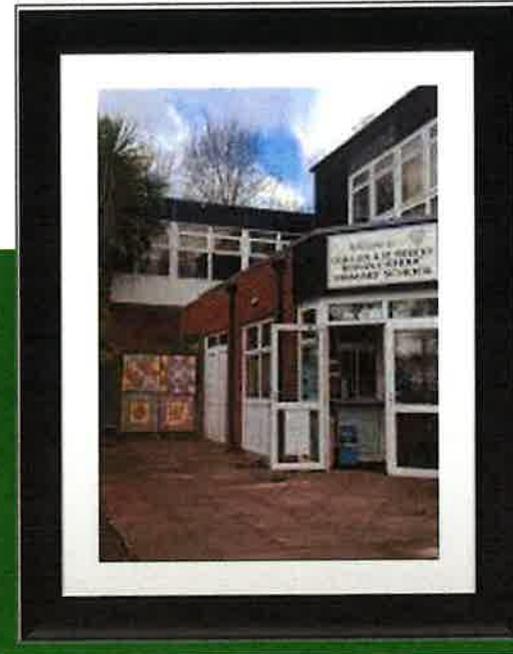
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*Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way*



**Newsletter: 5th December 2022**

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford



# HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

The excitement has begun, with our outside development, but unfortunately the weather had other ideas. Thank you for your patience and support whilst we have had builders in. They are clearly not finished and we are hoping will resume work this week. We will keep you informed.

We now have some fully trained play leaders in our Year 5 class. Mrs Macdonald was able to join them to see what is involved and is supporting the children in organising positive play at lunchtimes. She is doing a great job.

Many of you will have seen the many trophies that are on the staircase up to our school. The dates of these range from before the millennium to 2016, however we are determined to bring them up to date. Our sports teams are doing really well and we are really proud that our Year 5/6 touch rugby team won bronze medals last week playing in the Devon finals. They were superstars.

We are sure there will be even more trophies soon.

Another comment from our parent survey is that some find the newsletter too long, therefore we have shortened it a little this week and hope it has everything you want.

A big thank you to our lovely Friends. Every child in the school thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas craft sessions. Have a lovely week.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford

# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Advent has to be many people's favourite time of year. It is our time of preparation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Amidst all the busyness of getting ready for nativity plays and carol services, the fun of decorating trees, wrapping gifts, and no doubt plenty of pre-Christmas celebrating, Advent is a time to pause, reflect and get ready to welcome Jesus into our hearts.



Heavenly Father, Lord of All, come and fill this world with your peace. May there be an end to hatred and division among your people. Cease all the fighting and war in this world. In this season of Advent, prepare my heart for the coming of Jesus, our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

# EARLY YEARS

Eyfs have had a wonderful time creating this week. On Tuesday we made Gingerbread people with Claire and made Christmas decorations with the Friends of OLSP on Friday.



# YEAR 1 & 2

The children in Class 1/2 were given a challenge from the Friends for their final write in English last week. They had to write an advert to persuade people to go to the Christmas Disco. They did a fantastic job and included some wonderful vocabulary choices. Here are the children's posters which combines their work and illustrations. Look out for them around the school!

**Written and Illustrated by the children in Class 1/2**  
**Come to the amazing Christmas Disco**

Would you like to do something really fun this December?

Then you should come to the Friends disco!

Do you like having glitter, makeup and posing with your friends and dancing with your friends?

At the disco everyone will enjoy our sweets. At the shop we will spend all our money. We will have fantastic food and juice. The disco will be the greatest disco ever!

**When is it?**  
KS1 4.30-5.30pm  
KS2 5.30-6.30pm

**Where is it?**  
The school hall

**How much will it cost?**  
£1.50 per person

**What do you need to bring?**  
Your best dance moves, money for luck and food and dancing shoes

**If you like Amazing sweet Wonderful treat!**

**Having fun in the photo booth!**

**Then you have to come!**

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**How much will it cost?**  
£1.50 per person

**What do you need to bring?**  
Your best dance moves, money for luck and food and dancing shoes

**Written and Illustrated by the children in Class 1/2**  
**Come to the Christmas Disco**

Would you like to come to the Christmas disco? Do you like rick, face painting and a photo booth?

If this sounds like you then you should come to my school CHRISTMAS disco. Everybody is excited because I don't want anyone to miss out. This is sure to be the greatest disco ever!

