

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



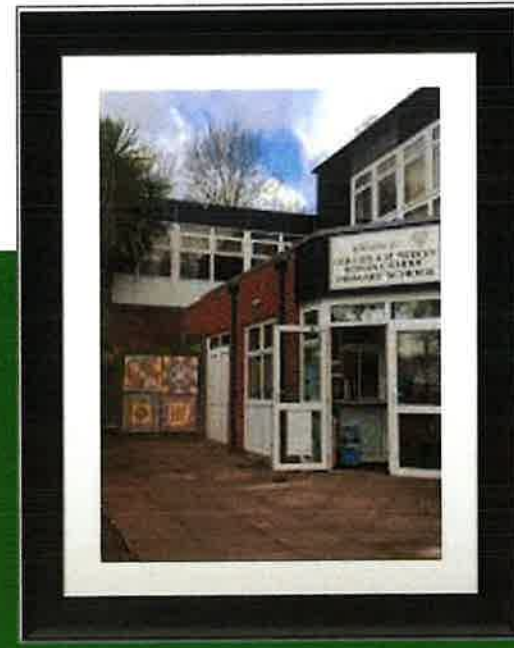
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Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way

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HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

Thank you so much for your great contributions to our parent questionnaire. The numbers of parents agreeing and strongly agreeing to each area has significantly increased since our last questionnaire. It is great to see our hard work is paying off.

I will try and deal with any questions raised, but a continued reminder, if you have something specific you need to discuss, please do not hesitate to call the office to book an appointment. We also endeavour to reply to any communications within 24 hours and the questionnaire has helped us identify an issue with Schoolcomms which has now been corrected. Please never think we have ignored you and follow a message up if you do not get a response. It may help to note, our school office email address should always be office@olsp.uk

Some parents have asked what is being done to reduce the numbers of changes to staff. This is an area I am putting significant effort into. Obviously there will be occasions when staff want to try something new, or are ready to move on, but at OLSP we have been working together to make the school a happy place.

Strategies have included:

- **Wellbeing Wednesday:** a day that we particularly seek to look after our wellbeing.
- **Reviewed marking policy:** Teachers should not be taking piles of books home to mark. More effective feedback happens in the classroom and when they are with your child. Therefore you are more likely to see VF (verbal feedback) recorded in your child's book. However, evidence of progress is essential.
- **Communication protocol:** This was sent to all parents and carers to ensure staff wellbeing is considered with regards to the content and timing of communication. Thank you for supporting us with this.
- **Investment in professional development:** It is important for all our staff that they feel valued and have time to develop their skills away from the classroom. Unfortunately this does mean there will be the occasional supply teacher, but the long term benefit will be there for the children as our staff become more skilled at what they are doing.

I hope this helps with clarity. We have a great team in place and will keep considering ways we can look after and retain our staff.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

This weekend (20th November) is the the last of the Liturgical Year, and when we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. On this Feast Day, we celebrate Jesus as our King and Saviour.

Jesus is King - but He is not how we usually think of a king! He doesn't live in a palace or wear a crown like Queen Elizabeth II or King Charles III.

The truth that Jesus is King can only be seen by those who believe and have eyes of faith. Jesus is the King of Kings because by His death He brought salvation to everyone making Him a King to all people, everywhere!

In the Gospel, only the good thief had the faith needed to recognise Jesus as his king and saviour and Jesus rewarded him. Jesus offers us the same reward. We are the children of the King and Jesus is our friend. We only need to show that we believe in Him and accept Him as our King!

Children of the King



OTHER SCHOOL NEWS



OLSP are delighted to welcome Footlights Dance Academy to the school, they will be using the hall for dance lessons every Monday evening. For information on what classes are available please click the link - <http://www.footlightsdanceacademy.co.uk/time-table>

We are also very excited to be able to offer Spanish lessons within the school - please contact the office for more information.

