

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: Mrs Cathy Blatchford

HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

We made it! And what a term it has been. We are so proud of our children and everything they have achieved. Our youngest ones were superb in their nativity and the older ones led our carol concert beautifully. It was great to see such a full church. We have also had a Christmas sing a long and I hope the children teach you the OLSP way to sing the 12 days of Christmas!

We can not finish the term without saying a special 'Thank you' to our friends, who have done so much, with wreath making, elves workshops, sorting Christmas trees and decorations, providing crowns and prizes for Christmas dinner, not to mention the teas and coffees provided at events.

It was lovely to enjoy some hot chocolate and biscuits with nominated children across the school on Monday and our Celebration assembly today was slightly longer with all the 100% attendance certificates given out to 38 of our children. The children enjoyed spending their Dojo points on Thursday and are already keenly trying to earn more to get an even bigger spend next term.

There is a new expectation from the government to report to parents more regularly about their child's attendance and for this reason you should have received a 'mini report' with this information through your emails today. If you did not receive one, please let the office know in the new year and we will look into why.

Finally I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas. We hope the holidays are full of good cheer and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6th January for the start of our spring term.

God bless
Mrs Cathy Blatchford,
Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Yesterday, Father Albert came into school to visit nursery, foundation stage and key stage 1. The children have been learning about how people celebrate Christmas. They have thought about school and home traditions and wanted to ask Father Albert how the church celebrates Christmas.



SPRING 1 CLUBS:

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

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

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0vEdVLFpo45k0RVvnXiWs-cYqzHJ_s0FBFg23A9UjEEERg/viewform?usp=pp_url

- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15 - 4pm
- Football Club Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:45pm (Years 4, 5 and 6 only)
- Maths Sats Booster class with Mrs Blatchford Wednesdays 3:15- 4:15pm
- Playground Games Club (KS2 only) with Miss Humphrey Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15pm
- Coding Club with Mr Stamp Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm
- Curling - Premier Sport - Friday 3.15 - 4.30pm



NURSERY

In nursery we have been continuing our christmas celebrations, we enjoyed our Nativity to the parents, Rudolph run and Carol service. We had a special treat on our last day, A Magician!!!! Merry Christmas from All of us in Nursery.



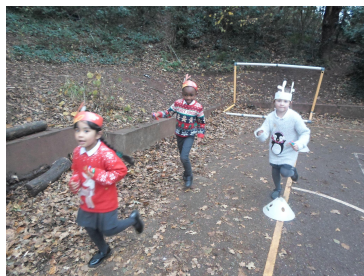
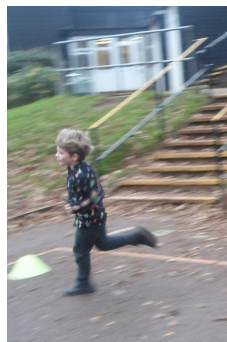
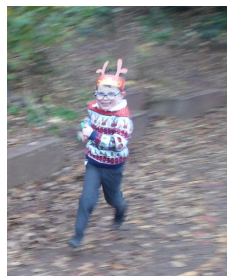
REC & YEAR 1

In Moons class, we have celebrating Christmas making lots of things and performing in our KS1 nativity.



Year 1 & 2

The children in Mars class absolutely loved taking part in the Rudolph Run this week. Together, they ran a total of 202 laps - amazing!



YEAR 3 & 4

Throughout this week, Saturn class have been learning about how to create their own dreamsack in D&T. The children have been really creative in their designs where they have stitch their own sacks by hand. A massive thank you to all of the helpers from Year 5 and volunteers who came also.



YEAR 5

The children embraced the learning of the Jesse tree. The class were set a challenge to create their own Jesse Tree based on the prophets who were the ancestors of Jesus. I am very lucky to have such a creative class.



For their geography field trip the children wanted to compare the amount of rubbish found in different areas of Teignmouth. It does not stop astounding us how much litter is around and the variety in the litter. The children find it very sad, especially as most of it will end up in our oceans.

