

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

Welcome back to Autumn 2. The end of Autumn 1 was an emotional one as Mrs Day finished her teaching with us. However, she has already been back in school and is looking forward to still being involved with us as a governor. We also said a sad goodbye to Miss Tilley who has secured a different role.

We now say a massive welcome to Miss Humphrey and Ms Miles who have joined our school. Both have strong connections to OLSP and are great additions to our team.

It has been lovely to see so many children looking smart in their winter uniforms. All Key Stage 2 children should be coming to school in shirts and ties. We know several children practiced doing their ties during the half term and are very proud of their achievements.

We are eagerly awaiting the start of the works outside our Early Years Unit, however they have been delayed by bad weather. The start date is expected to be towards the third or fourth week of this month. We are getting very excited.

There is a lot going on this term and our 'Friends' are going from strength to strength. We are so grateful for everything they do for the school. Please do take note of dates mentioned below.

Finally, you have hopefully received a link for an up to date questionnaire for us to review what is going well and particular areas to improve on. Please do take a few moments to complete it so that we get a full range of views across the school.

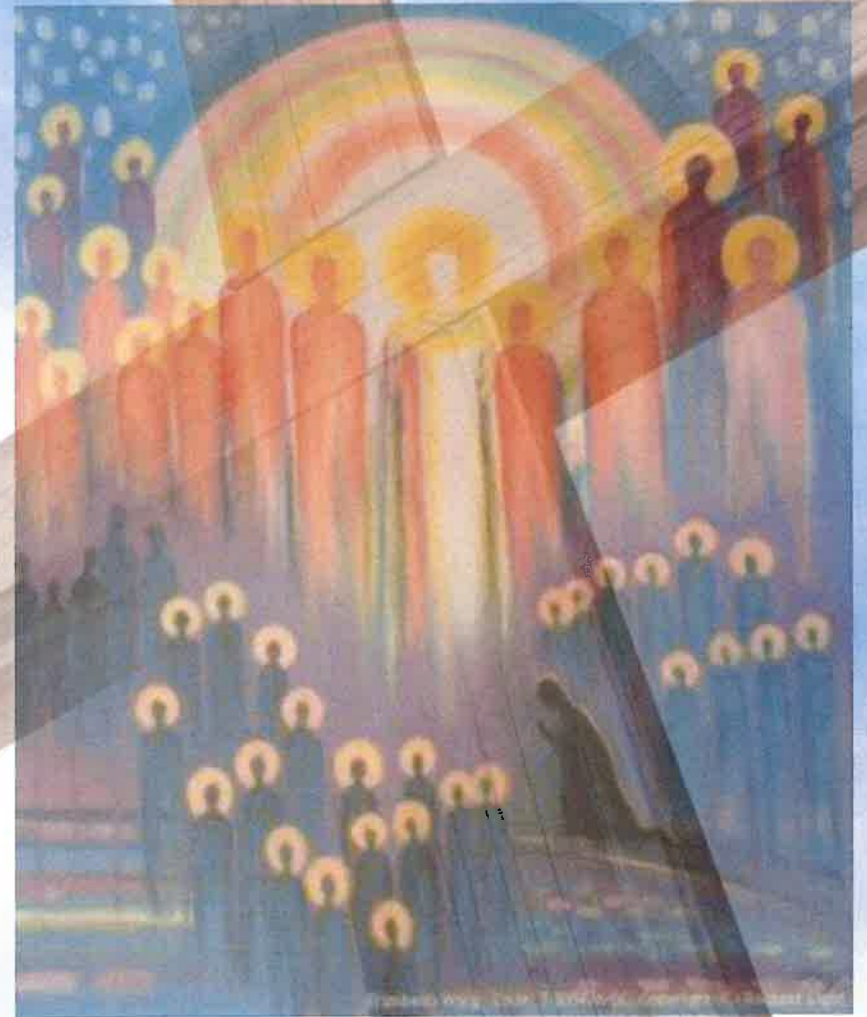
Mrs Cathy Blatchford



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

We were delighted to welcome Father Mark into school on Tuesday so that we could celebrate mass for 'All Saints Day', a holy day of obligation. The children were beautifully behaved and it was lovely to welcome some guests that braved the weather to join us from our parish.

