

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



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Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way



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HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

My goodness what a busy time we are having at school. The children are buzzing and there are some great learning conversations around school. We are trying to get the children to focus on the specifics of what they are learning, so rather than saying they are learning geography, we want them to talk about how they have learnt for example, the UK is made up of several different counties and be able to name some of them. Parents and carers can help by asking, 'Tell me something new you have learnt today'.

Our school calendar is filling up fast and there are lots of dates and extra curricular activities happening, such as the return of Junior Speaks. Do make a note of them in your diary.

Thank you to those parents who have fed back the positive comments about the new structure to our newsletter.

Just a reminder that we are approaching half term and after that we expect all children to be in the appropriate winter uniform. Our uniform is unique to OLSP and helps our children have pride in their school.

Finally, we are looking forward to seeing our parents this week at parent consultation evenings. If you have not made an appointment yet, please do so. It is not too late. It is a great way to show our children that we all work together to ensure their time at school is successful. We will also use this time to make sure that all of the information we hold on you (such as emergency contact numbers) is up to date.

God bless to you all

Mrs Cathy Blatchford

Prayer

We bless you,
God of Seed and Harvest
And we bless each other
That the beauty of this world
And the love that created it
Might be expressed through our lives
And be a blessing to others
Now and always
AMEN



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Thor Friday is a family fast day in preparation for the celebration harvest.

Our Year 1/2 class are gearing up to share a harvest liturgy with the school community on 23rd October. They will be asking us to join together with our parish, friends and family so that families around the world survive today and have food for all their tomorrows.

By sharing a simple meal and giving what you save, you will be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by the global food crisis. No-one deserves to go hungry. On Friday, children will be bringing home a small envelope for you to contribute what you can.

Donate and wear
something silly
on your head -
Caps 4 Cash

COULD YOU IMAGINE WEARING SHOES TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY THAT DON'T FIT PROPERLY ?



It's hard to believe there are children who do not have properly fitted shoes to wear to school every day and whose parents are struggling to buy the proper school uniform ! In fact, one in five children living in the south west are living in poverty, and in parts of the region poverty is even more severe. Some areas in our Diocese actually fall into the top 10% of the most deprived areas in England.

As part of their Good Shepherd programme this year, The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) is asking children living in our Diocese to think of children less fortunate than themselves by wearing something different on their head to school for one day. They are asking children to get creative and wear something different on their heads to school for one day to support their 'Caps for Cash' Good Shepherd initiative to help raise money for the CCSP.



If ten schools could raise £100 in donations, CCSP could buy school uniform including school shoes for approximately 12 - 15 children, so they never have to wear ill-fitting shoes to school ever again.

Thank you !!

ONLINE SAFETY

Some concerns were expressed after several children were using mobile phones at the school disco and videos were uploaded to public social media sites. We urge parents to check their children's phones and help them to ensure privacy settings are secure.

Please note any future events will be mobile free.

How can I help keep my child happy and safe with technology?

Children are often really good at using new technology, but sometimes because of their age they can be tricked, bullied or frightened. Please support your child by finding out what they are using and helping them!

Would this app channel or game be OK for my child?



Listen

Regularly talk to your child. Find out

- What games they play
 - Who they talk to
 - What Youtube they view
- Make sure they know how to get help!**



Functionality

Find out about the games and apps they use. Who are they talking to and who is talking to them? Does it allow anyone to contact the child or is it restricted to friends?



Reviews

The NSPCC have a great site for parents :- www.net-aware.org.uk

This US site is also good www.commonsemmedia.org/reviews



Age

It is a good idea to look at **Common sense media** or **Netaware** for advice. Some apps have a minimum age of 13 due to American regulations which are not always linked to safety.



Safety

Make sure your child's **privacy settings** are carefully set on apps. Remind them to have a **username & profile picture** that does not give away too much data.

Too much of a good thing?



Current research shows that screen time itself is not harmful, but if it is affecting sleeping, eating or other activities it can cause problems. **Have clear bedtime rules for devices!**

Boundaries...

Decide on your own family boundaries..., and make sure adults set a good example

Think about:- devices at mealtimes, bedtime rules (phones down-stairs at night?), sharing photos, checking devices etc...

Mean Words?

Being bullied online can affect lots of children. If your child receives unpleasant messages make sure they know how to screen-shot them so you can help. Apps and games allow you to report issues and many schools will try to help.



