

# 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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Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford



# HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

This newsletter will be our final one of this academic year and what a year it has been. I am so proud of our school family and everything that has been achieved. The last two weeks we have not slowed down with a fun filled sports day, a brilliantly performed 'Mermaids and Pirates' school play performed by Year 6, musical recitals from young performers across the school, a celebration evening for parents, winning the Year 3/4 Dartmoor 3 Ball trophy and children achieving the Year 6 Torbay and Devon Civic Award.

A massive thank you to our AMAZING Friends of OLSP for successfully coordinating yet another fun filled Summer Barbecue. The organisation of this event happens over many months of the year and takes dedication and hard work. We are so grateful to Faye and her team. We would be lost without every one of them.

It was lovely to see the excitement on each child's face as they got to move up a year for the day on Wednesday.

Finally, I would like to wish each and everyone of our Year 6s good luck on the next step of their journey. They are an incredible bunch and have a lot to offer the world. We can not wait to hear about their successes as they move on. Please don't forget that next Wednesday (19th) we are starting our day at our parish church to celebrate mass together and ask God to watch over them.

God bless to you all and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford  
Executive Head Teacher

# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL



## Pupil Chaplains

We would like to say a big thank you to our current chaplains (Abi, Olive, Louis, Sophie, Maddison and Lilly - with the help of Poppy) who have done an amazing job this year. They have attended regular 'Trustful Tuesdays', weekly chaplains meetings, Wednesday chaplain class sessions. Helping to prepare children for the message of the Gospel that week. They have led assemblies and even joined in at the Methodist Church serving soup, coffee and tea! Thank you to each and every one of you! We shall miss you.

We have had several applications from some Year 5 children that are keen to carry on the role and they will attend an interview for this next week.



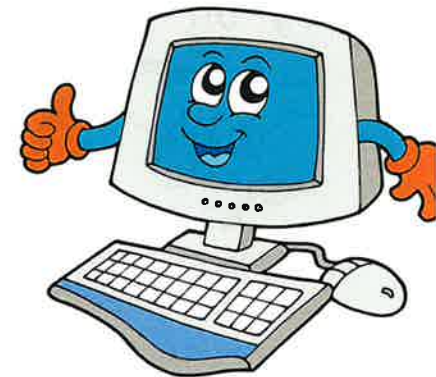
# AUTUMN 1 TERM CLUBS:



- PLEASE NOTE COMPUTING CLUB ON FRIDAYS AND MULTI SPORTS ON WEDNESDAYS HAVE NOW FINISHED

For September, we have so far confirmed the following clubs. A booking form for these will be sent out on return from the Summer holidays along with other information on clubs that will be running. All clubs will commence from the w/b 11th September.

- Drama Club
- Lego
- Coding
- Premier



# EARLY YEARS

This week the children have really enjoyed reflecting on their year in EYFS. Looking at pictures from the year and sharing memories of what they have done and achieved. They then wrote about their memories to go on the 'wow work' board.



# YEAR 1 & 2

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic time at sports day on Wednesday. The carousel in the morning was full of smiles, skills and teamwork. They thoroughly enjoyed trying different athletic activities and collecting points for their team.