Father Mark will be returning to school next week to talk to our Year 6 pupils and prepare them for their upcoming visit to St Ignatius of Loyola.



THIS TERMS CLUBS:

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

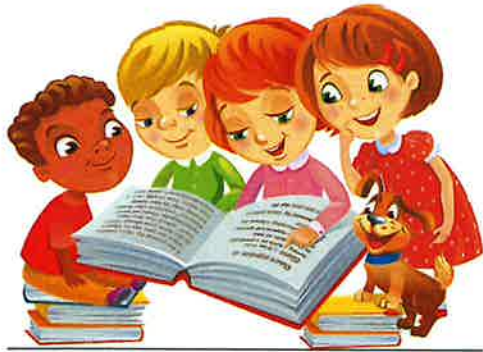
Archery with Mr Selley (Premier Sports) Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm

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

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

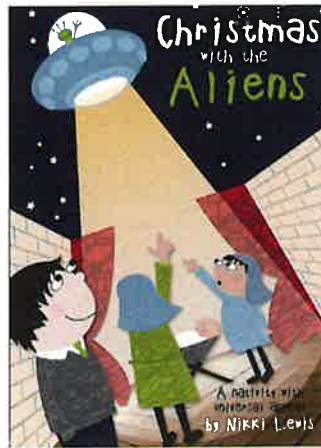
Computing Club with Mr Meehan, Friday lunchtimes

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



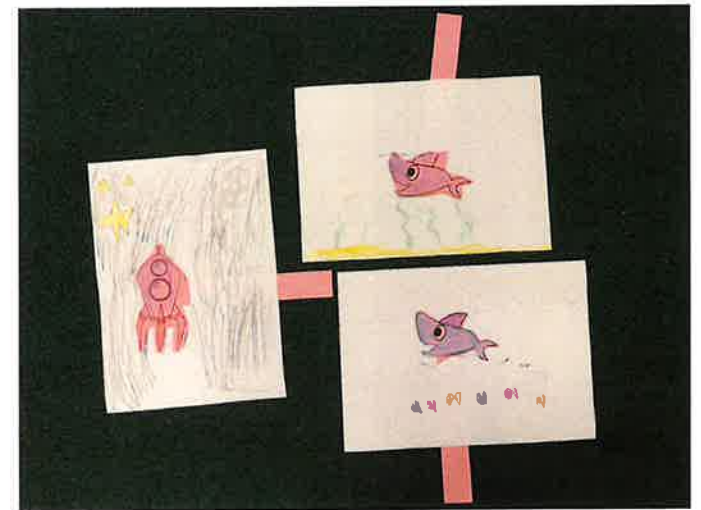
EARLY YEARS

Thank you so much for your cake donations for the bake sale. We made over £70 towards our December trip. Well done and thank you. You will be receiving details about the trip shortly. Also, keep an eye out for information on your children's roles in the upcoming nativity.



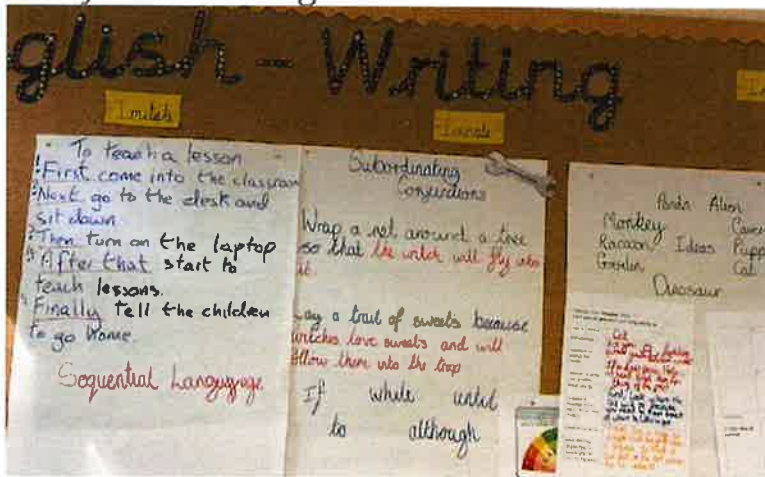
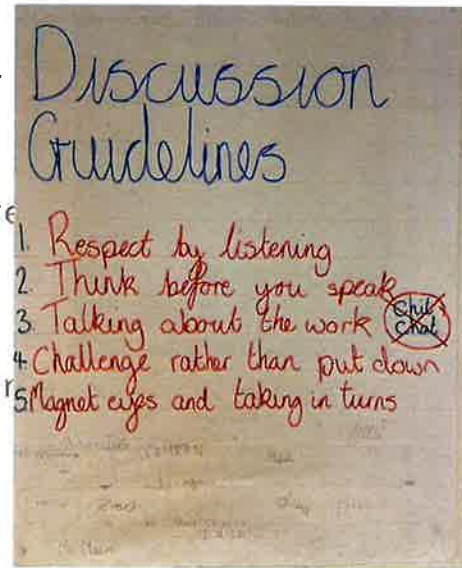
YEAR 1 & 2

