

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



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*Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way*



**Newsletter: 22nd November 2024**

Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford

# HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

Who would have believed we would be dealing with snow before the end of November? It was hard to keep the children focused yesterday as it was just too exciting to watch out of the window. It is crazy how fast we are approaching all things Christmassy and how full the diary is over the next few weeks. Please do book in a visit to our Elf Workshop on the 13th December, which is being run by our amazing OLSP friends.

We are very grateful for all the donations to Age Concern. We have talked lots to the children about how Christmas is really quite difficult for some and will be spending some of the advent season considering what we can do to lighten the load for others. We have been particularly moved by the plight of our local Alice Cross Day Centre and our chaplains have been looking into what they can do. Do listen out for news of their 'Reverse Advent Calendar', to see what we can do to help.

We have all also been busily practicing for our OLSP carol service which will be held this year at OLSP church at 2pm on the 17th December. Please note the children are to be collected from the church for going home on this date. More information will follow soon.

Have a lovely weekend

God Bless

Mrs Cathy Blatchford,  
Head Teacher

# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## Christ the King

This Sunday is Youth Sunday and the Feast of Christ the King. The pupil chaplains have been doing some preparation for this important day, where we remember Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments and nations.



## Alice Cross Centre Appeal

Following a report on BBC's Spotlight, the pupil Chaplains have offered to help the Alice Cross Centre by creating a Reverse Advent Calendar! This will start next Tuesday and each day onwards, the Chaplains will ask the children to see if their families would like to donate the item of the day. We appreciate any donations on any of the days of the calendar; these are suggestions for items that Alice Cross would appreciate and not an expectation to send in all of the items. Thank you for your continued support.

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



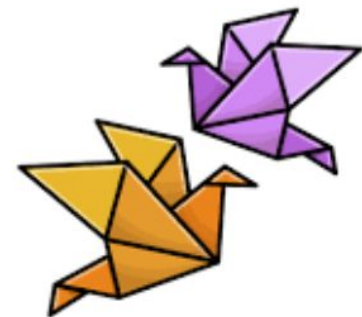
# AUTUMN 2 CLUBS:

These are the clubs that are running during the second half of the Autumn term.

Please copy and paste the google form link below to sign your child up.

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- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15 - 4pm
- Lego Club with Mrs Blatchford Wednesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm (Yrs 2 - 6 only)
- Origami with Miss Wathen Wednesdays 3.15 - 4pm (Yrs 3 - 6 only)
- Homework lunchtime club (No sign-up required)
- Coding Club with Mr Stamp Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm
- Gymnastics with Premier Sport - Friday 3.15 - 4.30pm





# NURSERY

This week in Nursery we have been looking at 'People who help us', we have been busy role playing being a firefighter, Police officer, Dentist and Postal worker. We have learnt how important these roles are within our community.



# REC & YEAR 1

Over the last couple of weeks, Moons class have been celebrating the different events through our provision: firework night, remembrance day and children in need.



# YEAR 1 & 2

In Geography, the children in Mars class have been learning about rivers. During our lesson last week, we learnt about the physical features that can be found along rivers. To complete this learning, we made our own rivers using tinfoil. We then used outside, natural materials to create the physical features than can be found along rivers.



# YEAR 3 & 4

OLSP were gifted some daffodil bulbs from Jack's Patch ready for when Spring arrives. The children all planted their own pot with the soil which was kindly gifted also. The Year 3 and Year 4 children put their pots in different places to see which bulbs will grow the quickest. The children cannot wait to see their results.





