

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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Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford

HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

Welcome back to Autumn 2. Whilst our children returned on Tuesday, the staff worked hard on Monday revisiting phonics training with enthusiasm. It is important that all staff are well versed in our ReadWriteInc programme and can support children across the school to ensure reading is at the heart of all we do.

We never thought this week would be bringing us yet another storm. It is always a difficult decision whether to open the school or not. We are lucky that OLSP is situated in a valley and were therefore very sheltered from the strong winds. It is so sad to see the damage done to our lovely town's sea front. If your child did not attend school on this date, please do contact the school office as we are unable to authorise unless we have a valid reason. Should you have made the decision to keep them home because of the storm, please note that will be authorised, we just need you to confirm.

A couple of thank yous needed this week. First of all to our amazing Friends who have carried out yet another Ground Force Day. We are so grateful to them. Please do offer a hand as so much is done by few. We would be lost without them. Also a big thank you to the Rotary Club, who have given us approximately 500 crocus bulbs to plant as part of raising awareness of the Polio mission. We can not wait to get them into the ground and hope the weather holds back a little so we can do this. It is hard to imagine we will soon be approaching the 'C' word! There is lots planned, so do keep a note of any shared dates and get them into your diary.

Finally, we welcome Miss Bott and Mrs Dimond to our team as our newest teaching assistants. Please do say hello if you see them.

Have a lovely weekend and God bless to you all.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford
Executive Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Faith Filled Fridays

First Holy Communion

Just a reminder, if your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to prepare for their first reconciliation and holy communion, you can now enrol them. Please collect a form from Our Lady and St Patrick's Church. The first meeting is at Church on 7th November at 6pm.



Our Chaplains have been busy promoting Faith Filled Fridays! Spreading rays of sunshine, love and kindness every Friday lunch time from 12.30 - 1pm in the School Library. All children in Year 2 and above are welcome to join them so please ask your child to come along for fun activities with the Chaplains!



All Saints Day Wednesday 1st November 2023

On All Saints' Day, we celebrate all saints who are in heaven. These include all known and unknown saints. It is a day rooted in the belief that the world is spiritually connected to heaven. All Saints' Day is considered a holy day of obligation, requiring Catholics to attend Mass. The children were joined by some of our parishioners to celebrate Mass together in school on this day. The children all behaved beautifully and listened well throughout. We were especially impressed with their singing. Thank you to Father Mark as always.

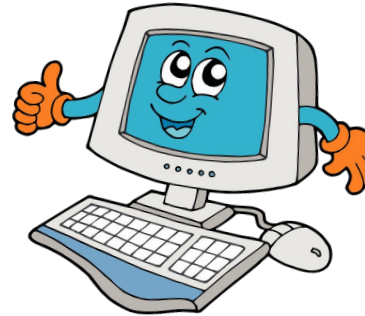


AUTUMN 2 TERM CLUBS:



After the half term holiday, the following clubs will be running.

- Multi - Sports Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (Year 1 / 2 / 3 only)
- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4pm
- Lego Club Thursdays 3:15 - 4:15pm (Year 1 and up. Club is currently full but please use Google form to join the waiting list)
- Archery Premier Sport Fridays 3:15 - 4:30pm



You are invited...

to Premier Education's extracurricular activities!



Here's what's on near you...

Our Lady St Patricks Roman Catholic Primary School Afterschool Club

Friday's: Archery

Cost: £0

Time: 15:15 - 16:30 Age: from 5 - 11 year olds

Dates: Friday 3rd November - Friday 15th December

To discover the activities available and to book today, visit premier-education.com

EARLY YEARS

Before half term, the children in Stars and Moons were learning how to look after our beautiful world created by God. We looked at lots of videos and read lots of stories and the children were inspired to do a litter pick around the school. They found a whole carrier bag of rubbish and made sure it was recycled correctly.



YEAR 1 & 2

Before half term, the children in Mars class were very excited to paint their clay sculptures. They learnt about the primary colours and how these can be used to mix secondary colours. Their finished sculptures looked fantastic and they were very proud of themselves. We finished our sculpting unit with an Art Gallery.

Thank you for coming and we hope you enjoyed hearing about our work.