There will be a vacancy for a Parent Governor at the beginning of next term and we invite parents to apply now as if we have more than one applicant, we will need to hold a vote. For any more information on the role please email clerk@olsp.uk



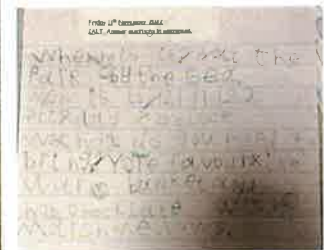
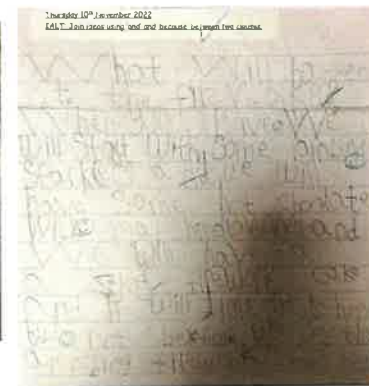
EARLY YEARS

The children in EYFS have really enjoyed having Claire coming in from the school kitchen to help them with some cooking. So, far we have made chocolate rice crispy cakes and cheesy pizza with lots more to make before Christmas.



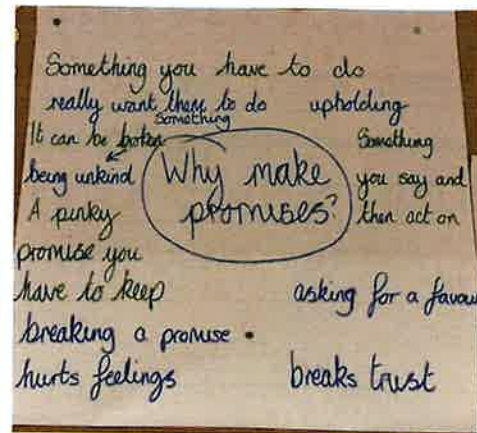
YEAR 1 & 2

Over the last three weeks, the children in Class 1/2 have been learning how to write an advert. We began the unit learning through a persuasive invite to a tea party. Then together, we wrote some fantastic adverts for a firework display which included different types of sentences and adjectives to add description. I can't wait to read their independent writing when they are finished at the beginning of next week.



YEAR 3

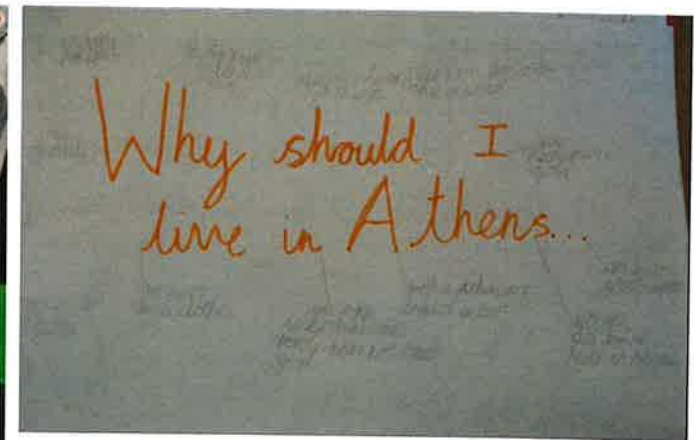
In Class 3 this week the children have been looking at Baptism in RE and we have had lots of discussions. We even role played having a Baptism in class.



YEAR 4

In Class 4, children have been debating in History as to which City-State was better in Ancient Greece. The aim of the debate was to persuade Mr Stamp and Mrs Cullen as to which City-State they should join between Athens and Sparta. The children were amazing at providing different reasons and were doing this respectfully.

I am sure the children are eager to find out what else they can learn about Ancient Greece throughout this term.



YEAR 5

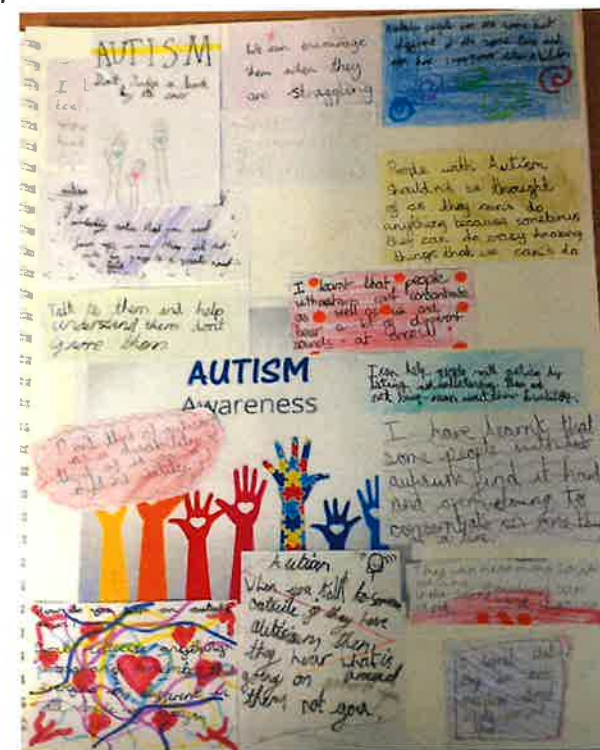
In Year 5, we have had the fantastic opportunity to work with Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra for our music lessons this half term. The theme is 'dance'. The children started by listening to music with the same theme then had the opportunity to co-write a chorus in partnership with other schools in Devon. Last week, we were joined by the orchestra's composer who brought their song to life, allowing them to add music, lyrics and decide pitch, rhythm and tempo.