# YEAR 5

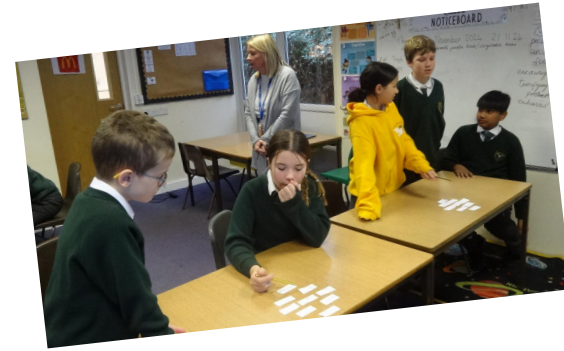
Year 5 enjoyed their science lesson finding out which products are soluble or insoluble. They completed an experiment to prove their predictions right or wrong.



# YEAR 6

Year 6 explored what it means to be a good leader. They had to decide on the 9 most important qualities.

They found it hard to agree as a class, but eventually decided being a good listener is the most important quality, but trustworthiness was not far behind.



# DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	11.11.24	18.11.24
<b>Value</b>	<b>Fortitude</b>	<b>Faith</b>
Stars	Emmerson	Alfie
Moons	Henry	Klara
Mars	Patrick	Hughie
Saturn	Grisha	Dorothy
Neptune	Joey	Jasmine
Supernova	Seb	Paris

# STAR OF THE WEEK

	11.11.24	18.11.24
Stars	Mia +Leah	Audrey
Moons	Lumen	Rowan
Mars	Polly	Arthur T
Saturn	Ted	Callum
Neptune	Indya	Teddy
Supernova	Billie Jo	Theo F



## Absence due to illness

I have noticed a lot of absence recently due to children being unwell. Whilst this can be normal for this time of year, it is important that we are made aware of the absence on each day as soon as possible, before 9:30am. Contact must be made with school every day of absence.

Please contact the school office and leave a message using the absence line, stating your name and a specific reason for absence. If you do not give a specific reason, the absence may be unauthorised.

11th - 22nd November 2024	
Moons	98.18%
Mars	98.12%
Saturn	98.33%
Neptune	95.16%
Supernova	98.42%

Well done to Supernova! You also achieved an amazing 100% last week!



# Diary Dates

		<b>17th February 2025</b>	Half Term Holiday
		<b>24th February 2025</b>	INSET Day (No Pupils)
<b>27th November</b>	<b>9:15am - 12pm</b> KS1 Geography field trip to Teignmouth (Moons and Mars class)	<b>5th March 2025</b>	<b>2:30 - 3:30pm</b> Ash Wednesday liturgy
<b>2nd December</b>	<b>1.30 - 2.30pm</b> Pupil Chaplains visiting residents of the White House for cookie decorating	<b>17th March 2025</b>	<b>10 - 11am</b> KS2 to mass for St Patrick's Day
<b>5th December</b>	<b>10 - 11.30am</b> Year 1/2 Aesthetics (Gym/Dance) Festival @ TCS	<b>20th March 2025</b>	<b>9:30 - 11:30am</b> Y1/2 mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon
<b>6th December</b>	<b>10.30 - 11.30am</b> Select Yr 1 children visiting residents of the White House for Christmas list writing.	<b>28th March 2025</b>	<b>9am - 3pm</b> National Skipping Day
<b>10th &amp; 11th December</b>	<b>2 - 3pm</b> KS1 Nativity performance to parents	<b>31st March 2025</b>	Y6 residential to Barton Hall
<b>12th December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children	<b>8th May 2025</b>	<b>10 - 11am</b> Year 3/4 Striking and Fielding Festival at Teignmouth Community School
<b>16th December</b>	Mars class children visiting Glendale Court Residential Home	<b>22nd May 2025</b>	<b>9:30 - 11:30am</b> Moons Y1s and Y6 to mass St Ignatius Shaldon
<b>17th December</b>	<b>8:45am - 12pm</b> Rudolph Run Day 2024 <b>2pm</b> Whole school Carol Service held at OLSP church	<b>4th April 2025</b>	End of Spring Term
<b>18th December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day for Christmas Dinner Day	<b>22nd April 2025</b>	Beginning of Summer Term
<b>19th December</b>	<b>11am - 12pm</b> Father Albert to see EYFS and KS1	<b>5th May 2025</b>	May Day Bank Holiday
<b>20th December</b>	End of Term	<b>26th May 2025</b>	Half Term Holiday
<b>6th January 2025</b>	Beginning of Spring Term	<b>2nd June 2025</b>	INSET Day (No Pupils)