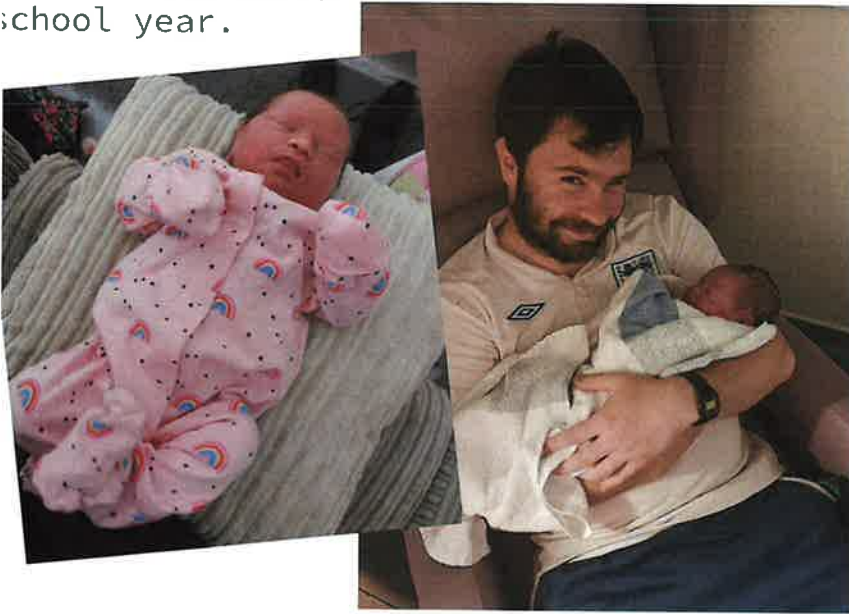
In the afternoon, our class race was designed by the children and voted on as a class. This was a super success and the children enjoyed their obstacle relay.



# YEAR 3

Class 3 have been learning about structures in Design and Technology. Their task was to explore how to get a cardboard frame to stand up using only paper, glue and/or tape.

The big news in class 3 this week has been the slightly earlier than planned arrival of baby Sophia Mason! All of the staff and children would like to extend their huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Mason. Such happy news for the end of our school year.



# YEAR 4

The children in Class 4 thoroughly enjoyed their time participating in sports day. The children loved the range of activities on offer. The javelin throwing and the hockey activity seemed to be the most popular.

It was a pleasure to see such a great turn out and we hope all of the parents and carers enjoyed themselves too.



# YEAR 5

This time of year has come round so quickly. Sports day was fantastic and Year 5 have had their taster day of being the leaders in the school. They have all grown up so much I am certain they are going to be amazing role models for next Year. You are all awesome.

# YEAR 6

We are coming to the end of year 6 and the children have been so busy!

All the staff that work in year 6 are so amazed by their performance of Pirates Vs Mermaids. They all performed with confidence and enthusiasm! Well done year 6! You'll never forget this.



# TORBAY AND DEVON CIVIC AWARD

Mrs Blatchford was delighted to accompany five of our Year 6 children that have demonstrated dedication and commitment that enabled them to achieve the Year 6 Torbay and Devon Civic Award. They attended a presentation at St Cuthbert Mayne Secondary School in Torquay. The event was presented by Karen Thomson, Award Founder and co-ordinator, who spoke to the children about taking the values of the award into their secondary schools and into their lives. Awards were presented by local councillors and the children had to carry out a walk of pride.

Each child had to prove that they had met achievement in the following:

Active Citizenship in the school community for a period of at least 4 months

At least one act of active citizenship in the local community

A physical hobby which has been committed to for at least 4 months (by end of June and backdated to September)

A non-physical hobby which has been committed to for at least 4 months (by end of June and backdated to September)

ONE OF THESE HOBBIES MUST BE NEW (From last September)

Adventure Training – including residential experience

Charity Work

Pledge to the Planet

A massive well done to Katie, Abi, Poppy, Olive and Alice



More information will be posted here:  
<https://www.torbayanddevoncivicaward.co.uk/category/schools/our-lady-st-patricks-rc-primary-school/>



# DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	3.7.23	10.7.23
	<b>Love</b>	<b>Justice</b>
Early Years	Scarlett	Noah
Y1 & 2	Hal	Robert
Y3	Darcie W	Hollie
Y4	Paris	Mia
Y5	Marnie	Rosie
Y6	Abi	Phoebe

# STAR OF THE WEEK

	3.7.23	10.7.23
Early Years	Mae	Lumen
Y1 & 2	Florence	Max S
Y3	Molly	Jayden
Y4	Freddie	Harrison
Y5	Thelma	Annabelle
Y6	Lily	Finley





Well done for the second newsletter in a row to Year 1/2!

