

# 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

I hope you all had a lovely weekend. We thoroughly enjoyed 'Feel good Friday' to warm us up ready.

The return after Easter has been incredibly busy. Our Year 3/4s were a credit to the school on their trip to Paignton Zoo. They didn't let the heavy rain dampen their spirits.

We are delighted that the Lido has been opened and we have been able to book swimming for all of our Key Stage 2 children for after half term. Please do let us know if you are available to help walk with our children. We need as many volunteers as we can get.

This week sees us all preparing for the Coronation of King Charles and we are excited to be sharing our celebrations with you. We look forward to seeing you from 2pm to see what each class has pulled together and enjoy a cream tea.

Please do remember that next Monday is also a bank holiday. Of which the following four days will see our Year 6 children completing their SATS papers. We are already incredibly proud of how hard they have been working and look forward to seeing what they can achieve.

A quick reminder as part of our healthy snack policy we ask that children do not bring cans or bottles of fizzy drinks into school.

God bless to you all

Mrs Cathy Blatchford  
Executive Head Teacher

# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

**As May begins, we are in the full flow of Eastertide celebrations and the blossoming of Springtime flowers echoes the hope and joy of the Resurrection of Jesus. We look forward in hope and anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, marking the birthday of the Church and a renewal of our mission as followers of Jesus.**

**May is also traditionally the Month of Mary, with Marian feast days, May processions and a focus on the Rosary. Mary is the mother of Jesus and our mother too, and like a good mum who prays for her children, Mary prays for us. She accompanies us in our prayers and is there to walk alongside and encourage us, always leading us to her Son, Jesus.**

**1st May is Vocation Sunday Our vocation is what we are called to be, and children sometimes think about that only in terms of jobs or ‘what I want to be when I grow up’. We will be inviting children to think about their vocation to follow Jesus’ example by being generous, kind, helpful, and understanding and to use their talents to bring joy. Why not make these qualities part of family discussions and prayer times.**



# SUMMER 1 TERMS CLUBS:

Open library from 3:15-4pm with Mrs Newton Browne Mondays

Footlights Dance Academy - Monday evenings

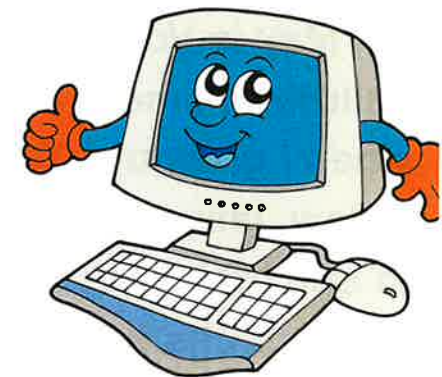
Girls football (KS2 only) Wednesday with Mr Stamp 3:15-4:15 pm

Spanish with Dani 3:15-4:00 pm every Wednesday until the end of term (£7)

Lacrosse with Mr Selley (Premier Sports) Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm

Year 1/2 Team Games (Football, Basketball, Tag Rugby, Hockey, Netball) with Mr Mason, Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 pm

Computing Club with Mr Meehan, Friday 3:15-4:15 pm



# EARLY YEARS

The book boat has docked in EYFS and the children are absolutely loving it! We also have updated our other book corner with some lovely board books, which were very kindly



# YEAR 1 & 2



The children in Class 1/2 thoroughly enjoyed learning how to play the recorder this week. I even had the pleasure of being called in for their performance. It was wonderful to see them all so focused on the music and proud of their achievements.



## YEAR 3

The children this week have really excelled. I have loved reading their letters of how they are mistreated as PE equipment in the style of 'The Day the Crayons Quit.' Some have tried really hard and shown some amazing creativity.

## YEAR 4

Class 4 had a rather wet but fantastic day at Paignton zoo. The children saw lots of different animals and were able to witness the feeding times of the giraffes and lions when looking round.

A massive thank you to everyone involved who was able to make this possible for the children. It was a fantastic day despite getting soaked!



## YEAR 5

Welcome back after the Easter break. We started the term with Earth Day on Friday 21st and all of Year 5 have made personal targets to invest in stopping climate change. We are also starting two new subjects. History, we are learning about Ancient Greece and Art (the artist is Sue Hotckins). Looking forward to a great term.

## YEAR 6

The children are really enjoying their history topic: World War Two.

The children wrote about appeasement and explained the reasoning 'for' and 'against'.

They also had a class debate where they argued for and against Britain going to war with Germany.



# PROUD AT OLSP

We are very proud of Trina and Mrs Newton Brown who have pledged to walk a mile a day to raise money for this year's Lifeboat charity fundraiser - Walk a mile a day in May as the Welly Walkers.

As the weather warms up, more people will be drawn to the water. But as temperatures rise, so do the calls for help. Getting into trouble can happen to anyone - and it happens so easily. It could happen to you, me, or someone we love.

The RNLI are determined to be there when they're needed most. But as the cost of living has gone up, the cost of lifesaving has gone up, too. So, this May, they are answering their call for help by taking part in the Mayday Mile to help fund the kit and training they need to save lives this summer.

They will be completing one mile every day this May to raise money for brave volunteer crews. If you would like to donat click ont he link and consider joining them in completing a mile each day this month by walking, jogging - or in any way you like.

