

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



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



**Newsletter: 4th April 2025**

Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford



# HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

As we come to the end of this busy and exciting term, we want to take a moment to celebrate the wonderful activities and achievements of the last couple of weeks.

We have been treated to some fantastic musical performances, with both a rock concert and a classical concert. All children participated in a beautiful and reflective Stations of the Cross service. We were fortunate to have Fr. Albert join us for this special occasion, adding to the sense of community and spiritual reflection. Last Friday was National Skipping Day, another highlight, bringing joy and energy to the school as every child took part in fun skipping activities. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and determination of our pupils as they challenged themselves and each other.

Today our Year 6 pupils have just returned from a fantastic residential trip to Barton Hall. They had an amazing time taking part in a wide range of outdoor activities, building resilience, confidence, and friendships. The memories made during this trip will stay with them for years to come. They were all delightful and we are very proud of their wonderful behaviour whilst away from home.

This week also saw us celebrate achievements through our Dojo Award afternoon, where children were rewarded for their dedication and hard work. Additionally, I had the pleasure of sharing a lovely afternoon with 10 children who received the Hot Chocolate Award – a well-deserved treat for their efforts and positive contributions to school life. A huge congratulations to the 59 children who received their 100% attendance certificates! This is a fantastic achievement, and we are so proud of their commitment to attending school every day.

As we head into the Easter break, we want to thank you for your continued support and partnership. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable holiday, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting summer term.

God Bless and we will see you all on Tuesday 22nd April.  
Cathy Blatchford,

# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Easter is one of the most important and joyful times of the year for us. It is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which gives hope and new life to all believers. It is a time to remember how Jesus sacrificed Himself for the love of everyone and triumphed over death, showing that love and life are stronger than anything.

We learn about the meaning of Easter through special prayers, church services, and the telling of the Easter story. The days leading up to Easter, known as Holy Week, help children understand Jesus' journey of suffering, death, and His glorious resurrection. On Easter Sunday, families celebrate with joy, knowing that Jesus is alive, and His love for them is eternal.

Easter also teaches us important values like kindness, forgiveness, and faith. It's a time for reflection on how we can live out Jesus' teachings in our everyday lives, showing love and compassion to others. Through this beautiful celebration, Easter helps us to grow stronger in our faith and feel connected to the wider Catholic community. We wish all of our families and very Happy and Holy Easter.



# SUMMER 1 CLUBS:

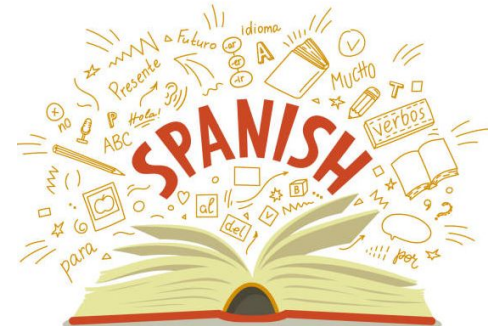


These are the clubs that are running during the first half of the Summer term.

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

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- Football Club Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.45pm (Years 4, 5 and 6 only. Waiting List )
- Fizz Pop Science Club in Y6 Classroom Tuesdays 3:15pm - 4:15pm (Chargeable club. More info to follow. Click here to book [FizzPop Sign-Up Cloud.png](#) )
- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15 - 4pm
- Maths Sats Booster class with Mrs Blatchford and Mrs O'Sullivan Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (Year 6 only)
- Dartmoor 3 Ball with Miss Humphrey, Wednesdays 3.15 - 4:15pm - maximum 20 - KS2
- Girls Football with Mr Stamp (KS2 pupils only. Max. 25) 3:15pm-4:30pm
- Drama club with Miss Wathen Thursdays 3:15pm - 4pm (KS2 pupils only)
- Striking & Fielding (Cricket/Rounders/DM3Ball etc) with Premier Sport Fridays 3:15 - 4:30pm



# NURSERY

In nursery, we have been enjoying the sunshine and been spending lots of time outside. We have been learning about Easter and enjoyed making Easter cards and chocolate nests.

# REC & YEAR 1

We have celebrated National Skipping Day. We all went out on the playground and tried to skip - some for the very first time! The children did really well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We have finished making our puppets and we were really impressed with the wonderful ideas and creativity! Today we have enjoyed an Easter Party. We hope you have a lovely break.



# Year 1 & 2

This week, the children thoroughly enjoyed making their puppets. They designed them themselves and then used their new sewing skills to sew them together. In addition to this, they used fabric glue to add additional features. Well done everyone and thank you to our volunteer helpers.



# YEAR 3 & 4

Saturn class attended a Football festival at TCS. The children participated in a mixture of competitive football games and skill based games. The children had a fantastic time and gave it a real good go despite not everyone being avid football fans. Well done Saturn class!