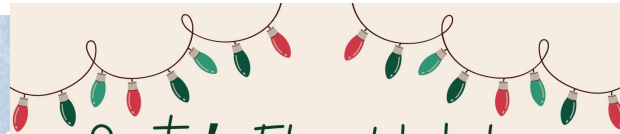
# News from the Friends

## CHRISTMAS CLOTHING DONATIONS



Please bring any unwanted Christmas clothing (jumpers, tops, dresses, pyjamas, accessories) to school by Friday 29th November.

Items will be sold from our OLSP pre loved uniform page.



## Santa's Elves Workshop

FRI | 13 | 17:30-  
DEC | DEC | 19:00

INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE:  
GINGERBREAD DECORATING, REINDEER FOOD MAKING, CRAFT ACTIVITIES,  
ELFIE SELFIE STATION, COMPETITIONS AND GAMES, FACE PAINTING. DRINK  
AND A BISCUIT, STORY TIME WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

£5 PER CHILD

(Tickets available through pta events)

ALSO AVAILABLE:  
FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS  
TOMBOLA  
RAFFLE



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

## Christmas Gift shop

13TH DECEMBER | £2.50 PER GIFT |  
ALL GIFTS ARE CHOSEN AND WRAPPED IN  
SCHOOL READY FOR THE BIG DAY.

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR GIFTS VIA PTA  
EVENTS

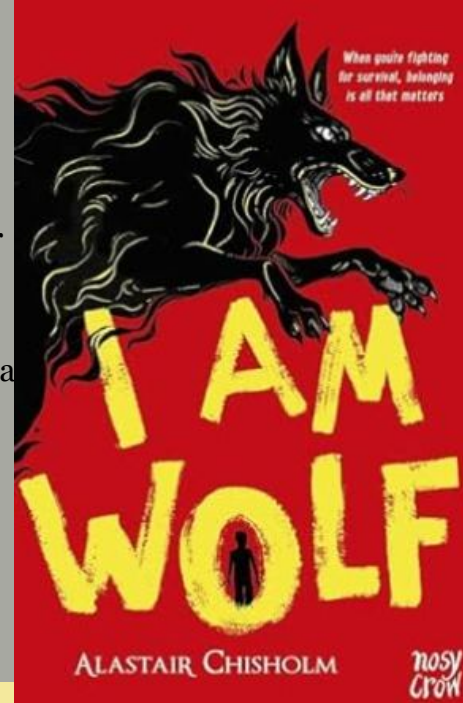


"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall."- Roald Dahl

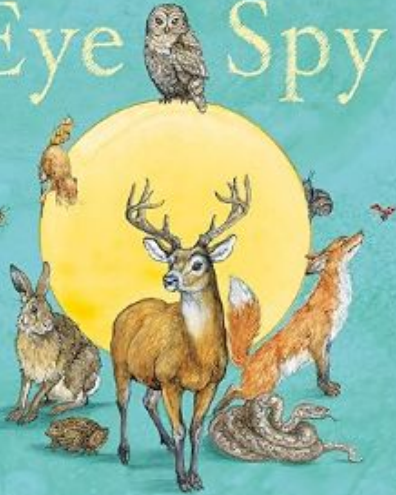
# THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

## I Am Wolf by Alastair Chisholm

Coll is Wolf. He lives with his clan on a Construct, a huge technological "creature" driven by the clan's combined willpower. Together they roam their world, fighting other clans and absorbing them into their own. But when a new and dangerous Construct attacks them, Coll is thrown clear from Wolf and left behind. Now he must survive life on ground and get back to his clan. He is helped by Rieka, a "Tock" who makes the Constructs work. She promises Coll a way to return, but can she be trusted? And what is she really trying to do...? When Coll uncovers the truth, it destroys everything he thought he knew about his clan, the world they live in, and even himself. In a world full of danger, and suddenly without meaning, can he find a way back?