Getting Help

Internetmatters.org is a great website for advice and details on parental controls

Call the Police if your child is at risk or report it to ceop.report

You can contact the school for more advice.

THIS TERMS CLUBS:

Multi Skills (Year 5 & 6 only) from Wednesday 14th September

(please note this will not be on WB 3rd October because of parent meetings)

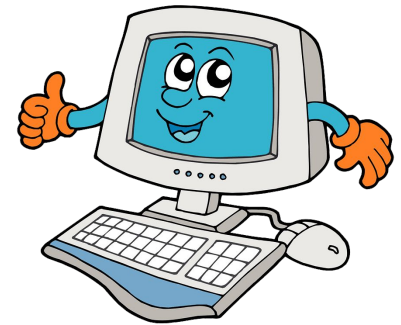
Homework Club with Miss Wathen from Thursday 15th September

(please note this will not be on WB 3rd October because of parent meetings)

Open library from 3:15-4pm with Mrs Newton Browne from Monday 12th September (parents to visit with children).

Fencing with Mr Selley (Premier Sports) from Thursday 8th September

Computing Club from Friday 16th September (lunchtimes)



EARLY YEARS

This week, we have been looking at different activities in PE to celebrate national fitness day!

We have looked at dribbling balls, team games and different ways to travel.



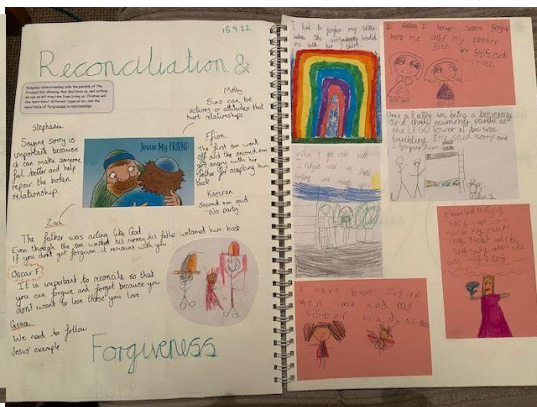
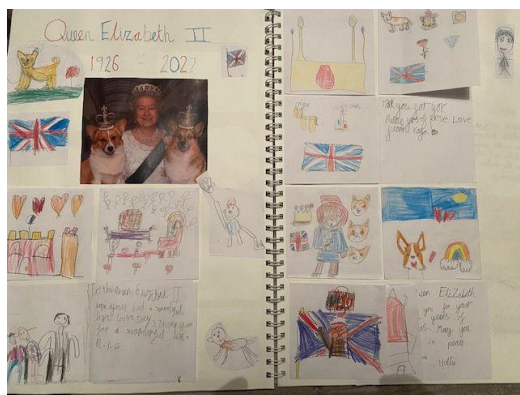
YEAR 1 & 2

We have had a great week – the children have enjoyed innovating ‘The Tiger who Came to Tea’ by thinking of their own character who came to their house for tea. We had a dinosaur, a giraffe and even a rock! They had greatest fun acting it out!



YEAR 3

Coming back off of the Queen's funeral we dedicated a page to her in our Personal Development books and then children all wrote a thank you letter to the queen to honour her years of service to the throne. Following this in PSHE, we have been reflecting on all types of relationships we have in our lives and how sometimes being friends or family isn't easy. It takes a lot of effort to maintain healthy, strong relationships with those we love and sometimes people argue. The children reflected on times they have come across this and we discussed how we can reconcile to mend broken relationships. To forgive and learn from our mistakes.



