

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! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable May half-term break.

It was fantastic to return on Tuesday and be greeted with such a positive start – we had 100% attendance across the entire school! This is a remarkable achievement and a real testament to the commitment of our families and pupils. In addition to this, Year 3, 4 and 5 achieved 100% for the full week and therefore earned extra play time! Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a top priority.

As we look ahead, the final half-term of the academic year promises to be a busy and exciting one. From end-of-year assessments and transition activities to sports days, school trips, end of term performances and celebrations. And we can not forget our renowned OLSP Barbecue - a major event in our calendar year. There is a lot packed into the weeks ahead. We'll be keeping you informed every step of the way, so please keep an eye on Dojo, emails, and our usual channels of communication.

Finally, we've noticed that some parents are pulling into the bottom of the drive to drop off or collect their child. For the safety of all our children, we kindly ask that you avoid doing this. When one parent does, it often encourages others to do the same, which increases the risk. Thank you for your support with this.

Let's make this final stretch of the year a successful and memorable one for all our pupils.

God Bless to you all,

Cathy Blatchford

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Our Pupil Chaplain Selection Process is Underway

The process of selecting new Pupil Chaplains from our Year 5 children is now underway. This is a special opportunity for pupils to grow in faith and take on a leadership role within our school community.

Children have been learning about what it means to be a Pupil Chaplain and the important part they play in supporting the spiritual life of the school. Those interested have been invited to reflect on their faith and submit a short application letter explaining why they feel called to this role.

Over the next few weeks, staff and members of our parish team will be meeting with applicants to learn more about their commitment and enthusiasm. We are already so proud of the thoughtful and heartfelt responses received so far.

We look forward to appointing our new Pupil Chaplains later this term and thank all the children who are taking part in this meaningful process.

PLEASE JOIN IN WITH OUR CCSP SPORTS THEMED NON-UNIFORM DAY on Friday, 13 June 2025

2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

The Catholic Jubilee of Sport will take place Saturday, 14 and Sunday, 15 June in Rome, Italy and is open to all athletes, coaches, sports fans, and their families.



**On
Friday,
13 June
2025**

**to celebrate the Jubilee of Sport,
please wear any sports themed non-
uniform to school for the day**

And don't forget to bring a small donation
to help raise money for the **Catholic
Children's Society (Plymouth)**



CCSP help families of all faiths and none to buy beds and mattresses for children, school uniform including shoes and also larger items for such as cookers, fridge/freezers and washing machines



Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth)
St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL
www.ccsplymouth.org.uk 01364 645420
cca@ccsplymouth.org.uk
Charity No: 262803

SUMMER 2 CLUBS:

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

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

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSGvTiQdyTMFRc03qn58i6QUa3d6A3z2P5nUU0TgzQQFq1aQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15 - 4pm
- Drawing Club Thursday with Mrs Blatchford KS2 only (max. 12)
- Athletics with Premier Sport Fridays 3:15 - 4:30pm
- Girls Football with Mr Stamp (KS2 pupils only. Max. 25) 3:15pm-4:30pm



NURSERY

NURSERY HAVE HAD A FAB WEEK BACK, WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT PIRATES FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND HAVE BEEN ENJOYING DRESSING UP, PLAYING WITH THE PIRATE SHIPS AND DOING FUN PIRATE ACTIVITIES.



REC & YEAR 1

We have been settling back in to our routine after our half term break. We were excited to see how much our sunflowers had grown during the holiday. We will now be turning our attention to our caterpillars that have arrived and we will be watching them grow and change over the coming weeks. We look forward to hopefully seeing some butterflies at the end!





Year 1 & 2

In Art, year 1 and 2 have been learning about the artist Megan Coyle. She creates collages using different papers, magazines and materials. The children have been creating their own Great Fire of London collages using different papers and materials. We think they look fantastic!



YEAR 3 & 4

For history, Saturn class put their acting skills to the test and came up with a variety of different freeze frames. The children were acting out how the Romans had lived throughout their time during Roman Britain. We had some very interesting freeze frames produced!



YEAR 5

The class had a wonderful experience with the **Daisi Project**, led by Helen, a local artist. The children had the opportunity to create felt pieces and felt pots first-hand. They all absolutely loved it!



