

# 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

You will have noticed that we have changed our newsletter format for this academic year. We hope you like it. If you have any feedback, do let us know.

We are finishing week two entering a weekend that will go down in history. As a school we have completed a book of remembrance to honour the late Queen Elizabeth II. We have prayed for her family and are all grateful for the love and commitment she gave to our country.

Please can we ask parents to note that we are a no smoking school and we ask that nobody smokes within the school grounds. We also politely ask that this also applies to vaping.

Finally, you will notice that we have parents evenings at the beginning of October and a letter will follow soon. We feel it is important for you to have some time with your child's teacher early on in the school year to ensure we have a consistent message and are working together. However, should you have any questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask for a conversation sooner.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford

It is not only our children that are learning. OLSP have a programme of training and development for our staff to ensure they deliver the best curriculum to our children. Here are some photos of them taking part in lawn tennis coaching. They had great fun.



# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Message from Canon Mark

News of her Majesty's death comes with a sense of deep sadness, and we want to pray for her eternal soul now as she makes her way into eternal life.

Having seen her looking so well at Balmoral only a few days ago when the prime ministers were changing makes the news a little more shocking, but her health and mobility issues have been a feature of the news over recent days and weeks. We are deeply indebted to Her Majesty for her loyal and faithful service to the people of the United Kingdom and the commonwealth family. Her unstinting service has been an example to us as a nation as she pledged her life to her vocation as Monarch on her 21st birthday. She has broken so many previous records in becoming the longest reigning monarch in our history and being a devoted Queen to her people. Her strong Christian faith guided her throughout her life and made her a woman of great wisdom and discernment. I think history will judge her as one of the greatest monarchs this land has ever had.

It goes without saying that the royal family must be very much in our prayer at this time, and we pray for them in their grief and loss.

Many of us have felt the loss of someone close to us, and we appreciate the kindness and love we have received from others, who have shown their compassion during those dark days of losing someone. As a nation we will remember her with gratitude and love. We have the tradition of praying for the soul of those who have died.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Almighty God,  
You are the author and sustainer of all  
human life;**

**grant that your servant, Elizabeth our  
Queen, whom you granted a long and happy  
reign as Monarch of these lands may be  
forgiven her sins and rewarded with that  
eternal life promised to all those born  
again in the water of baptism and power of  
your Spirit.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever,  
Amen.**

**Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord, And let  
Perpetual light shine upon her. May she  
rest in peace. Amen.**

**May her soul, and the souls of all the  
faithful departed,**

**Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**

**Amen ++++++  
God save the King!**

# WELCOME

Well done to Mr Stamp, our new Year 4 teacher, for surviving his first two weeks at OLSP. He has settled well into our school family and can't wait to meet parents in a couple more weeks. For those who have not met him yet, here is a little photo.

Please do say hello if you see him.



Here is a photo of Mr Selley.

Mr Selley works for Premier Sports and is taking our Key Stage 2 classes for PE every Thursday. He will be running different sports clubs at lunch time and after school. This half term we have fencing and all those that have attended the last two weeks have loved it!





# 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)

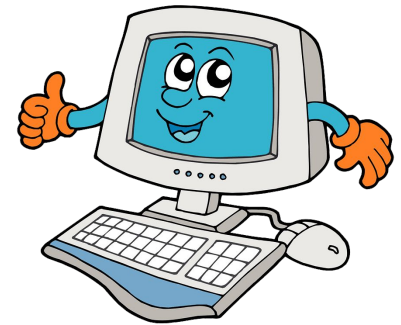
Homework Club with Miss Wathen from Thursday 15th September

(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

We have had a fabulous time creating performances on our new stage. Thank you to everyone who donated fancy dress last half term, the children have had really enjoyed dressing up as princesses and superheroes this week.



# YEAR 1 & 2

We have been using the Colour Monster and Ruby's worry books to understand when we need to talk about our feelings. We now have a board with zones of regulation and a worry box so we can share our feelings with the adults.