This co-written song will be performed by Bournemouth Orchestra in 2023.



YEAR 6

Year 6 children focused on the importance of knowing about autism. We spoke about how every human being is unique and everyone should be respected for their qualities. The children were really thoughtful in their spoken and written responses to autism.



IT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO SEE THE SCHOOL REPRESENTED IN LOCAL SPORTING EVENTS THIS WEEK: TOUCH RUGBY AND FOOTBALL.



THIS TERMS CLUBS:

Open library from 3:15-4pm with Mrs Newton Browne Mondays

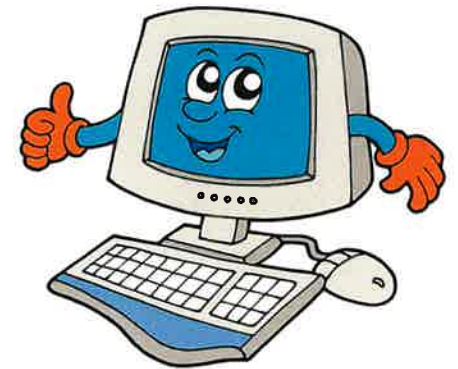
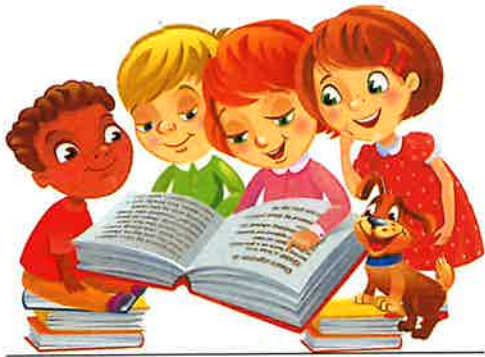
Archery with Mr Selley (Premier Sports) Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm

Homework Club with Miss Mortimore, Thursdays 3:15-4pm

Multi-Skills with KS1 with Mr Mason, Wednesdays 3:15-4:15pm

Computing Club with Mr Meehan, Friday lunchtimes

SATs Maths booster sessions 8:00 am-8:30am on Thursday- Miss Wathen (Miss Wathen will be contacting individual parents regarding this)



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	11.11.22	18.11.22
	Peace	Charity
Early Years	Isla	All EYFS for raising lots of funds together.
Y1 & 2	Raffy	Paddy
Y3	Teddy	Iris
Y4	Laila	Zach
Y5	Leo	Willow
Y6	Scarlett	Jude



STAR OF THE WEEK

	11.11.22	18.11.22
Early Years	Patrick	Issac
Y1 & 2	Poppy	Daisy
Y3	Kamran	Ethan
Y4	Sebastian	Isaac
Y5	Rosie	Archie
Y6	Abi-Pat	Grace





Days off school add up to lost learning

1-16th November 2022	
Reception	90.69%
Year 1/2	93.47%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	96.73%
Year 5	96.04%
Year 6	95.14%

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 <small>190 days for your child's education</small>	<small>10 days absence</small> 180 Days of Education	<small>19 days absence</small> 171 Days of Education	<small>29 days absence A term missed</small> 161 Days of Education	<small>48 days absence</small> 152 Days of Education	<small>67 days absence</small> 143 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good <small>Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start</small>		Worrying <small>Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress</small>		Serious Concern <small>Not fair on your child. Court action!</small>	

Well done Year 4, only just beating Year 3!