This week, we have been looking at moving elements within story books in preparation for making our own moving Christmas cards. During our lesson, we made a sliding mechanism to make part of our picture move, either up and down or from side to side.



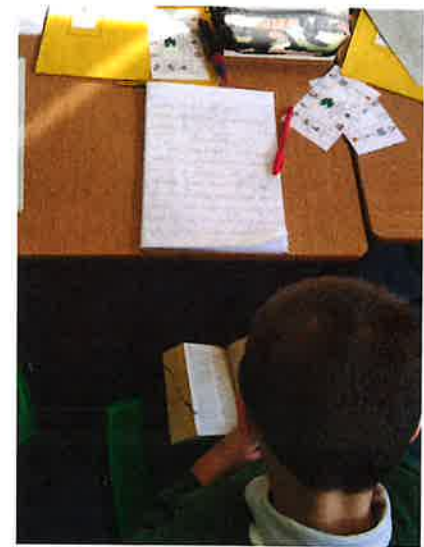
YEAR 3

Year 3 have been trying really hard with our explanation sequences this week using sequential language, imperative verbs and subordinating conjunctions. We've also been talking as a class about improving the way that we learn through talk and all the children have signed a discussion guidelines contract to try and make our learning more effective by following these rules.



YEAR 4

Class 4 have been constructing their own innovate paragraphs this week where they have changed an idea around their non-chronological reports. The children were first thinking about Storm Unicorns which has now changed to a dragon. We have been talking about each of our dragons with their habitat of where they live and how they are in danger. I am looking forward to see what the children produce in their independent pieces next week.



YEAR 5

This week, in RHE, we have been learning about the origins of bonfire night and how to stay safe during celebrations. We discussed how to stay safe at bonfires, at community fireworks displays, when using sparklers and what to do in the event of an emergency. We hope you have fun and stay safe.



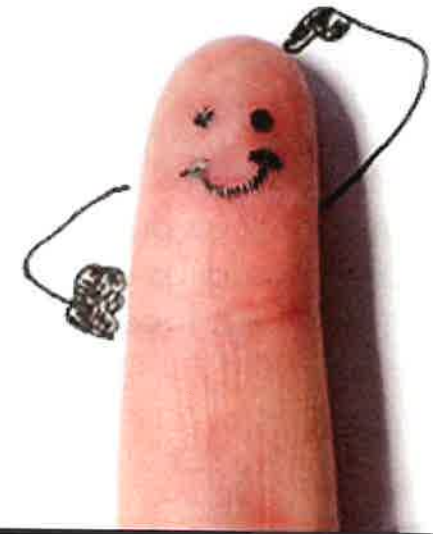
YEAR 6

Before half term year 6 learnt about the importance of Rail, Road and Water Safety. The children thought about their local environment and what risks they need to be aware of.



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION POINT

Would you rather have telekinesis (the ability to move things with your mind) or telepathy (the ability to read minds)????