# YEAR 3

Year 3 have had an amazing start to the term. They have worked really hard and enjoyed lots of different activities including the start of our Jackson Pollock Paintings and our tag rugby lessons with Mr Selley.



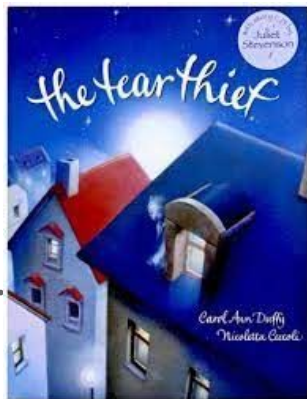
# YEAR 4

This week Year 4 have been enjoying themselves learning the skills to play netball in small groups when passing and moving to get past a defender. This required the children to communicate with each other and work as a team with how they could create space in a small area.



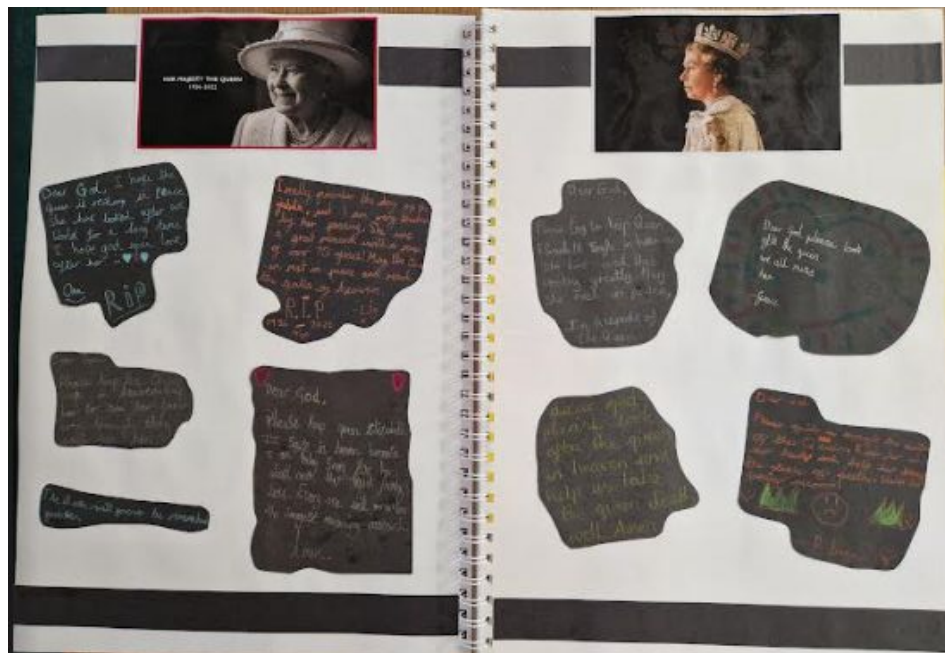
# YEAR 5

This week Year 5 have been immersing themselves in our model text: 'The Tear Thief'. They have enjoyed exploring and 'magpie-ing' the vocabulary and literary features from the pages around our classroom. Next week they will look to implement these features in their own writing.



# YEAR 6

Year 6 spent some time this week reflecting on the Queen's life and wrote prayers for her. The children had so many lovely things to say about her and they all loved the great memories from the Platinum jubilee celebration.





# DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	9.9.22	16.9.22
	<b>love/charity</b>	<b>faith</b>
Early Years	Jacob	Nela
Y1 & 2	Ruby	Sonny
Y3	Kaya	Jasmine
Y4	Ada	Erin
Y5	Lucas	Kimi
Y6	Freddie	Maddison



# STAR OF THE WEEK

	9.9.22	16.9.22
Early Years	Max	Mae
Y1 & 2	Daisy	Emilia
Y3	Ossie	Ffion
Y4	Freddie	Patrick
Y5	Mia	Kamila
Y6	Katie	Maci





5th-16th September 2022	
Reception	89.42%
Year 1/2	93.06%
Year 3	91.87%
Year 4	91.79%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	93.68%

Well done to Year 5

## 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	38 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!	

# Diary Dates

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

**Friday 23rd  
September 9am**

Welcome mass at All Saints Church in Teignmouth. Children are to be dropped there and we will walk back to school afterwards. Please do join us.