YEAR 3

Before the half term, the children were really excited about our Jackson Pollock imitation. We practiced our splatter painting techniques and mixing of colours to produce pieces of work that reflect our emotions. They came out amazing and we had such fun (sorry for the mess).

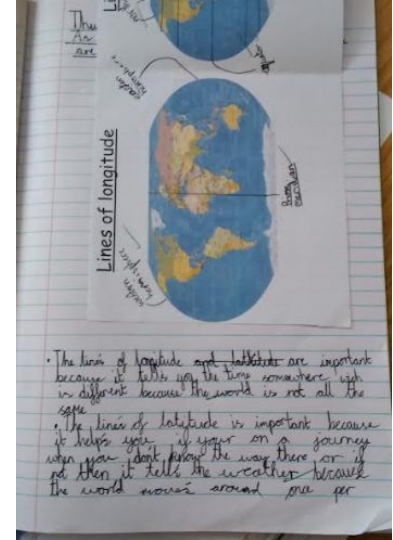
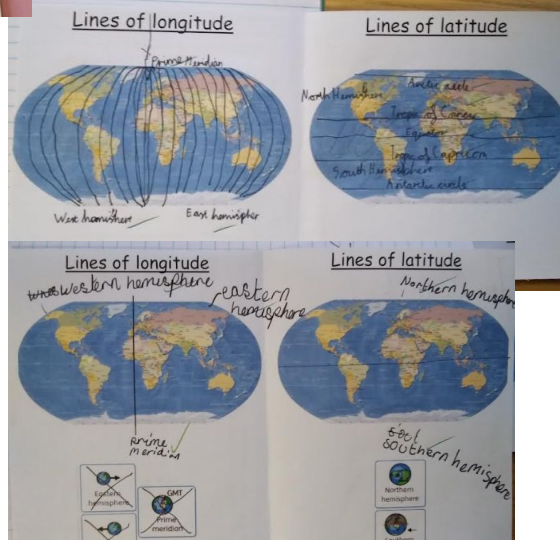


YEAR 4

Year 4 have been learning about the lines of longitude and latitude with how we locate places around the world. The children had thought about the different hemispheres of the Earth using a 4-point compass of North, East, South and West.

They were also able to identify the different lines of latitude with how these lines can determine the physical characteristics of geographical locations.

Here are some examples of their map work:



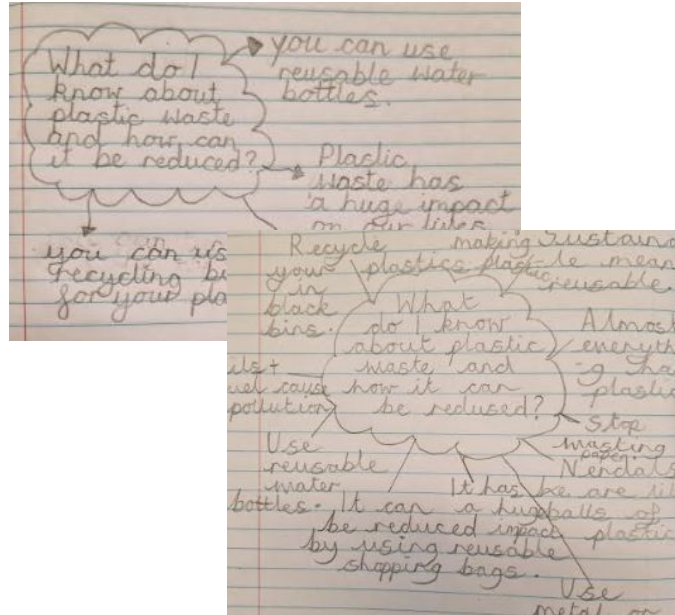
YEAR 5

Year 5 have worked really hard this term. I am particularly pleased with their art work. They have interpreted and created amazing art in the style of Andy Warhol. We are very proud of them all.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have started their new unit called **Agents of Change**. The first lesson was all about the use of plastic. The class were stunned by how much plastic school, home and others places use. Their goal this half term is to reduce single use plastic in school. Here are some examples of where plastic is used in everyday life.



