

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

My goodness what a busy time we have been having, with Year 3 going to Kents Cavern, a visit to the Devon County Show (with a win for our scarecrow) and our Year 6 residential. We are proud to say that all children that have been representing OLSP on these activities have represented us well.

Our Early Years playground has now had the markings and over half term we will be having some gym trail equipment fitted for our older ones.

It is forecast to be a beautifully sunny week over the half term and we hope that all our families have a fun filled and relaxing time. Don't forget Monday 5th June is an inset day and we therefore look forward to welcoming you back to the final half term of the year.

God bless to you all

Mrs Cathy Blatchford
Executive Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Last week, the Chaplains who were not on residential were working on a banner for the Church to use at the Pentecost celebrations this coming Sunday. At Pentecost, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples while they were in hiding. After the Ascension of Jesus, the disciples were frightened that the Romans and Jewish Leaders would pursue and persecute them in the same way they had Jesus. They hid together, in a large group believing that there was safety in numbers. They were still gathered together when the Holy Spirit came; reminding them and all of us that Jesus has risen and ascended to be at his Father's right hand side in heaven. This changed them from frightened disciples to courageous individuals who would go and deliver the word of God without fear.



Also, this week has been Laudato Si week and the theme has been "Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity". In recognition of this, year 6 lead a liturgy to the rest of the school. They watched a video about the importance of looking after the earth and reflected on the letter from the Pope, reconfirming the importance of looking after the Earth.





DEVON COUNTY SHOW VISIT

Last week, the Pupil Leadership team and the Eco-Rangers visited the Devon County show. The children saw lots of different animals and different stalls which were curricular enriched opportunities.

Both of the scarecrows which were designed by the children finished 3rd in the whole of the show!

The children behaved beautifully and were a real credit for representing OLSP.

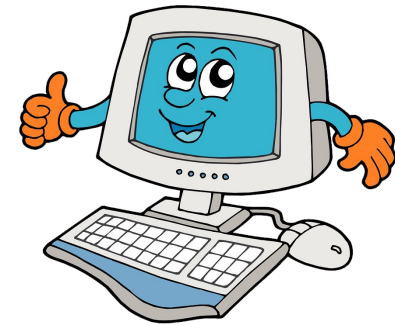
I also want to say a massive thank you to the parent and school volunteers for taking the children to the show.



SUMMER 2 TERMS CLUBS:



- Open library from 3:15-4pm with Mrs Newton Browne Mondays
- Footlights Dance Academy - Monday evenings
- Spanish with Dani 3:15-4:00 pm every Wednesday until the end of term (£7)
- Year 3/4 Multi sports club with Mr Mason every Wednesday 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Cricket Club with Mr Selley every Thursday (Premier Sports) 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Year 1/2 Football with Mr Stamp 3:15pm-4:15pm
- Computing Club with Mr Meehan, Friday 3:15-4:15 pm (*Final Session for computing club will be Friday 14th July*)
- Costume for Carnival Club (KS2 only. Commencing from 12th July - more information to follow)





BOOK AMNESTY



Please can you check at home for any books that should have been returned to school (they will have the school stamp in the front cover). We are particularly missing Phonics books; our budget will be massively impacted should we need to replace these, so we would really appreciate your help in retrieving any.

Also if you have any books that you no longer use and are looking to donate, please consider sending them into school for our Library (we politely request that these are not books that have been taken from the free box outside of the office).

EARLY YEARS

Thank you to all the parents and carers who sent in cakes for our sale. We raised over £60 which will be used on resources for the unit.

We have some wonderful students from TCS join us this week for work experience they have helped with all our learning. A particular favourite was looking at how our toys work and Eve and Grace helped to make our own circuits.



YEAR 1 & 2

This week in Class 1/2, the children thoroughly enjoyed looking at all of the baby photos that were brought in from home. In PSHE we have been learning about lifecycles and in Science we have been learning about animals including humans. This was the perfect opportunity to look at how they had grown and changed.



YEAR 3

Year 3 went to Kents Cavern last week and it was amazing. We learnt so much about stone age tools and how neanderthals used to live. The caves were awesome and the children had a great time. Thank you to our parent support because without you, it would have been far more expensive.



YEAR 4

This week, Class 4 had the pleasure of welcoming Mr Hopkins into class and learning how to play a guitar. All of the children engaged beautifully and put their guitar skills to the test.

Well done Class 4!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have had two busy weeks where we are finishing our art project and finally playing a game of rounders after weeks of developing the appropriate skills and learning the rules. We also had our final session of Year 5 music with Mr Hopkins learning to play the guitar. We have also been learning about sunburn, how to prevent it and treat it. Stay safe in the half term sun.



YEAR 6

Year 6 had a fabulous week on residential. The children did so well and completed every challenge that faced them. Here are some photos of their great week away!



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	19.5.23	26.5.23
	Charity	Prudence
Early Years	Evelyn	Chloe
Y1 & 2	Arthur	Max C
Y3	Hollie	Zach
Y4	Kody	Billie-Jo
Y5	Riley	Willow
Y6	Sophie	Olive



STAR OF THE WEEK

	19.5.23	26.5.23
Early Years	Ellis	Henry
Y1 & 2	Ted	Paddy
Y3	Kamran	Olivia
Y4	George	Isaac
Y5	Archie	Amelia
Y6	Year 6 (SATS)	Year 6





Well done to Year 4.