If you're busy with other plans then cancel them because you will regret it if you don't come.

**When is it?**  
KS1 4.30-5.30pm  
KS2 5.30-6.30pm

**Where is it?**  
The school hall

**How much will it cost?**  
£1.50 per person

**What do you need to bring?**  
Comfortable dancing shoes

**What will happen at the Christmas disco?**

When you arrive we will start with some party music, dancing and drinks hot & cold. After we have taken our photos we will put on some classic disco music. There will be luck (sweets) better treats and a photo booth.

If this sounds like you, come it will be amazing!

**Written and Illustrated by the children in Class 1/2**  
**Come to the Friends Christmas Disco**

Would you like to do something fun at the 8<sup>th</sup> December?

At the disco everyone will enjoy our sweets. At the shop we will spend all our money. We will have fantastic food and juice. The disco will be the greatest disco ever!

**When is it?**  
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KS2 5.30-6.30pm

**Where is it?**  
The school hall

**How much will it cost?**  
£1.50 per person

**What do you need to bring?**  
Your best dance moves, money for luck and food and dancing shoes

**What will happen at the Christmas disco?**

When you arrive we will start with some party music, dancing and drinks hot & cold. After we have taken our photos we will put on some classic disco music. There will be luck (sweets) better treats and a photo booth.

If this sounds like you, come it will be amazing!

**Written and Illustrated by the children in Class 1/2**  
**Definitely come to the Christmas Disco**

Would you like to visit the greatest back in the whole world? Do you like having your photo taken in the disco booth and dancing?

Then come to our school Christmas disco. You will have so much fun dancing with your friends and chatting.

**When is it?**  
KS1 4.30-5.30pm  
KS2 5.30-6.30pm

**Where is it?**  
The school hall

**How much will it cost?**  
£1.50 per person

**What do you need to bring?**  
Dance moves and money.

**What is it?**  
The Christmas disco

**What will happen at the Christmas disco?**

First we will get the greatest beautiful back. Then we will dance and the night after that we will have a photo in the photo booth. Finally we will go home.

**When you come we will get ready and if you want to do something fun you can have.**

## YEAR 3

Year 3 this week have been so excited to plan and prepare their sandwiches in D/T. They were all very pleased with the results.



## YEAR 4

Year 4 this week took part in the arts and crafts organised by the Friends on Friday afternoon. The children were really creative with their decorations and can't wait to take them home to show their parents. Class 4 thank the friends greatly for organising this activity for the children. It was a great, enjoyable afternoon!



# YEARS 5 AND 6

Years 5 and 6 took part in a Christmas arts and crafts session organised by the Friends. The children were really creative with their decorations. It was an enjoyable morning and filled the children with Christmas spirit for the beginning of December.



# DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	25.11.22	2.12.22
Early Years	Viki	Tommee
Y1 & 2	Poppy	Jake
Y3	Oscar Sum	Darcie WM
Y4	Archie B	Patrick
Y5	Celia	Ivy
Y6	Maci	Lily

# STAR OF THE WEEK

	25.11.22	2.12.22
Early Years	Elliott	Seb
Y1 & 2	Hal	Vlad
Y3	Stephanie	Oscar F
Y4	George	Elsa
Y5	Kimi	Riley
Y6	Jude	Olive





18th November - 2nd December 2022	
Reception	93.57
Year 1/2	93.18
Year 3	96.30
Year 4	95.67
Year 5	95.23
Year 6	95.76

Well done to Year 3  
what a way to end the term!

## Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR  190 days for your child's education	10 days absence  180 Days of Education	19 days absence  171 Days of Education	29 days absence A term missed  161 Days of Education	46 days absence  152 Days of Education	47 days absence  143 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
<b>Good</b> Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		<b>Worrying</b> Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		<b>Serious Concern</b> Not fair on your child. Court action!	

# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH VISIT

We are thrilled to let you know that on Tuesday 22nd November our school kitchens were checked by an environmental health officer and we are proud to hear that we received a score of 5, the highest possible. Well done to our lunchtime, Breakfast and After School Club staff.



# SPORTS TEAMS

## Year 3/4 Football

A huge well done to our Year 3/4 football team who went to a World Cup Football event and managed to finish 3rd. It was the first time some of these children had ever represented the school and I'm so proud of each and every one of them for wearing the OLSP badge with pride, respect and integrity. Certainly a team to keep an eye on in our future.



