

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

We have reached the end of our first half term and what a busy one it has been. Over the last week we have carried out many activities to raise funds for the Catholic Children's Society and to celebrate ten years of our school Trust. Thank you for all your kind donations. We raised an impressive £135.95!

On Thursday we carried out our annual poetry slam and as usual great fun was had by all. It was lively and full of laughter and rhyme!

We do need to say a special thank you to Otter Nurseries (Jack's Patch) who donated 100 daffodil bulbs to help brighten up our school. All children up to year 4 have been able to plant one. We can't wait to see them when they have all grown.

Finally I would like to wish you all a fun filled and relaxing half term. Please do remember that Key Stage 2 pupils are to return in our winter uniform, which includes a school shirt and tie. We will see you on our return - Tuesday 5th November as our first day back will be an inset (training day) for staff.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford,
Head Teacher

CAST 10th Anniversary



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF TRUSTED CATHOLIC EDUCATION

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



The children in Mars class have been learning about the importance of harvest and the value of charity. During their harvest festival, they sang some beautiful songs and shared their thoughts about harvest. The school had a food collection for the Teignmouth Community Larder. As always, our families have been so generous with their donations.



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.

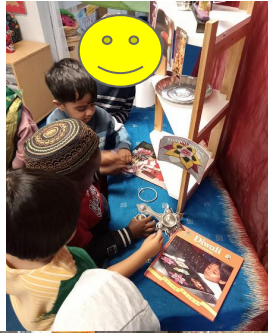
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- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15 - 4pm
- Lego Club with Mrs Blatchford Wednesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm (Yrs 2 - 6 only)
- Origami with Miss Wathen Wednesdays 3.15 - 4pm (Yrs 3 - 6 only)
- Homework lunchtime club (No sign-up required)
- Coding Club with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



NURSERY

This week in Nursery we have been learning about Diwali the Hindu festival of lights. The children enjoyed trying on traditional clothing and listening to Indian music. We have also been learning about Harvest festival and looking at life on the farm.



REC & YEAR 1

Reception and Year 1 have been exploring how to use natural resources within their play. The children created their own pumpkin patch and created their own price labels.



They have also been looking at how to use natural resources to create artwork.



YEAR 1 & 2



The children in Mars class have really enjoyed learning about the artist, Kandinsky. This week, they completed their class piece inspired by him. They also held an open art gallery where they shared their work with their parents and carers - it was lovely to see them all beam with pride!



YEAR 3 & 4

Saturn class took part in their Poetry Slam performance 'Remember your capital letters and full stops!'. The children designed their own full stops and capital letter of their first name. All of the children participated brilliantly and some even came up with great poems of their own.



YEAR 5

The children dressed in Pyjamas to support the charity **Caritas**. This was in aid of Celebrating 10 years of Plymouth CAST. Thank you for your donations.



YEAR 6

ART - We have been busy completing and evaluating our final with Mrs Emmerton. We created clay pots in the style of Ancient Greek pottery.



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	14.10.24	21.10.24
Value	Charity	Kindness
Stars	Mia	Henry
Moons	Wilma	Emily
Mars	Whole class	Oliver
Saturn	Eva	Lacie-Mae
Neptune	Hrishwin	Oscar F
Supernova	Kody	Daniel

STAR OF THE WEEK

	14.10.24	21.10.24
Stars	Alfie	Thaddeus
Moons	Oscar	Ivy
Mars	Issac	Theo
Saturn	Jake	Raffy
Neptune	Jasmine	Ivie
Supernova	Paris	Zach



Arriving Late to School

We have already had some children coming in late this term; I would like to remind you all that the school gate opens at 8:30am and every child is expected to be in school and in their classroom by 8:45am. All children should enter via the Nursery or KS2 gates which will be shut promptly at 8:45am. If you and your child arrive after this time you will need to sign in at the office, giving a reason for lateness.


If a child comes into school after the registers have been taken, they will be marked as 'late after registration' which is an unauthorised absence. For your information, 10 or more unauthorised absences could lead to a referral to the Local Authority.

If it would be helpful, we do offer a breakfast club from 8am, please ask at the school office for more details.

If you have any questions or concerns around attendance or if you feel that you would like to have a chat with our Family Support Worker, please come into the school office, leave a message for me or Rachel and we will contact you.

14th - 25th October 2024	
Moons	94.77%
Mars	95.42%
Saturn	96.33%
Neptune	98.28%
Supernova	94.38%

Well done to Neptune! Also, congratulations to Mars for achieving a magnificent 100% last week!

		30th January 2025	9:30 - 11:30am Y3/4 mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon
31st October	Deadline for Year 6 Parents to apply online for Secondary Schools (see following page for information)	17th February 2025	Half Term Holiday
4th November	INSET Day (No pupils)	24th February 2025	INSET Day (No Pupils)
5th November	2:15 - 3:15pm All Saints Day liturgy Guy Fawkes Day	5th March 2025	2:30 - 3:30pm Ash Wednesday liturgy
7th November	"Lets Rocket" Themed Dinner Menu (change to usual)	17th March 2025	10 - 11am KS2 to mass for St Patrick's Day
8th November	Glow Disco 5-6pm KS1, 6-7pm KS2	20th March 2025	9:30 - 11:30am Y1/2 mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon
10th November	Remembrance Sunday	28th March 2025	9am - 3pm National Skipping Day
12th November	Odd Socks Day	31st March 2025	Y6 residential to Barton Hall
14th November	9:30 - 11:30am Y5 to mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon	8th May 2025	10 - 11am Year 3/4 Striking and Fielding Festival at Teignmouth Community School
27th November	9:15am - 12pm KS1 Geography field trip to Teignmouth (Moons and Mars class)	22nd May 2025	9:30 - 11:30am Moons Y1s and Y6 to mass St Ignatius Shaldon
17th December	8:45am - 2:45pm Rudolph Run Day 2024	4th April 2025	End of Spring Term
20th December	End of Term	22nd April 2025	Beginning of Summer Term
6th January 2025	Beginning of Spring Term	5th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday

TOY APPEAL



For the first week back after half term, we are asking children to donate at least one toy to help less-fortunate children this Christmas. We are holding this appeal on behalf of Age UK to help them replenish their toy stock during the lead-up to Christmas; so many families rely on them.