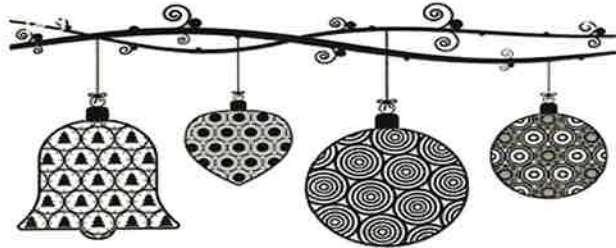


These are the dates we have so far. We will keep you informed if more events need to be added in.

21st-25th Nov	Scholastic book fayre Start of Early Years outside development
30th November	St Andrews Day (If your child is in St Andrews, please can they wear blue).
2nd December	Friends Christmas Craft activities
3rd December	10am-1pm Parish Christmas Bazaar - Methodist Church Hall.
12th December	Year ½ to sing at local care home 2:15pm Whole school advent service.
13th December	Reception/Nursery Nativity

14th December	Reception/Nursery trip to Kents Cavern
15th December	Christmas jumper Day Christmas Dinner Rudolph Run for Rowcroft
16th December	End of Autumn term
3rd January	Start of Spring term
1st February	Year 5 and 6 to watch Matilda at TCS
Provisional - 28th Feb 2023	Junior Speaks heats
Provisional - 7th March 2023	Junior Speaks final
9-12th May	Y6 SATS week
15-19th May	Y6 residential to Simonsbath

Friends News



Friday 2nd December 7pm-9pm - Christmas Wreath Workshop

Please can everyone who is interested, please ensure to pay their £15 by the 30th November to secure a place. Also please get in touch if you would like a stall at the fayre, it is £10 per stall, it would be lovely to have lots of local businesses showing off their products.

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Gift Shop

Friday 16th December - Last day of term & Non Uniform Day! With a second hand uniform sale at the end of the day.

Thursday 8th December - School Christmas Disco!

Due to it being a school night, we have staggered the disco times between KS1 & 2. Please see updated times below.

KS1 4:30pm - 5:30pm

KS2 5:30 - 6:30pm

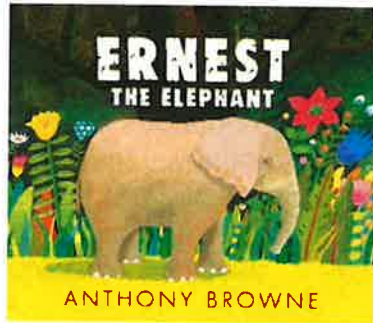


This does make it slightly more compact but there will definitely be lots of time for crazy dancing, face painting, glitter tattoos and a chance to use the photo booth. Father Christmas is busy that evening so there isn't a grotto but there will be some interesting elves for you to spot!

If any parents would like to give us a hand, any help would be greatly appreciated, so please get in touch.

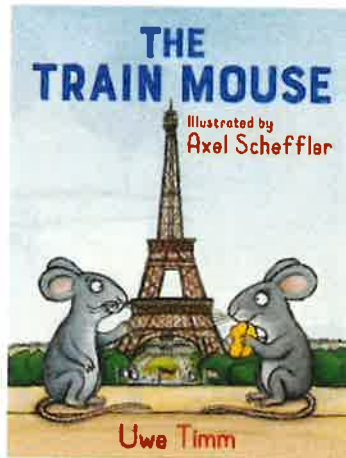
"So please, oh please, we
beg, we pray, go throw your
TV set away, and in its place
you can install a lovely
bookshelf on the wall."
Roald Dahl

THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND



Ernest the Elephant – Anthony Browne

Ernest is a happy baby elephant. But when his curiosity gets the better of him and he leaves the rest of his herd to explore the alluring and dangerous jungle, he becomes very lost indeed. Amongst the undergrowth, he meets a rude gorilla, a weary lion, an impolite hippo and an uncaring crocodile. Will anyone help Ernest find his way out of the jungle and home to his mum?



The Train Mouse – Uwe Timm

When Nibbles, an inquisitive young mouse, scampers onto a waiting train at the local station, little does he know he is about to be swept along on a cross-country adventure. Nibbles travels across his homeland of Germany, picks up a new friend in Switzerland, samples the delights of French cuisine in Paris and finally ends up as the star performer in a circus in England! But then Nibbles begins to feel homesick. How will one little mouse find his way home again?





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.