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	17.10.22	31.10.22
	Justice	Love
Early Years	Theo	Chloe
Y1 & 2	Max C	Isla-Rose
Y3	Grace	Ivie-Beau
Y4	Billy-Jo	Harrison
Y5		Mia
Y6	William	Abi-Pat



STAR OF THE WEEK

	17.10.22	31.10.22
Early Years	Steffan	Arthur
Y1 & 2	Robert	Oliver Saw
Y3	Marylou	Oscar Sen
Y4	Archie A	Paris
Y5		Clarke
Y6	Kellen	Kieran





10th October-4th November	
Reception	78.57%
Year 1/2	92.26%
Year 3	88.76%
Year 4	91.51%
Year 5	93.57%
Year 6	96.46%

Well done to Year 6

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 137 Days of Education	47 days absence 128 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress.		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!	

Diary Dates

Please see the
Friends page for
more dates!

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

8th November 2pm	Phonic Workshop for parents in our EY unit. All parents invited, no matter what phase your child is at.
8th November	Year 5 - Explore the Orchestra Workshop - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
15th November	Selected Play Leaders training
16th November	Year 5/6 World Cup Style Football Tournament
17th November	Y6 visit to St Ignatius of Loyola

2nd December	Friends Christmas Craft activities
13th December	Reception/Nursery Nativity
14th December	Reception/Nursery trip to Kents Cavern
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

FRIENDS EVENTS THIS TERM



25th November **Cake Sale** (Years 3&4 to provide cakes)

2nd December **Christmas Craft sessions in school**

2nd December **Adults Wreath Making Workshop**

8th December **Christmas Gift Shop**

12th December **Disco**

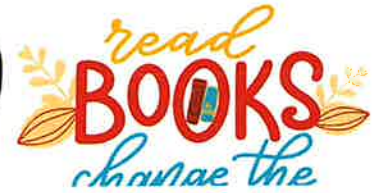
13th December **Pantomime at Princess Theatre Torquay**

16th December **Non school uniform with second hand uniform sale.**



"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

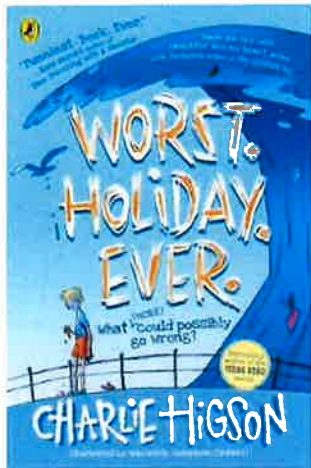


Keeper – Alan Gibbons

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.



Autumn Lantern Walk

please come along and join your local community in a magical lantern lit walk through Coombe Valley nature reserve.

Hot chocolate provided
please bring a snack to share and wear wellies!

Children must be accompanied by an adult

please bring any lanterns you have from home or a jam jar..... i have lots of spare ones to decorate.

Any questions contact Georgina 07496489260

Lantern making from 3:30

Walk starts at 5
Meet at the shelter by the play park

**Sunday 13th
November
This is a free event
Donations welcome!**



YES - THEY ARE BACK! AND WE DON'T LIKE THEM!



Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day. There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first. You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair. Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

Medicated lotions and sprays

Ask a pharmacist for advice if you have tried wet combing for 17 days, but your child still has live head lice. They may recommend using medicated lotions and sprays. These kill head lice in all types of hair, and you can buy them from pharmacies, supermarkets or online. Head lice should die within a day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs. Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see if they're OK for you or your child and how to use them. If lotions or sprays do not work, speak to a pharmacist about other treatments. Some treatments are not recommended because they're unlikely to work.

For example:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

You cannot prevent head lice

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can help stop them spreading by wet or dry combing regularly to catch them early. Do not use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. They can irritate the scalp. There's no need for children to stay off school or to wash laundry on a hot wash.



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.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Are you worried about your child's mental health? This link is full of tips to support children and Young people:
<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health/>

Libraries around Devon and Torbay will be offering warm welcoming spaces along with groups, resources and facilities to help people all over Devon and Torbay struggling in the cost-of-living crisis this winter. The new 'Libraries for Life' campaign will launch in October and run until March 2023. It will highlight the numerous ways libraries offer help, mostly for free. The campaign will cover six themes: the cost of living, loneliness and community connections, food, health and wellbeing, digital access and support, and employment, skills, and businesses. These will be modelled under the following headings:



- "Cutting the Costs"
- "Feeling Connected"
- "Food and Communities"
- "Health and Happiness"
- "Opening the Digital Door"
- "Our Work Lives"



See the next page for more information

EVENTS AND FACILITIES ON OFFER INCLUDE:



Warm welcoming spaces throughout all libraries in Devon and Torbay. Everyone is welcome to join and spend time in the library, including use of the free WiFi and computers. There are numerous free events and groups including Bounce & Rhyme for babies and toddlers, book clubs, scrabble, Lego clubs, craft sessions and many more. During the winter months libraries will also working with partners to host sessions supporting energy efficiency, debt advice and other important topics.