# YEAR 5

The class really enjoyed making their own 3D catapults in DT. Lots of flying items were being launched during the testing process, which made them all laugh. The children had lots of fun!



# YEAR 6

We are very proud of Seb, Billie-Jo, George, Zach, Freddie, Ada and Elsa who represented the school at the Dawlish Rotary quiz. Their teamwork, enthusiasm, and knowledge shone through, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. They confidently answered a wide range of questions which involved things they have learnt both inside and outside of school. Their final score was 122 and a half out of 150, a score to be proud of and which earned them 4th place.



# DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

|              | 24.03.25  |                             |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Value</b> | Peace     | <b>Disciple of the term</b> |
| Stars        | Andriy    | Billy                       |
| Moons        | Evie      | Viki                        |
| Mars         | Seb       | Polly                       |
| Saturn       | Ted       | Raffy                       |
| Neptune      | Oscar S   | Iris                        |
| Supernova    | Billie-Jo | Archie A                    |



# STAR OF THE WEEK

|              | 24.03.25 | Star of the term |
|--------------|----------|------------------|
| <b>Stars</b> | Henry    | All of nursery   |
| Moons        | Noah     | Mae              |
| Mars         | Jayden   | Evelyn           |
| Saturn       | Grisha   | Daisy            |
| Neptune      | Lyra     | Hollie           |
| Supernova    | Freddie  | Patrick          |





# Diary Dates

|                   |   |                  |   |
|-------------------|---|------------------|---|
|                   |   | <b>5th June</b>  | Environment Day   |
| <b>22nd April</b> | Beginning of Summer Term<br>Earth Day<br><b>2:30 - 3pm</b> Fizz Pop science Assembly  | <b>9th June</b>  | 5 - 6pm Year 5/6 Open Water Swimming /Life Saving Event   |
| <b>23rd April</b> | St George's Day themed menu   | <b>10th June</b> | <b>10am - 1pm</b> KS2 Athletics Competition               |
| <b>29th April</b> | <b>3.15 - 4.15pm</b> Fizz Pop Science Club in Y6 Classroom. Sign up here <a href="https://fizzpopsience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/">https://fizzpopsience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/</a><br><b>1.30-3.30pm</b> Meet the Lifeguards 2025 | <b>12th June</b> | <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Year 5 & 6 TriGolf Festival at TCS    |
| <b>5th May</b>    | May Day Bank Holiday  | <b>13th June</b> | Jubilee of sport non-uniform day                          |
| <b>6th May</b>    | <b>3.15 - 4.15pm</b> Fizz Pop Science Club in Y6 Classroom. Sign up here <a href="https://fizzpopsience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/">https://fizzpopsience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/</a>  | <b>20th June</b> | <b>4pm - 8pm</b> School Barbecue                          |
| <b>8th May</b>    | <b>10- 11am</b> Year 3/4 Striking & Fielding Festival at TCS<br>80th anniversary for VE Day   | <b>24th June</b> | <b>9am - 3:30pm</b> Year 3/4 Exeter Museum & Library Trip |
| <b>12th May</b>   | SATS week   | <b>25th June</b> | <b>10am</b> Sports Day                                    |
| <b>13th May</b>   | <b>3.15 - 4.15pm</b> Fizz Pop Science Club in Y6 Classroom. Sign up here <a href="https://fizzpopsience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/">https://fizzpopsience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/</a>  | <b>26th June</b> | <b>9am</b> Reception and KS1 Class visit to Stover        |
| <b>20th May</b>   | <b>3.15 - 4.15pm</b> Fizz Pop Science Club in Y6 Classroom. Sign up here <a href="https://fizzpopsience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/">https://fizzpopsience.co.uk/afterschoolbooking/</a>  | <b>27th June</b> | St Peter's and St Paul's Liturgy                          |
| <b>22nd May</b>   | <b>9:30 - 11:30am</b> Moons, Y1s and Y6 to Mass St Ignatius Shaldon   | <b>2nd July</b>  | <b>10am</b> Back-up Sports Day date                       |
| <b>26th May</b>   | Half Term Holiday   | <b>8th July</b>  | Moving up day<br>TCS Induction Day                        |
| <b>2nd June</b>   | INSET Day (No Pupils)   | <b>22nd July</b> | <b>9am</b> Leavers' Mass                                  |



## Attendance is a routine for life

We are thrilled to tell you that, despite a recent wave of illnesses across the year groups, our School is still sitting well above the national average for attendance, which is currently 94.8%. Attendance here is 96.7%. This is incredible and we should all be very proud. Your commitment to showing up on time, everyday, ready to learn really does make a difference. Thank you to all of our families for supporting the children with this. This is definitely reflected in the childrens' confidence, achievements and overall attitude towards their school. Regular attendance helps build a strong foundation for academic success and sets the children up for a bright future.

Keep up the great work, and let's continue making each school day count!