Stop and Jot 1

School	Home	Other
ruler,	Lamps	Halloween decorations,
glue,	light switch,	Christmas decorations.
chair,	desk,	Easter decorations,
calculators,	chair,	trampoline,
trays,	toothbrush,	chemistry g.
pens,	changing socket,	book covers,
pencil cases,	tooth brush chargers,	claw clips,
table,	Water bottles,	food packaging,
highlighter,	straws,	Hand sanitiser bottle,
remote,	pencil pots,	Sweet packets,
chrome books,	TV,	toys,
saps	phone-cases,	portable toilet
	LED strips,	
	head phones,	

DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	16.10.23 Charity	30.10.23 Respect
Early Years	Mae	Freddie
Y1 & 2	Ellie	Daisy
Y3	Eva	Hal
Y4	Jasmine & Olivia	Zach
Y5	Patrick	Ada
Y6	Celia	Leo

STAR OF THE WEEK

	16.10.23	30.10.23
Early Years	Hughie	Max
Y1 & 2	Max	Hattie
Y3	Matilda	Josh M
Y4	Ethan	Iris
Y5	Sebastian and Ed	Kody
Y6	Archie	Amelia



A Message from Steph, our Attendance and Welfare Officer

School refusal

If your child has school anxiety or is refusing to go to school, it can be a worrying time for you as a parent. It's likely you will want to get them back to school as soon as possible and get back to your normal routine. The most important thing is to make sure your child feels supported so that you can build on a plan to get back to school.

It is important that you let the school know what is happening so that we can support you and your child.

If you think your child is feeling anxious about coming into school or has been refusing to come in you can speak to our Attendance Officer, Family Support Worker or class teacher.

There are also some great resources online to help you to discuss any issues with your child.

16th October - 3rd November	
Reception	87.26%
Year 1/2	95.37%
Year 3	93.29%
Year 4	96.43%
Year 5	96.64%
Year 6	90.83%

Well done to Neptune for achieving 100% attendance this week and also 100% for the week before half term!

Is your child too poorly for School?

If you are unsure about your child's symptoms and whether to send them to school, the following link is very informative

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelive
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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>	10 days absence 180 Days of Education	19 days absence 171 Days of Education	29 days absence A term missed 161 Days of Education	38 days absence 152 Days of Education	47 days absence 143 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good <small>Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start</small>		Worrying <small>Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress</small>		Serious Concern <small>Not fair on your child. Court action!</small>	

SCHOOL NURSING SERVICE

The Public Health Nursing Service provides health visiting and school nursing services across Devon. We deliver universal child and family health services, provide ongoing additional services for vulnerable children and families, and work to safeguard and protect children. The team is made up of health visitors, school nurses, staff nurses and community health workers.



We belong to the Southern Hub of the School Nursing Service: Follaton House, Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5NE
0333 234 1901
southernphnhub@devon.gov.uk

A texting service specifically for parents or carers is available. Text a health visitor on 07520 631 721 to get confidential information and advice. Young people (11-19) can contact a school nurse through our secure, confidential text messaging service, ChatHealth on 0752 063 1722.

Diary Dates

5th November	Bonfire Night	15th December	Last day of Autumn Term
6th November	Uk Parliament week	17th December	Third Sunday of Advent
9th November	5pm Year 6 Residential meeting for parents	3rd January 2024	Spring Term Starts
10th November	3pm - 4pm EYFS Bake Sale	6th January 2024	Feast of the Epiphany
11th November	Remembrance	18th January 2024	Year 6 KS2 Explore the Orchestra Concert - Exeter 2024
13th November	Anti-bullying week	12th February 2024	Half Term Holiday
19th November	Road Safety Week	19th February 2024	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)
20th November	European week for waste reduction World children's day	28th March 2024	Last day of Spring Term
26th November	Feast of Christ the King	15th April 2024	Summer Term Starts
29th November	No Pens Day Speech and Language UK Children to bring in £1 to raise money for Speech and Language UK	29th April to 3rd May 2024	Y6 Residential
30th November	St Andrew's Day	6th May 2024	May Day bank holiday
3rd December	First Sunday of Advent	WB 13th May	SATS week for Year 6
10th December	Second Sunday of Advent	27th May 2024	Half Term Holiday
12th December	2pm EY & KS1 Nativity (Information will be sent home nearer the time)	3rd June 2024	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)
13th December	5pm - KS2 Carol Service at Our Lady & St Patrick's church (ALL INVITED)	5th July 2024	2pm - 3pm Whole School Music Celebration (more info to follow nearer the date)
14th December	9am - 11am Into the Woods Year 6 to TCS	25th July 2024	Last day of Summer Term