3rd July - 14th July	
Reception	93.98%
Year 1/2	96.82%
Year 3	95.93%
Year 4	96.58%
Year 5	92.14%
Year 6	96.33%

## 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  <small>190 days for your child's education</small>	<small>15 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>28 days absence</small> 152 Days of Education	<small>32 days absence</small> 143 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
<b>Good</b> <small>Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start</small>		<b>Worrying</b> <small>Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress</small>		<b>Serious Concern</b> <small>Not fair on your child. Court action!</small>	

# AUTISM AWARENESS

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. More than one in 100 people are on the autism spectrum and there are around 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK.

Autistic people may:

- find it hard to communicate and interact with other people
- find it hard to understand how other people think or feel
- find things like bright lights or loud noises overwhelming, stressful or uncomfortable
- get anxious or upset about unfamiliar situations and social events
- take longer to understand information
- do or think the same things over and over



Autistic people may have amazing attention to detail, skills in observation, the ability to hold and absorb information, fantastic visual abilities, high levels of creativity and resilience and strength.

Communication and Interaction needs are the highest level of need in our school and we have a number of provisions in place to support children with Autism.

# DARTMOOR3BALL WINNERS

On Thursday 6th July, 8 pupils from Class 3 and Class 4 participated in a Dartmoor3ball competition at Dawlish leisure centre competing against other primary schools in the area.

The participants from Year 3 & 4 showed excellent teamwork, striking and fielding skills across the day.

The OLSP team won the tournament without losing a game.

Congratulations to Zach, Edward, Paris, Archie B, Elsa, Isaac, Stephanie and Hollie who were all superb in the tournament.

Massive thank you to Mary who also helped taking the children to the event. It was a great day had by all.





# Diary Dates

17th July	9.15am -2pm Class ½ walking trip to Shaldon (details sent home)	6th September	First Day Back to school
19th July	9am Leavers Mass - at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church. Children to be taken there by parents.	19th September	<b>6:15pm - 7:15pm</b> Magic James. Magician Show (more information to follow)
21st July	<b>9:15am Year 6 leavers assembly</b> Animal Encounters in Early years Last day of term	18th Jan '24	Year 6 KS2 Explore the Orchestra Concert - Exeter 2024
		29th April to 3rd May 2024	Y6 Residential

## School Website Free App

Parents and Carers have access to a free app, linking you to our School Website. If you download the app, you will receive a notification every time information is added or updated on our website. This is a very useful tool that we are hoping as many Parents and Carers will make use of as possible. Please use the qr code below to access the download. Or search for “eSchools Lite” in the **App Store (Apple)** or **Google Play (Android)**



**DAWLISH**  
SWIMMING CLUB



invites you to attend

## 2 FREE TASTER SWIMMING SESSIONS

Please choose from the following dates:

Wednesday 16th August: 17:30-18:30 hrs

Friday 18th August: 17:30-18:30 hrs

Wednesday 23rd August: 17:30-18:30 hrs

Friday 25th August: 17:30-18:30 hrs

All sessions at

Trinity School, New Road, Teignmouth TQ14 8LY

**AGES 5+. ALL ABILITIES WELCOME.**

Booking essential. Please contact Juliet Dyer at  
[dawlish@swimclubmanager.co.uk](mailto:dawlish@swimclubmanager.co.uk)

**HAVE A BRILLIANT SUMMER!**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!**



We have a restricted number of places for this new event, so book early to avoid disappointment and make the most of this exciting opportunity.

Torbay and South Devon  
Music Centre



Time and dates: 10.00-16.00 on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Place: Torquay Boys' Grammar School.

Cost: £40 per day or discounted price of £75 for both days.

Ages: 7-18 years.



Let us know if you want to come by clicking on [this link](#)

or using the QR code to book your place!

For more information please email: [torbayandsouthdevonmusiccentre@gmail.com](mailto:torbayandsouthdevonmusiccentre@gmail.com)

Or phone 07862922739

**SAVE THE DATES**

## TSDMC Midsummer Music Event

Always wanted to play a musical instrument? Now's your chance.