Please could your donations of good quality pre-loved toys be sent into school by Friday 8th November. These will be collated and delivered to the Age UK shop, Teignmouth, the following week.



We remain very grateful for your continued support of these appeals.



YEAR 6 TRANSFER FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL REMINDER

The application window is now open for Secondary school admissions into Year 7 next September. Parents and children are still visiting schools and weighing up their options, but the closing date is looming.

The easiest way for families to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline If families don't wish to or can't apply online, they can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019.

The closing date for applications is 31st October 2024.

A lot of secondary schools in Devon are under pressure with space due to local growth, so it is essential that we get as many applicants applying on-time as possible. Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is vital parents make an on time application to give themselves the best chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools.

Please note that children with EHCP's have been invited to apply through the admissions team this year for their mainstream school preference only, they cannot apply for a Special or Independent School through the Admissions Team. These families will have been contacted separately by the 0-25 SEN Team regarding the application process for Special / Independent Schools.

Please get in touch with us if you have any queries.

Kind Regards
Devon School Admissions
admissions@devon.gov.uk
Tel: 0345 155 1019



News from the Friends

GLOW DISCO

Friday 8th November
KS1 5.00-6.00
KS2 6.15-7.15

£3.00 per child
(unlimited squash,
glow bracelet &
necklace included)

Optional extras
Glow Bar
Tuck Shop
UV Face Paint
Glow in the dark Tattoos

Please book your tickets via pta events



COMING SOON...



FRIENDS OF OLSP
PRE LOVED UNIFORM SALES

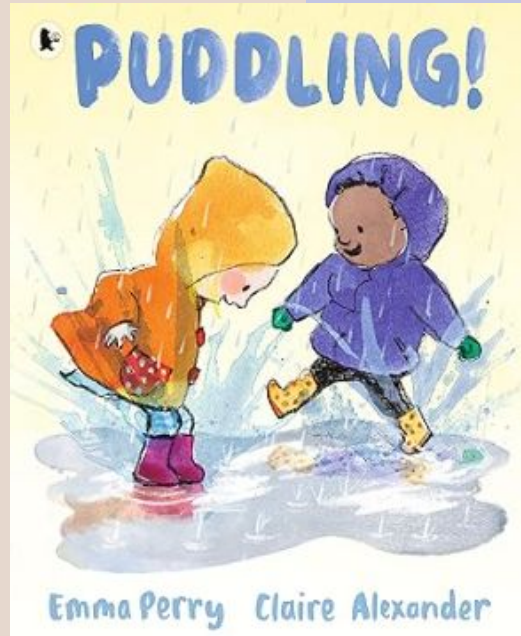
"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall."- Roald Dahl

THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

Puddling! By Emma Perry

Clouds gather, skies darken, rain drops, puddles appear... Let's go puddling!

Pull on your wellies and button up your coats for this playful, interactive story all about children delighting in the joy of splish-splash-splashing in muddy puddles with their friends, and cherishing snuggles on the sofa afterwards. Emma Perry's debut on the Walker list encapsulates the joy of being outside whatever the weather, and is paired perfectly with Claire Alexander's watercolour artwork to recreate splashing puddles and raindrops!




Murder at Snowfall by Fleur Hitchcock

A gripping thriller for readers who like danger and mystery and chills and spills from the comfort of their sofas. Unputdownable. When Lucas and Ruby find an abandoned trunk covered in snow, Lucas says there's bound to be a body inside. Ruby laughs but what if he's right? Nervously she starts to open it, and immediately wishes she hadn't. From that moment on, they're drawn into a thrilling mystery, one that they have to solve before the falling snow smothers all trace of wrongdoing...

Check out these other brilliant books from Fleur Hitchcock:

- Murder In Midwinter
- Murder At Twilight
- Mouse Heart
- And many more





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



Drum Lessons
Now offered
at school.



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

FREE!

PRINT YOUR OWN GARDEN FAMILY WORKSHOP



Join artist Monica-Shanta this half term for a nature-based printmaking workshop. Forage for materials from the gardens and then use them to create printed artwork which you can take home and keep.

SHALDON BOTANICAL GARDENS

WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER

10:00 - 11:30 AM | 12:30 - 2:00 PM | 3:00 - 4.30 PM

📍 Castle Building, Shaldon Botanical Gardens, TQ14 0BH

BOOK YOUR PLACE AT : bit.ly/printgarden (or scan the QR code below)



The workshops are family sessions, where children (aged 5 - 16) must be accompanied by a responsible adult who will be encouraged to take part alongside the children.

Please note, the same workshop is being run 3 times and you may only book onto one slot.



Join The Dolphins
Our u6 (school year 1)
all Girls football team!

Apply by emailing: DUFCSecretary@hotmail.com

Free football until January 2025!

Wednesday Evenings 5pm - 6pm
Dawlish United, Sandy Lane, Dawlish, EX7 0AF



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

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE



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.