**Monday 26th  
September**

Cake Sale - Years 5 & 6 to bring cakes please

**Friday 30th  
September**

TCS musical theatre workshop - Y5  
Back 2 School Disco 5-7pm

**Week beginning  
3rd October**

Meet the teacher/First parents meeting  
Tuesday 4th and .....

**5th October**

Year 5 and 6 'Train like a Pro' Impact Day and  
Dragons Den

**14th October**

OLSP Poetry Slam

**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.

**16th November**

Year 5/6 World Cup Style Football Tournament

**13th December**

Reception/Nursery Nativity

**16th December**

End of Autumn term



# FRIENDS NEWS

Welcome to a new school year of Friends activities and news. We have a lot that we would like to do this year to help raise funds to enable the children and teachers to have additional resources to enhance their time at OLSP.

Firstly, we would like to update on the changes following the AGM last week. Our Chair for 2021-22, David Leyland has stepped down to concentrate on his other voluntary responsibilities but will still be a member of the team. Thank you so much for all your work last year David! Thank you too, to all the team, especially Faye and Sarah as Secretary and Treasurer who worked so hard last year. It was massively appreciated!

At the AGM the new team was voted in and the formal roles which were appointed were:

Chair of the Friends - Faye Sendra

Treasurer - Sarah Jackson

Co-Secretaries - Yvonne Richards & Liz Wooding

We were also delighted that there were the regular team members and a lot of new faces who have joined to help on the committee. We always have space for more people and it's a great way to meet new parents, carers and grandparents and help support the school. Please email [friends@olsp.uk](mailto:friends@olsp.uk) if you would like to get involved. We would love to hear from you!

We have a great fundraising opportunity coming up in a couple of weeks. Can you source or donate a raffle prize for a Charity Bingo/Raffle fundraiser in the Social Club from 6.30 pm on Tuesday 27th September? We would be very grateful if you could leave one in the School Office. All are welcome to come down to the Bingo and Raffle, which will bring in additional funds for the children.

**At last the discos are back!!! The friends would like to invite you all to come and join us for our back to school disco Friday 30th September 5-7pm. Details to follow via Facebook and Email**



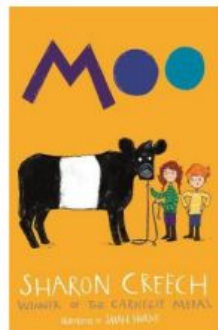
"So please, oh please, we  
beg, we pray, go throw your  
TV set away, and in its place  
you can install a lovely  
bookshelf on the wall." -  
Roald Dahl

# THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND



## Cardboard Cowboys – Brian Conaghan

Nobody at school can see past Lenny's size to the person within. So when lessons get too tough, Lenny always goes to his bench to think. At least there no one can see him. Then one day, midway through lobbing his empty can of Irn-Bru into the canal he's stopped by Bruce. Bruce lives in a cardboard home hidden away by the banks, and he doesn't approve of kids messing up his front lawn ... But a bumpy start soon gives way to an unexpected friendship - and an epic road trip - that will change both of them for life ...



## Moo – Sharon Creech

When their mum and dad decide to move their family to the country, Reena and Luke aren't quite sure what to expect. They've spent their whole life in the bustling city, so the thought of cool, calm Maine feels akin to moving to another planet.

To help them to adjust to life in the country, the children find themselves assisting their new elderly neighbour, Mrs Falala. At first working with this eccentric old woman and her random collection of animals feels like a punishment – particularly with the stubborn and surly Zora the cow, who seems to like nothing better than winding Reena up. However as the children begin

to learn about the responsibility called for when caring for animals, they begin to understand that respecting differences can achieve wonderful things.





## 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.