Two days of new musical experiences. Save the Dates 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

No prior experience needed, just bring along your enthusiasm.



We have the instruments - trumpets, flutes, clarinets, violins, cellos, double basses, and percussion.

Already play one instrument, why not try another?  
Come along and join in.

Over the two days you will have the opportunity to try a number of different instruments.



Master classes, fun workshops, and 'taster' sessions with TSDMC's qualified teachers.



Games and performances, and the opportunity to gain an Arts Award certificate.

Arts Award Discover is administered by Trinity College London.

The TSDMC tuck shop will be open.

If you can only spare a day, that's fine, but for the best experience why not join us for both days?

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## YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

**Venue:** Our Lady St Patricks Rc Primary School

**Dates:** 7th August - 11th August 2023 (Mondays - Friday)

**Times:** 9am - 4pm

**Ages:** 5 - 12 year olds

**Additional info:**

**PLEASE BRING**

Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

Mix it up this Summer with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities - from archery to fencing, dodgeball to cricket, plus much more!

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'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

**They call me Yanka the Bear. Not because of where I was found - only a few people know about that. They call me Yanka the Bear because I am so big and strong.**

Found abandoned in a bear cave as a baby, Yanka has always wondered about where she is from. She tries to ignore the strange whispers and looks from the villagers, wishing she was as strong on the inside as she is on the outside. But, when she has to flee her house, looking for answers about who she really is, a journey far beyond one that she ever imagined begins: from icy rivers to smouldering mountains meeting an ever-growing herd of extraordinary friends along the way.

Interwoven with traditional stories of bears, princesses and dragons, Yanka's journey is a gorgeously lyrical adventure that has won multiple awards!



read  
**BOOKS**  
change the  
**WORLD**

# THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

The Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell

Meet Nikki Maxwell (aka Queen of the Dorks!) in the first book in the mega-selling *Dork Diaries* series – now with over 45 million copies in print worldwide! *New school. New Crush. New mean girl. New diary, so Nikki can spill all about it!* Nikki Maxwell has never been popular but now she's started at a new school, she's hoping to leave her old dorky ways behind! Follow Nikki's **adorkable** life through **sketches, doodles and diary entries** as she spills all the details of her not-so-fabulous life full of BFF drama, hopeless crushes and an extremely cringe-worthy family!

## Have you read all the DORK DIARIES series?

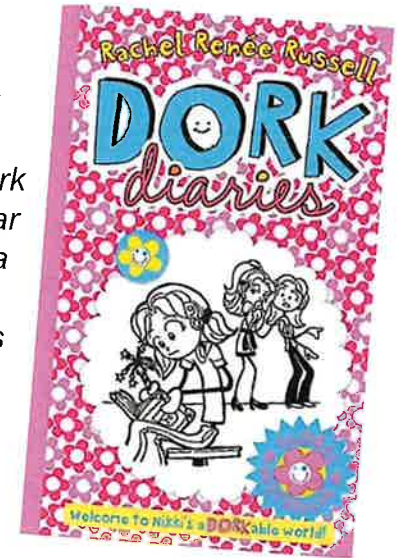
Book 1: *Dork Diaries* , Book 2: *Party Time*  
Book 3: *Pop Star*, Book 3 1/2: *How to Dork Your Diary*

Book 4: *Skating Sensation*, Book 5: *Dear Dork*  
Book 6: *Holiday Heartbreak* , Book 7: *TV Star*  
Book 8: *Once Upon a Dork* , Book 9: *Drama Queen*

Book 10: *Puppy Love* , Book 11: *Frenemies Forever*

Book 12: *Crush Catastrophe* , Book 13: *Birthday Drama*

Book 15: *I Love Paris!* - Coming soon!





## 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

*Hi, my name is Steph, I'm the new Attendance and Welfare Officer here at OLSP. I will be monitoring attendance regularly to ensure that, where possible, every child is in school on time every day. If you have any concerns around your child's attendance, please leave a message with the office and I will contact you.*



## 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.