We invite all parents and children to the KS2 Carol Service

At Our Lady and Saint Patrick Church, Teignmouth
On Wednesday 13th December 5-6pm



Children will need to be at the church by 4.45pm at the latest. Children and families can wear festive attire. The most festive outfit will win a prize! (Adult and Child categories!). To make sure we have enough Christmas spirit, all attendees must be accompanied by an adult. Early Years and KS1 children are welcome to join us, but will need to sit with their parent/carers.



We have received the message below from
THAT! Food Bank

Our thanks to all the staff and pupils who contributed to your wonderful harvest donation. It is so good to know that young people recognise that there are many people who are struggling to be able to put meals on their tables.

As you know, the cost-of-living crisis continues which sadly means we are seeing an increasing number of people needing our support. At the same time, food donations are decreasing meaning we need to buy-in more products to maintain our stock levels.

We are so appreciative of all those individuals and organisations who continue to support us – both with food and finances – without this generosity we could not assist those in greatest need in the local area.

Should your organisation know of any individual/family in need of assistance please do not hesitate to contact us (by phone or email) with their details and we will be happy to help.

With thanks

Hazel Harrison (Secretary)

On behalf of THAT

*thank
you*



Friends News!

Events for your diary:

Join us for **Stay and Play** 8.45 -9.45 on 13th November & 11th December

Winter Wonderland 2-5pm Saturday 25th November

Pantomime Tickets £12 rather than £22 and are available to book online until this Saturday night.

Gift Shop on 5th December (open now)

Christmas Craft Day in school (a fun, free event for the children)

Wreath Making - 8th December - See the poster opposite!

For tickets and events go to:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsfolsp/index.cfm>

If you would like to know more about the friends or would like to help out at any of our events, please get in contact via our Facebook page or email us at friends@olsp.uk



Thank you so much to the fantastic team who helped neaten up the school on our recent Ground Force Day. We hope the the children liked walking up the new rainbow stairs!



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)**



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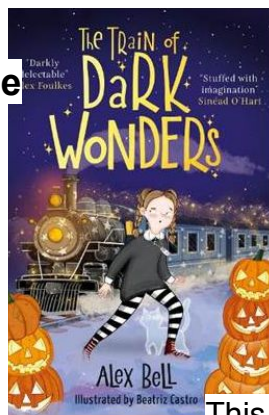
https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE

"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

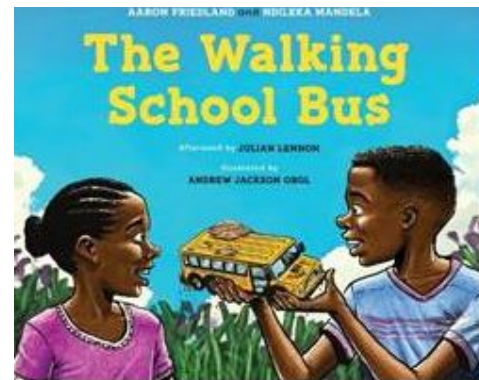
The Train of Dark Wonders by Alex Bell

In this charming fantasy adventure, Bess takes a ride to the Land of Halloween Sweets on a remarkable train meeting a host of peculiar people and creatures including a ghost cat, goblins, miniature mermaids with razor-sharp teeth and a tiny bat called Mish who enjoys swimming in jam. She also learns important lessons about self- acceptance, friendship and being happy with who you are.



The Walking School Bus by Aaron Friedland and Ndileka Mandela

This lovely book, written by Aaron Friedland, the founder and executive director of The Simbi Foundation (which provides help around the world for children to access education) and Ndileka Mandela, head of the Thembekile Mandela Foundation, highlights the difficulties that children can have getting to school in some parts of the world. As well as being a useful resource to use as the basis of a discussion about education in other countries, it's also a beautifully illustrated story about resilience, and will inspire young readers to keep trying until they reach their goals.



Chess Club
MONDAYS 15:30 - 17:30
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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 new Attendance and Welfare Officer here at OLSP. I will be monitoring 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.