Community fridge projects in Tavistock, Tiverton and Exeter (with more to come), which make surplus food available to all for free so that good food gets eaten and doesn't go to waste. The Tiverton fridge runs in partnership with Sustainable Tiverton. The Tavi fridge, which opened in March 2021 runs in partnership with LiveWest and helps an estimated 45 people a day. The new Exeter fridge stocks food donated by local businesses and supermarkets and is partly funded by the Community Fund. The food is predominantly from local supermarkets and is after its 'Best Before' date which is an indication of quality – as opposed to a 'Use By' date which relates to food safety. These projects are volunteer run, and the availability of surplus food is unpredictable so can't be guaranteed.

Coat rails in Paignton, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exmouth, Totnes, Torquay, Bideford, Ivybridge, Sidmouth, Seaton, Exeter and Tiverton. The rails were implemented in partnership with Ikea, Willmott Dixon and Julian House. Warm winter coats are donated by library users and others from the local community and can be taken by vulnerable people. Other libraries act as clothing collecting points.

Home library service in Devon and Books on Wheels Service in Torbay for those who are housebound or struggle to get to the library. Many libraries have volunteers and the ability to deliver books to those at home who need them. Contact your local library or email home.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk for more information.

Free baby weighing facilities at many libraries in Devon including - Ottery St Mary, Totnes, Ivybridge, Tavistock, Teignmouth, Ilfracombe, Barnstaple, St Thomas, Exeter, Dawlish, Okehampton, Newton Abbot, Cullompton, Tiverton and Exmouth. This scheme is in partnership with Devon County Council and is designed for families or parents to use during popular Bounce & Rhyme sessions.

A selection of Reading Well books available in all libraries. These cover various aspects of mental and physical health, and include titles aimed at children, teens, and young adults. Digital copies of Reading Well materials are also available through Libby as well as Devon and Torbay catalogues.

Free drop-in IT sessions throughout most libraries. Newton Abbot Library also hosts Barclays once a week offering a Digital Wings Programme to boost digital skills and confidence, for free. Info on this program can be found [here](#). Paignton Library and other libraries also have volunteers to help customers with any IT or digital problems.

Work Clubs in Bideford, Barnstaple, Exeter, Newton Abbot, Crediton, Cullompton, Tiverton, and Tavistock libraries. These clubs offer one-to-one support in CV writing, developing skills and applying for jobs.

Business & IP Centres in Barnstaple, Exeter, and Paignton. These provide courses, webinars, one-to-one coaching and advice for budding entrepreneurs and local start-up businesses.

Volunteering at your local library is a great way to meet new people and support your local community this winter. We have lots of volunteering roles and opportunities – contact your local library for details.

Full details of events and initiatives at individual libraries are available online at [Libraries Unlimited - Bringing ideas, imagination, creativity and knowledge to enrich lives and build thriving communities](#) or by visiting your local library.

SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER FOR THE PLYMOUTH DIOCESE

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) in the Plymouth diocese is looking to appoint a Membership Support Office (MSO) to support the work of the Plymouth Central Council (CC). The SVP mission is to actively seek out those in need and offer whatever support it can. The MSO will be integral in helping the pursuit of this mission. Working directly with and for the CC, the MSO will be engaged in membership recruitment, training and development, working directly with members and other organisations to promote the society, organising events to enhance member experience and providing the personal link between members in the Plymouth diocese and national office. The post is 15 hours per week, home based and working as part of national team of MSOs.

If you are interested in the post and would like further details please use the link or contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at lancep@svp.org.uk.

<https://www.svp.org.uk/work-with-us>

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Closing date for CVs = 6th November 2022

Deadline for Completed Application Forms = 10th November 2022