## Year 5/6 Touch Rugby Finals

So a couple weeks back we competed in our local touch rugby tournament and only went and won. So this week we went to the Devon finals as part of the competition and our amazing children finished 3rd in the Devon Schools Partnerships. They were absolutely sensational and only lost one game through the whole tournament narrowly missing out on the finals. They showed true heart and courage and I'm so proud of each of them. Huge well done team.

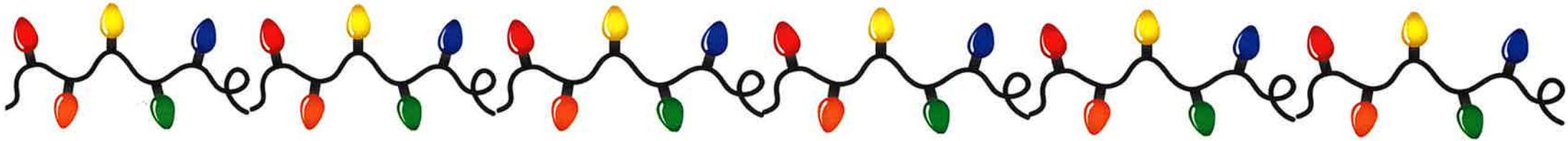




**These are the dates we have so far. We will keep you informed if more events need to be added in.**

<b>12th December</b>	<p>Year ½ to sing at local care home</p> <p>Year 5/6 World Cup Football Challenge at TCS</p> <p>2:15pm Whole school advent service. Parents are welcome to join us. Please let the office know if you would like to attend so we have an idea of numbers.</p>
<b>13th December</b>	Reception/Nursery Nativity
<b>14th December</b>	<p>Reception/Nursery trip to Kents Cavern</p> <p>Rudolph Run for Rowcroft</p>

<b>15th December</b>	<p>Christmas jumper Day</p> <p>Christmas Dinner</p> <p>Reserve date if raining - Rudolph Run for Rowcroft</p>
<b>16th December</b>	<p>End of Autumn term</p> <p>Wear your best Christmas outfit.</p>
<b>3rd January</b>	Start of Spring term
<b>1st February</b>	Year 5 and 6 to watch Matilda at TCS
<b>Provisional - 28th Feb 2023</b>	Junior Speaks heats
<b>Provisional - 7th March 2023</b>	Junior Speaks final
<b>28th March</b>	Dawlish Water Rotary Quiz - Y6
<b>9-12th May</b>	Y6 SATS week
<b>15-19th May</b>	Y6 residential to Simonsbath



## FRIENDS NEWS

### **Christmas Disco 8th December**

We are so excited for our school disco, please take a read of the amazing adverts written by the children of class 1 / 2 which has been sent to your emails.

KS1 at 4:30

KS2 at 5:30

Please don't worry if you have children in both sets, they can both come at the same time but hopefully this will help everything to run smoothly so that everyone can have a great time!

Tickets can be bought here!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofolsp/#.Y4UWduynxPw>

### **Christmas Gift Shop 8th December**

With each ticket your child can choose from our lovely selection of gifts. Tickets are £2.50 and can be purchased through the PTA events website, they will be available until 11:55pm on Monday 5th December

### **Christmas Raffle**

Thank you all very much for your generous donations, we have some great hampers up for grabs. Tickets are £1 each and will be available from the school office until 12th December and will be drawn on the 14th!





## SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding at OLSP is always a priority. Should you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact our Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection: Miss Wathen, or Deputies: Mrs Blatchford or Mrs Emmerton on 01626 773905 Our named governor for child protection is Mrs Lorraine Coulter

## WELFARE

Our Family Support Worker is Rachel Ripley. Please let us know if you would like her to contact you for ANY support. Everyone needs a Rachel in their lives!

## ATTENDANCE

Justine Williams is our attendance officer. She will liaise with any families who have a child with below 95% attendance to offer support. Please remember if attendance is below 95% your child will be noted as persistently absent.



## CPOMS and Operation encompass

At OLSP we use CPOMS as our system for recording information that we consider to be safeguarding information. As a parent you are entitled to see this information and may request to do so.

Further information about the programme can be found here -

**<https://www.cpoms.co.uk/privacy-statement/>**

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