<https://rnli.enthuse.com/pf/zoe-newton-browne/post/3220342>





# DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	21.4.23	28.4.23
	Temperance	Compassion
Early Years	Polly	Theo
Y1 & 2	Isabelle	Arlo
Y3	Taylor	Stephanie
Y4	Theo W	Mia
Y5	Kimi Stadler	Willow Mueller
Y6	Oliver	Abi



# STAR OF THE WEEK

	21.4.23	28.4.23
Early Years	Steffan	Rowan
Y1 & 2	Max C	Lacie-Mae
Y3	Iris	Indya
Y4	Sebastian	Edward
Y5	Marnie Osborne	Ava Martin
Y6	Louie TH	Finley





Well done to Year 4

who also got 15 mins extra play after achieving 100% last week!

17th - 28th April	
Reception	89.81
Year 1/2	95.71
Year 3	98.52
Year 4	98.95
Year 5	91
Year 6	96.67

### 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>10 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>18 days absence</small> 152 Days of Education	<small>27 days absence</small> 143 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
<b>Good</b> Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		<b>Worrying</b> Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		<b>Serious Concern</b> Not fair on your child (court action)	

# CHROMEBOOK LEASE TO BUY SCHEME

We are pleased to advise that our Chromebook lease to buy scheme will be up and running next term in partnership with CHG-Meridian Education UK and Stone Group. From 1st June until the 30th June a portal will be opened for parents of children in current Yrs 2 - 5 to register, set up and manage direct debits (to start from September) to purchase a Lenovo NB 100E 64GB Chromebook for your child to use at school and home. Once payments are complete the chromebook will belong to you and your child.

All chromebooks will come with a neoprene case and may be personalised by the children. They will also have a high level of insurance including breakdown, accidental damage and theft and come with the appropriate Google licence and support.

The chromebooks will be set up over the summer and delivered to school (and your children) in the first week of the Autumn term.

## **Costs from September**

**Year 3 & 4 in September £11.36 x 36 payments over 3 years OR Single payment £317.13 x 1**

**Year 5 in September £15.38 x 24 payments over 2 years OR Single payment £300.31 x 1**

**Year 6 in September £24.46 x 12 payments over 1 year OR Single payment £276.22 x 1**

Some information is already on our website under Parent's Information. We will send you the portal links in due course. If you have any questions at all please contact Mrs Brocksom, Senior Administrator at St Nicholas ([abrocksom@stncls.uk](mailto:abrocksom@stncls.uk)) or our school office [office@olsp.uk](mailto:office@olsp.uk)



# **OLSP Celebration Evening**

The staff at OLSP would like to welcome the families of our children to tour the school and celebrate the learning that has happened this year.

The school will be open from 4-5pm on Tuesday 11th July, however the last entry will be 4:30pm to ensure we finish on time.

Please come and join us.



# Diary Dates

<b>5th May pm</b>	Coronation celebrations	<b>5th July</b>	<b>Sports Day</b>
<b>9-12th May</b>	Y6 SATS week	<b>7th July</b>	OLSP's BBQ
<b>15-19th May</b>	Y6 residential to Simonsbath	<b>11th July</b>	Celebration Evening 4-5pm
<b>9th June and weekly for 6 weeks</b>	Swimming for KS2	<b>12th July</b>	Y6 transition day at TCS OLSP meet your new teacher day.
<b>9th June</b>	Teignmouth festival musicians performance	<b>12th July</b>	Presentation evening for Year 6 Civic Award (6:30pm at St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay)
<b>26th June</b>	Early Years trip to Paignton Zoo	<b>21st July</b>	Animal Encounters in Early years
<b>27th June</b>	Y5/6 trip to Paignton Zoo		

# Friends News!



Thank you to everyone who helped at our ground force day. I'm sure you will all agree that things are definitely looking brighter! We have some very exciting events coming up this term so watch this space!



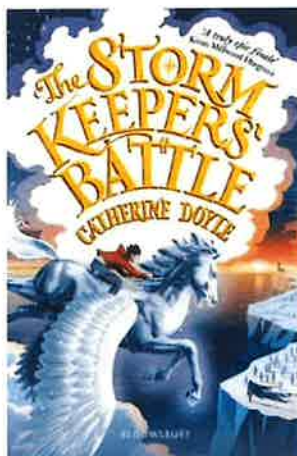
5th May- Coronation Celebrations  
24th May - Colour Run  
13th June - Superman gift shop for father's day.  
7th July - SUMMER BBQ

'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 Storm Keepers' Battle – Catherine Doyle



Ten days have passed since Fionn faced Morrigan on the shores of Arranmore and said goodbye to his grandfather for good. Now Morrigan's brothers stalk the land in search of new souls, whilst the Merrows struggle to keep the growing forces of Black Point Rock at bay...

The terrifying all-powerful sorceress Morrigan has been raised from the dead and has sealed off the island from all help. Fionn is the only thing that stands between her and a dark future. He's got to find a way to defeat her. But there are some terrible choices in store for Fionn as the dark sorcerer begins to take his nearest and dearest for her own.

With only two candles left to burn, will Fionn master his powers in time to stop her?

Inspired by her real-life ancestral home of Arranmore Island, where her grandparents grew up, and the adventures of her many sea-faring ancestors, Cat Doyle effortlessly weaves the Irish myths and legends of her childhood into a fresh, modern day setting. The Storm Keepers' Battle is the final instalment in the trilogy which began with The Storm Keeper's Island and its sequel The Lost Tide Warriors and this epic final book is packed with all the adventure, atmosphere and heart that has made the series so beloved.





## 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

Justine Williams is our attendance officer. She will liaise with any families who have a child with below 95% attendance to offer support. Please remember if attendance is below 95% your child will be noted as persistently absent.

## 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.