YEAR 6

Year 6 have learnt that when we truly understand something, we are then able to teach it to someone else. They have been matched up with a maths buddy in Year 3 and are thoroughly enjoying teaching them a unit on managing money. Just look at their faces :-)



YEAR 5 FINAL ART PIECE



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	19.05.25	03.06.25
Value	Charity	Forgiveness
Stars	Tabitha	Alfie
Moons	Noah	Elliot
Mars	Hughie	Sarah-Anne
Saturn	Arlo G	Paddy
Neptune	Ava	Oscar
Supernova	Billie - Jo	Archie A



STAR OF THE WEEK

	19.05.25	03.06.25
Stars	Mia H	Audrey
Moons	Emily	Freddie
Mars	All of Year 2	Scarlett
Saturn	Muno	Max S
Neptune	Kaya	Ivie
Supernova	Laila	Zach



Diary Dates



24th June	9am - 3:30pm Year 3/4 Exeter Museum & Library Trip
25th June	Sports Day
9th June	5 - 6pm Year 5/6 Open Water Swimming /Life Saving Event 9:30 - 11am Swimming Lessons at The Lido Years 3 -6
10th June	10am - 1pm KS2 Athletics Competition
12th June	10 - 11.30am Year 5 & 6 TriGolf Festival at TCS 1 - 3pm Y6 Forest School
13th June	Jubilee of sport non-uniform day - this is to raise money for the Catholic Children's Society that do so much to support local vulnerable families. Fathers Day Gift shop 3 - 3:45pm Ice Pop Friday
11th June	Junior Speaks heats Year 6 running milkshake Wednesday
16th June	Refugee week 9:30 - 11am Swimming Lessons at The Lido Years 3 - 6
20th June	4pm - 8pm School Barbecue
18th June	Junior Speaks finals
19th June	1 - 3pm Y6 Forest school
23rd June	9:30 - 11am Swimming Lessons at The Lido Years 3 -6
26th June	9am Reception and KS1 Class visit to Stover
27th June	St Peter's and St Paul's Liturgy 3 - 3:45pm Ice Pop Friday
30th June	9:30-11am Swimming Lessons at The Lido Years 3 -6
1st July	10am - 2pm KS2 Pilgrim Walk to Dawlish
2nd July	Y6 - Plymouth CAST leavers mass (Church of the Assumption, Torquay)
3rd July	1 - 3pm Year 3/4 forest school
4th July	3 - 3:45pm Ice Pop Friday School's Out Disco (Time TBC)
7th July	9:30-11am Swimming Lessons at The Lido Years 3 -6
8th July	Moving up day TCS Induction Day
9th July	Presentation evening for Y6 Civic Award 10am - 3pm Back up - Sports Day

Holidays and Absence during term time

Absence will not be authorised during term time except in exceptional circumstances. It is very important that all parents and carers understand that children with unauthorised absences, including holidays, and unexplained absences are at risk of receiving a penalty notice (PN) from Devon County Council. A PN is issued per parent, per child and is £80, if paid within 21 days. Further information can also be found on our website.

19th May - 6th June 2025	
Moons	87.43%
Mars	95.93%
Saturn	96.50%
Neptune	97.45%
Supernova	94.49%

Three Year Period		
First term time leave 10 sessions (5 days) or more	Second term time leave 10 sessions (5 days) or more	Third term time leave 10 sessions (5 days) or more
<p>£80 for each child per parent E.g. If two parents take 3 children away, the penalty notice would be $£80 \times 3 = £240$ per parent (if paid within 21 days)</p> <p>If you pay after 21 days, it rises to £960.</p> <p>If you fail to pay after 28 days = a prosecution</p>	<p>£160 for each child per parent E.g. If two parents take 3 children away, the penalty notice would be $£160 \times 3 = £480$ per parent.</p> <p>If you fail to pay after 28 days = a prosecution</p>	<p>Prosecution</p>

Well done to Saturn and Neptune who have achieved 100% this week! Neptune has won the award for the fortnight! Well done everyone.

"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

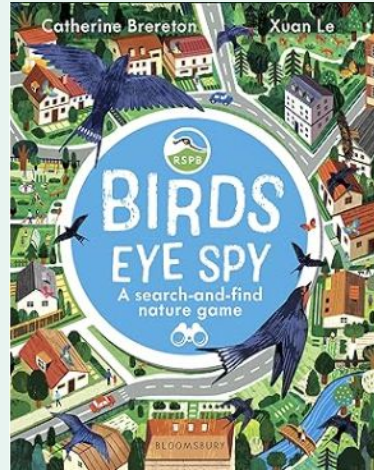
Birds Eye Spy by Catherine Brereton

Follow a flock of swallows and see what they see in this nature book of things to spot and talk about. Fly with the birds through the cities, coasts and countryside and over mountains and markets, farms, towns, open sea, rainforests, deserts and more.

Each location features ten "I-spy" animals and plants to find, with

prompts and questions to give children lots to talk about. Also includes a map of the swallows' migration route and additional fascinating information about bird flight.