YEAR 4

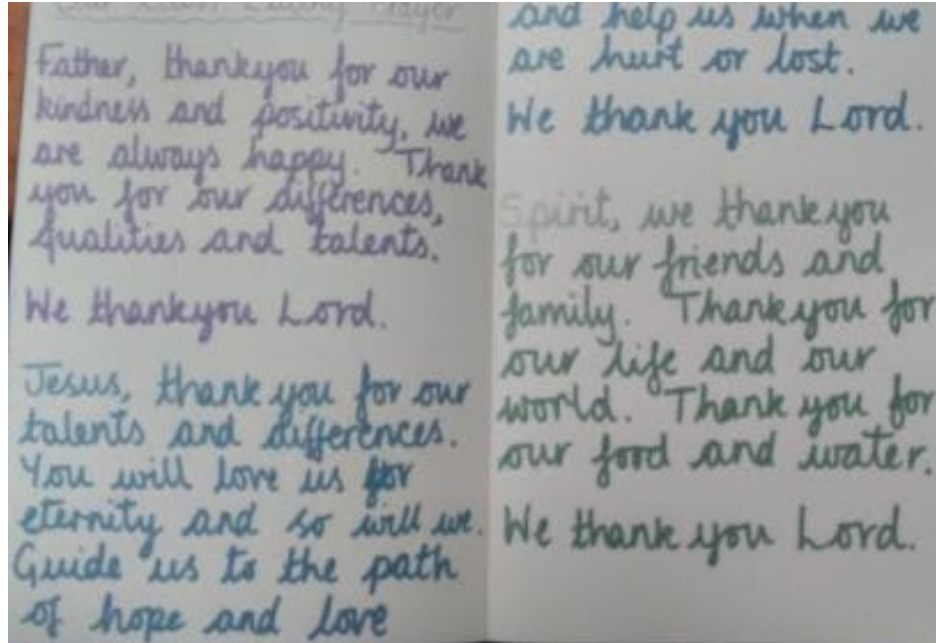
Class 4 have just started writing their independent stories in English. The children have been generating ideas for their own quest stories based off of our text 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'.

All of the teachers in Class 4 are really excited to see how the children's stories materialise over the coming days to see what fabulous stories are produced.



YEAR 5

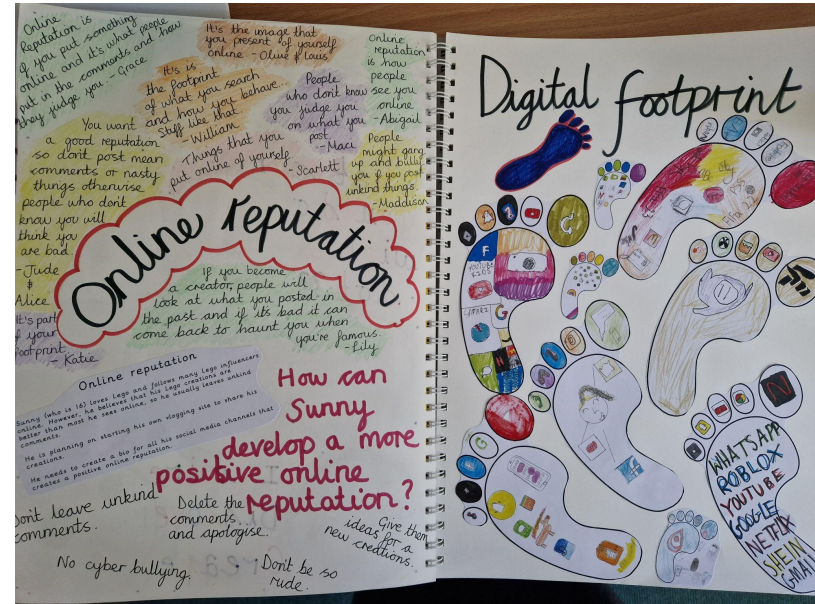
In our RE lessons, we have been thinking about the unique qualities and talents of ourselves and those around us. This week, we learned about the traditional Litany Prayer and wrote our own as a class, giving thanks for the things we have been given.



YEAR 6

Online Safety has been a key learning area for Year 6 since coming back from the summer holidays.

The children created their own own digital footprint and learnt how digital footprints are formed. They could also explain how to create a positive and negative digital footprint when online.



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	23.9.22	30.9.22
	Peace	Compassion
Early Years	Evelyn	Patrick
Y1 & 2	Estrella	Matilda
Y3	Hollie	Ffion
Y4	Eli	Mia
Y5	Juliana	Willow
Y6	Poppy	Sophie



STAR OF THE WEEK

	23.9.22	30.9.22
Early Years	Oliver	Tommy
Y1 & 2	All Class 1/2	Josh R
Y3	Lyra	Indya
Y4	Kody	Ellie
Y5	Marnie	Celia
Y6	Alice	Zac



WE ARE SO
Proud
OF YOU



A massive well done to Celia in Year 5 who won 7 medals at a recent swimming gala, as part of Dawlish Swimming Club. A great achievement.