Let's keep up the momentum and start the Summer term strong!

| 24th March - 4th April 2025 |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Moons                       | 92.62% |
| Mars                        | 97.20% |
| Saturn                      | 95.52% |
| Neptune                     | 92.67% |
| Supernova                   | 97.19% |

Well done to Mars !

# News from the Friends



JUN 20

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Summer BBQ!*



A graphic for a 'Save the Date' announcement. It features a blue background with a yellow sun in the top left corner. A white calendar page is shown with 'JUN 20' written on it. Below the calendar, the text 'SAVE THE DATE' is written in red, and 'Summer BBQ!' is written in white cursive. At the bottom right, there is a red and white BBQ grill icon with a flame.



The Friends of OLSP are delighted to have purchased some new books for EYFS, we are so pleased to hear the children are enjoying them.

This term we have also revamped the wet place boxes with a selection of new and exciting games! Thank you to the pupil leaders for working with us and sharing your class wish lists!

A collage on a green background. The top left shows a collection of board games including Chess, Ludo, Four in a Row, Uno, and Snakes and Ladders. The top right shows a teacher sitting on the floor reading to a group of children in a library. The bottom right shows two children sitting at a table reading books.



**Cake Sale  
3/4  
£75.50**



**Bag 2  
school  
£37.00**



**Pre-loved  
Uniform Sales  
£43.00**

**Cake Sale  
1/2  
£57.45**



**Valentine  
doughnuts  
£44.96**



**SPRING TERM  
TOTAL RAISED  
£620.71**



**St. Patrick's  
Disco  
£190.00**



**Mothers Day  
Gift Shop  
£89.19**



**Break the  
Rules Easter  
TBC**



**Design  
an egg  
competition  
£17.50**

**Easter  
Tombola  
£66.68**

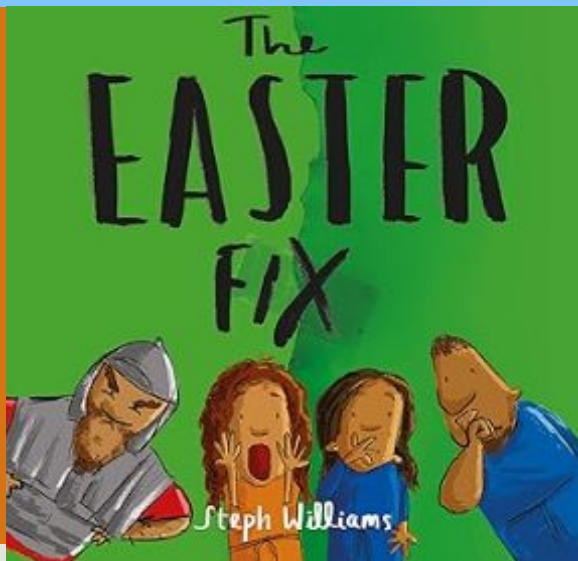


"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall."- Roald Dahl

## THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

### The Third Day by Alex Webb-Peploe

A gripping, gritty graphic novel of the Easter story. Including direct quotes from the Bible, this is a great book for older children and adults. The details of the story are great, and there's a good level of suspense as you approach the third day. The joy of the women and the disciples is palpable. Recommended for older children.



### The Easter Fix by Steph Williams

This is the story of how God sent someone to fix everything. That someone was Jesus. But Jesus didn't come just to fix a few things. He gave his life to fix the thing that makes everything broken; our broken friendship with God. This engaging retelling of the Easter story will help young children understand why Jesus died and came alive again.



We are proud to share that our school is a partner with Bedz4Kidz, a wonderful charity dedicated to ensuring every child has a comfortable place to sleep. Have you ever paused to think about where or how your child sleeps each night? If you feel your family could benefit from support with bed frames, mattresses, or bedding items, please don't hesitate to contact Rachel Ripley our Family Support Worker in confidence. We will make the referral on your behalf.



Drum Lessons  
Now offered  
at school.

For more info contact Ben at:  
devondrumschool@gmail.com  
Tel:  
07966-488481



## CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

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Music Mark's campaign  
on sustainability in  
music education

# Guitar Lessons

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

To sign up or  
for more  
information  
contact Mr  
Hopkins on  
07979 148929  
or  
[shopkins2112@  
gmail.com](mailto:shopkins2112@gmail.com)



TEIGNMOUTH SCOUT GROUP

# TEIGNMOUTH RABBIT RUN

EASTER MONDAY

*Fun Run Starts at 11am  
AT TEIGNMOUTH PIER*

**FULL DISTANCE  
1.5 MILES (APPROX)**

*medals for  
all FINISHERS*

ADULTS £7  
CHILDREN £5  
FAMILY £20 (2+2 or 1+3)  
YOUTH MEMBERS £4.50



**Scouts**  
4th Teignmouth  
Scout Group



## 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!



Check your eligibility today for Free School Meals

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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.