YEAR 6



Merry Christmas!



CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY



We had so much fun during Christmas dinner this week. The children wore their most festive jumpers and designed their own crowns to wear for the meal. Prizes were given to the crowns that stood out the most but all of them were beautiful!



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	09.12.24	16.12.24
Value	Peace	Disciple of the Term
Stars	Bobby	Thaddeus
Moons	Kaleb	Wilma
Mars	Nate	Florence
Saturn	Arlo	Sophie
Neptune	Hollie	Ivie
Supernova	Ada	Elsa



STAR OF THE TERM

	09.12.24	16.12.24
Stars	All children	Audrey
Moons	All children	Chloe
Mars	All children	Hughie
Saturn	Josh	Albie
Neptune	Praise	Taylor
Supernova	Freddie	Theo F





Thank you

Thank you to all the parents who have worked hard this year to ensure that their children are in school every day. Overall attendance has increased significantly this year and we are really proud of the children for coming in despite the obstacles often put in their way.

I have noticed fewer holiday requests and fewer children off for minor ailments which means that more children are in school learning.

I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and look forward to sending more positive messages in the New Year.

Thanks

Steph

Attendance and Welfare Officer

9th - 20th December 2024	
Moons	96.65%
Mars	99.16%
Saturn	96.49%
Neptune	96.14%
Supernova	98.68%

Well done to Mars!

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

This school is proud to be a

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In recognition of a commitment to
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Diary Dates



Diary Dates		8th May 2025	10 - 11am Year 3/4 Striking and Fielding Festival at Teignmouth Community School
6th January 2025	Beginning of Spring Term	22nd May 2025	9:30 - 11:30am Moons, Y1s and Y6 to Mass St Ignatius Shaldon
28th January 2025	3:15pm - 5:15pm KS2 Girls Football Tournament at TCS	4th April 2025	End of Spring Term
30th January 2025	9:30 - 11:30am Y3/4 mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon	22nd April 2025	Beginning of Summer Term
17th February 2025	Half Term Holiday	5th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday
24th February 2025	INSET Day (No Pupils)	26th May 2025	Half Term Holiday
5th March 2025	2:30 - 3:30pm Ash Wednesday liturgy	2nd June 2025	INSET Day (No Pupils)
17th March 2025	10 - 11am KS2 to Mass for St Patrick's Day	12th June 2025	10 - 11am Year 5 & 6 TriGolf Festival at Teignmouth Community School
20th March 2025	9:30-11:30am Y1/2 Mass. St Ignatius, Shaldon	27th June 2025	2 - 3pm St Peter & St Paul's liturgy
28th March 2025	9am - 3pm National Skipping Day	22nd July 2025	9 - 10am Leavers mass
31st March 2025	Y6 residential to Barton Hall	23rd July 2025	End of Summer Term

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
Tuesday 21st January 2025

Bags will be given out nearer the time.



It's been a busy term for the friends! While we've continued to host our regular events, we also introduced a successful Santa's Elves Workshop, which received wonderful feedback. We're so glad everyone who attended had a great time.

Our pre-loved uniform is now available year-round, with items being posted on our pre-loved Facebook page. If you haven't already, please give it a like!

Plans for the Spring Term are already underway, and we look forward to sharing the dates with you soon.

As a small school, we truly rely on and appreciate your support in making these events happen, so a big thank you to all the volunteers this term.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Lucy, Cara, Ivan, Deborah

A huge congratulations to all the winners of the Christmas Crown competition! They looked absolutely fabulous as they left school on Wednesday 👑

If you have any Christmas clothing that will be outgrown before next year, please consider donating it to the school office. We'll store it for Christmas 2025!