Don't forget any achievements outside school can be celebrated during our Friday Celebration Assembly, however if you are happy for a photo to go in our newsletter, just send one in and we will say how proud we are.



16th-30th September 2022	
Reception	89.29%
Year 1/2	96.24%
Year 3	96.71%
Year 4	96.15%
Year 5	93.86%
Year 6	93.7%

Well done to Year 3

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



Diary Dates

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

Week beginning 3rd October	Meet the teacher/First parents meeting Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th.
5th October	Year 5 and 6 'Train like a Pro' Impact Day and Dragons Den for selected pupils
7th October	CAFOD Family Fast Day
11th October	Year 6 bikeability at Stover
14th October	OLSP Poetry Slam
20th October	Year 3 DSSP Personal Challenge Event
21st October	Harvest Festival led by Year 1 and 2

24th-28th October	Autumn Half Term
31st October	Inset Day for staff, school closed for pupils.
4th November	Wear Caps for Cash - raise money for CCRS
8th November	Year 5 - Explore the Orchestra 3: Devon and Torbay Workshops Invitation! - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
16th November	Year 5/6 World Cup Style Football Tournament
13th December	Reception/Nursery Nativity
16th December	End of Autumn term
Provisional - 28th Feb 2023	Junior Speaks heats
Provisional - 7th March 2023	Junior Speaks final



FRIENDS NEWS

As we start a new month, we would firstly like to thank everyone for all the wonderful contributions that we've received over the last few weeks!

A huge thanks to years 5 & 6 for their recent cake sale which made over £75!

This is followed by our first Charity Bingo Raffle evening which raised a whopping amount of £200. It was really so great to see so many parents attend and we are hoping to make this a regular event, so please keep an eye out for updates.

It was great to finally be able to have a school disco again and what a disco it was - just under £400.00 raised!

We will also be holding a Bag2School collection on the 2nd November, if anyone has any clothes no longer needed, it would be greatly appreciated if you could drop them off by the office before 9am on this day.

As always, new members to the friends are very welcome, if you are interested in joining the friends, please email friends@olsp.uk if you would like to get involved. We would love to hear from you!

"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall." - Roald Dahl

THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND



Keeper – Alan Gibbons

New boy Shane Logan has a temper, but he's also a talented goalie. When Peter and his friends invite Shane to join their football team, he delivers a star performance in the first match.

But Shane's not the only one who makes an impression. Hanging over him like a shadow is his dad, Mick, who yells orders and insults from the sidelines.

What is Mick's problem? And why does Shane seem afraid of him? The more Peter gets to know Shane, the more he worries that something is wrong - and that Shane's not as tough as he seems.



Worst. Holiday. Ever – Charlie Higson

Stan is going on holiday to Italy with his (fifth) best friend Felix and a load of strangers. Stan is absolutely terrified. Luckily, his mum's given him an emergency list that includes how to survive a shark attack, and what to do if he gets kidnapped. Stan thinks that a better list would include how to cope with odd food, and what to do if he accidentally calls Felix's mum 'mum' in front of everybody.

And it soon turns out Italy is full of dangers and things that can go wrong. One thing's for certain, Stan's not going to come back the same boy he left. He just hope he comes back at all . . . Worst. Holiday. Ever is a story about facing fears, dealing with worries, and how it's

OK to be anxious, scared, and sometimes a little bit brave.



SPEAKING TO YOUR CHILD

At OLSP we are working on developing oracy skills with our children. Oracy makes a proven difference; improving wellbeing, learning potential, academic ability and long term employability. From now on in our newsletter we are going to include a question for you to discuss with your child. It would be great to hear how it goes.

Oracy question 1: Would you rather be prime minister, or the king/queen of England and why???



Escape into autumn with the National Trust

A breath of crisp air. The crunch of leaves underfoot. That feeling of winding down. From startling murmurations and bold displays of colour to conkers, fruit and fungi, autumn is full of wonder – and it offers us a refreshing escape. Everyone needs nature, so the National Trust are offering you a free visit to a place we care for this autumn. Where will your escape take you?

If you're already a member, you can use your free visit to bring along a friend or family member. Each free visit is available for up to two adults and four children at a participating place we care for. Each ticket is single use and valid until 30 November 2022.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/escape-into-autumn>





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/) -

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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.