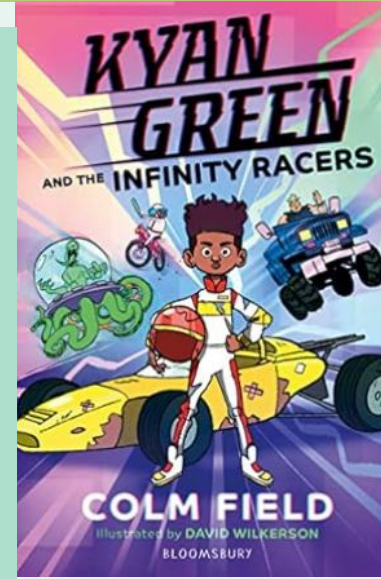
This book is perfect for young nature enthusiasts and for parents looking for a book that will keep kids busy while encouraging them to engage with the wonder of the natural world.



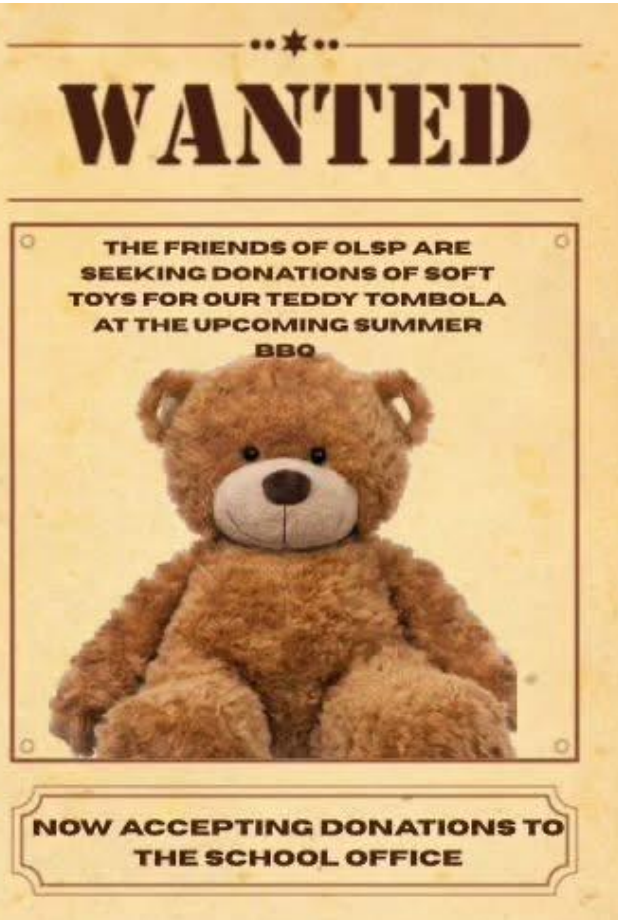
Kyan Green and the Infinity Racers by Colm Field

The first book in a fast-paced, edge-of-your-seat adventure series. *Welcome, infinity racers! Prepare for an adventure that's out of this world . and all of the others!* When Kyan finds a battered old racing-car game in the loft, he doesn't believe the big claims written on the box. I mean, what kind of 'Infinite Race' only has seven pieces of track?

So it comes as a shock when the game really does take him on the journey of a lifetime - through multiple universes! Whether he's a space pilot on the trail of underwater aliens or an unwitting robber in a stolen police car, every adventure is more thrilling than the last. When he lands in a universe as a stunt driver racing for a million-pound prize, he thinks he's found the way to save his family and their home. But the life of an infinity racer is about to prove much more dangerous than Kyan has bargained for .



News from the Friends



We are pleased to announce that the Friends of OLSP have organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for our lovely little school.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48million.

Collection date
Thursday 12th June



UNLIMITED PLAY!
with an
**INFLATABLES
WRISTBAND**



Get yours now via PTA Events
and enjoy **UNLIMITED FUN**
at this year's **SUMMER BBQ!**



Smaller inflatable
for the little ones

**SUMMER
BBQ**

A vibrant illustration for a summer BBQ. It features a smiling sun wearing sunglasses, a colorful castle, a large burger, fries, ice cream cones, and a drink. A shield with a rainbow and the text "OLSP FRIENDS" is also present.

BAR - FOOD - INFLATABLES - MUSIC - RAFFLE - ICE CREAM
DISPLAYS FROM LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS - FACE PAINTING
TOMBOLA - BALLOON MODELLING - GAMES
COMMUNITY INFORMATION STANDS

**ENTRY: ADULTS £1
CHILDREN FREE**

**FRIDAY 20th JUNE
4-8pm**

**NON-
UNIFORM
★ DAY**

Friday 20th June

Please bring in a donation
for the school BBQ...



Bottles



Books

A BIG thank you to
our BBQ Sponsors...
thank you for your
support and generosity



Teigns Clean and Sparkle



Electrical



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

This school is proud to be a

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on sustainability in
music education

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lessons now being
offered in school
with Mr Hopkins

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information
contact Mr
Hopkins on
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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/) -

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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.