Cake Sale
£73.66



**Krispy
Kreme
Doughnuts**
£60.00



Glow Disco
£213.63

**Pre-loved
Uniform Sales**
£18.10

**Asda
Cashpot**
£116.81



**Santa's Elves
Workshop**
£270.31



**AUTUMN TERM
TOTAL RAISED**
£1330.00



**Christmas
Gift Shop**
£228.92



**Wreath
Workshop**
£21.55

**Nativity
Refreshments**
£22.70

**Christmas
Cards**
£89.32

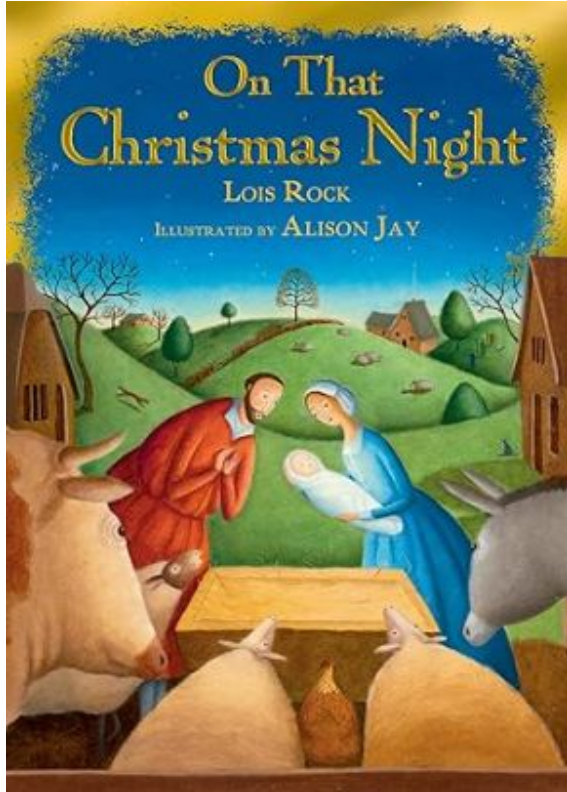
Pantomime
£215.00



**Break the
Rules Xmas**
TBC



"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

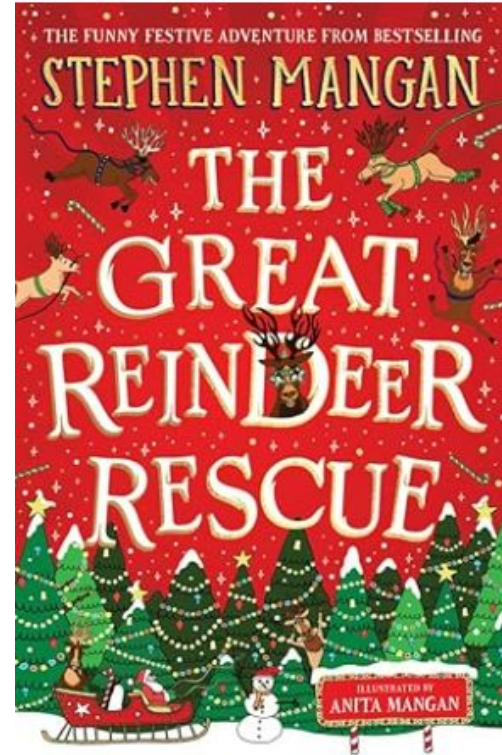
On That Christmas Night by Lois Rock


In this book see the story of the birth of Jesus interpreted in the illustrator's own unique style, using vignettes, borders and full page art to accompany a sincere retelling of the Nativity. There are many intriguing people, animals and landscapes to look at along the way, bursting with new details to find with a young child, as you share the story of that special night.

The Great Reindeer Rescue by Stephen Mangan

A high-energy, brilliantly silly, fully illustrated festive adventure story. It's Christmas Eve and one of Santa's reindeers, Dave, is FED UP. He's stuck behind boastful Rudolph again. In the commotion, Santa crash lands on the roof of nine-year-old Holly's home causing an almighty Christmas lights explosion that blasts the reindeers to far-flung corners of the Earth. It's up to Dave and Holly to fly round the world to rescue all the reindeers.

Can Holly and Dave get all the reindeers back to Santa to SAVE CHRISTMAS?





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

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!



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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.