## Eye Spy




Written and illustrated by  
**RUTH BROWN**

## Eye Spy by Ruth Brown

This beautiful picture book is a twist on the favourite childhood game of Eye Spy. The reader must solve a riddle to guess which animal is hiding, and then search for it in the beautifully detailed illustrations. Come on a playful journey through the day from dawn to dusk, set in a gorgeous countryside landscape.





# Guitar Lessons

Individual and group  
lessons now being  
offered in school  
with Mr Hopkins

To sign up or  
for more  
information  
contact Mr  
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or  
shopkins2112@  
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# PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

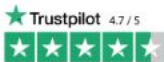


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## YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMP...

**Venue:** Our Lady and St Patrick's RC Primary School

**Dates:** 23rd December, 2nd & 3rd January

**Times:** 09:00 - 03:30

**Price:** £20.02

**Ages:** 5 - 12

**Additional info:** Christmas and New Year Themed Games + Crafts!

### PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch  
Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

With great value sports, performing arts, and games to enjoy each half term, we have plenty for your children to get stuck into in the school break.

Over the winter break, there will be lots of festive fun to enjoy too.

Our Holiday Camps keep children entertained, safe & on the move during the school holidays.

Book now for a school holiday full of fun!

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20% OFF TOO!**

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<https://facebook.com/events/s/sprouts-for-scouts-2024/524917513706003/>

# SPROUTS FOR SCOUTS

12am-5.30pm

Music, Events, Games, Grotto

Free Mince Pies  
and Mulled Wine



Teignmouth Triangle  
7th December

  
**Scouts**  
4th Teignmouth  
Scout Group



**Pier Point Bar and Restaurant has asked us to let you know about their Christmas Grotto this year in aid of Rowcroft Hospice.**

*They are bringing the HoHoHo this Christmas!*

*The much-loved Winter Wonderland Grotto and the team have pledged that all profits will go towards supporting the hospice*

*At Pier Point's Winter Wonderland Grotto, children will be greeted by cheerful elves before meeting Santa, where they can choose a special gift from a wide selection. Plus, they can enjoy a Christmas activity sheet, a warming hot chocolate, and a delicious cookie — all for just £16 per child!*

*Tickets are available to book now!*

*To purchase your tickets or to find out more about Pier Point's Winter Wonderland Grotto, please visit their website*

*<https://pier-point.co.uk/santa-by-the-sea/>*

## 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)**



### Free behaviour support resources for schools and families

Have you heard of **My Family Coach**? It's an incredible free platform for schools and families for help and support with all areas of behaviour, school and family life.

The platform includes **over 50 hours of free support content** from the experienced team here at Team Teach. There's **articles, podcasts, videos, ebooks and quarterly online parent classes** that you and the families you support can attend and watch on-demand as well.

The resources and support cover a huge variety of topics and we're always adding more: Relationships, Communication, Mental wellbeing, Friendships, Bullying, Calming down, School life, Healthy living, At risk behaviour, Screen time.

And for this time of year, families might find articles on **understanding behaviour, managing changes to routines, how to enjoy a family Christmas, using family support for childcare in the holidays, supporting your child through the holidays** or **why self care isn't selfish** helpful.

It's all available 24/7 and completely free! To access the platform as a parent or a school, simply visit the **My Family Coach website** and create an account.

# Are you missing out?

More money for your school!



Nutritious meal every day!



Access to free holiday clubs!



More teachers, trips, and activities!



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## 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 Attendance and Welfare Officer here at OLSP. I monitor 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.