15th May-26th May	
Reception	93.56%
Year 1/2	90.68%
Year 3	95.34%
Year 4	97.86%
Year 5	97.53%
Year 6	96.79%

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	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
190 days for your child's education					
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!	

CHROMEBOOK LEASE TO BUY UPDATE

We are pleased to advise that our Chromebook lease to buy scheme will be up and running from 1st June in partnership with CHG-Meridian Education UK and Stone Group. From 1st June until the 30th June the portal (link below) 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 child/ren) in the first week of the Autumn term.

Please use the link relating to the yeargroup your child will be in from September.

[Parent Portal Link](#)

Our Lady & St Patricks Catholic Primary School,	Year 3 (Ref 11160 £11.36 + £317.13)	Portal Code : OURLADYYEAR3
	Year 4 (ref 11160 £11.36 + £317.13)	Portal Code : OURLADYYEAR4
	Year 5 (Ref 11162 £15.38 + £300.31)	Portal Code: OURLADYYEAR5
	Year 6 (ref 11170 £24.46 + £276.22)	Portal Code : OURLADYYEAR6

If you have any queries about this scheme please contact Mrs Brocksom (abrocksom@stncs.uk) Senior Administrator of St Nicholas and OLSP Catholic Primary Schools.

Diary Dates

5th June	INSET Day . School Closed to all pupils	27th June	Y5/6 trip to Paignton Zoo
6th June	3.15pm Friends Uniform Sale in old Class 1 room	29th June	Feast of St Peter & St Paul. Mass will be celebrated in school at 2pm. Please let us know is you would like to attend.
9th June	Swimming for KS2 (and weekly for 6 weeks)	4th July	Year 6 play performance @ 2:00 pm and @5:00 pm
9th June	Teignmouth festival musicians performance	5th July	Sports Day
13th June	Fire Safety Talks	7th July	OLSP's BBQ
15th June	Themed Menu Day (different to normal menu). More information to follow	11th July	Visit classes celebration evening 4-5pm for parents and carers
19th June	Year 3 - Mass (Teignmouth)	12th July	-Y6 transition day at TCS -OLSP meet your new teacher day.
22nd June	Year ⅓ Mass (Shaldon)	12th July	Presentation evening for Year 6 Civic Award (6:30pm at St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay)
25th June	Ground Force 12pm Please join us to help work on our site.	19th July 9am	Leavers mass - at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church. Children to be taken there by parents - details will be sent nearer the time.
26th June	Early Years trip to Paignton Zoo	21st July	9:15am Year 6 leavers assembly Animal Encounters in Early years

Friends news!

Dates for your diary!

- Fathers day gift shop 13/06

Get your tickets via this link:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofolsp/#.ZGzeD3bTVPw>

- Pyjama Day 16/06
- Ground Force Day 25/06
- Summer BBQ 07/07
- Uniform sale 18/07

OLSP PYJAMA
DAY!

20
23

FRI
16TH
June

PYJAMA DAY!

DO YOU HAVE ANY
UNWANTED GIFTS



TEDDYS

TOILETRIES



UNUSED TOYS

INSTEAD OF MONEY DONATIONS, WE ARE ASKING FOR TOMBOLA AND RAFFLE PRIZES FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER BBQ. THANK YOU!

OLSP

Summer BBQ

Music, Food, Drinks, Games, Inflatables
and more...

5 PM
FRIDAY
7TH JULY

JOIN US ON THE SCHOOL
FIELD FOR AN EVENING OF
FUN!

Entry:
Adults £1
Children FREE

NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES

Super Hero Gift Shop For Father's Day

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S TICKET TO OUR
GIFT SHOP. DAD, STEP DAD, GRANDAD,
WHO IS YOUR HERO?

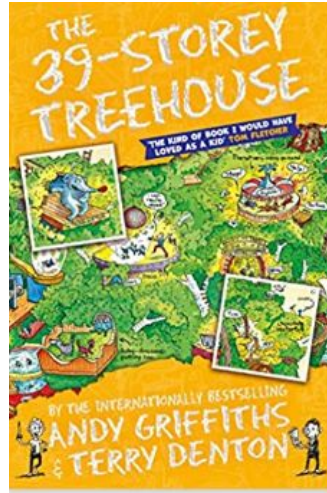
TUESDAY 13TH JUNE

OUR GIFT SHOP WILL BE IN SCHOOL HOURS. ALL GIFTS WILL
BE LOVINGLY WRAPPED READY FOR FATHER'S DAY.

"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



Andy and Terry's amazing treehouse has thirteen new levels! They've added a chocolate waterfall you can swim in, a volcano for toasting

marshmallows, a bulldozer-battling level, a baby-dinosaur-petting zoo, a not-very-merry merry-go-round, a boxing elephant called the Trunkinator, an X-ray room, a disco with light-up dance floor, the world's scariest roller coaster and a top-secret thirty-ninth level which hasn't even been finished yet! But what good is all this stuff when Andy and Terry are trying to write their fastest book ever? You'll have to read it to find out! *The 39-Storey Treehouse* is the third book in Andy Griffiths' and Terry Denton's wacky treehouse adventures, where the laugh-out-loud story is told through a combination of text and fantastic cartoon-style illustrations. This title has been popular here and is one of the recommendations on our School Library book suggestion tree!

Magic, adventure, and a whole new world is waiting to be discovered! The perfect series for adventurers aged 9+ and fans of Michelle Harrison, Piers Torday and Jamie Littler. The Unmapped Chronicles will not only leave children entertained, but will also empower them to battle climate change and environmental issues. Eleven-year-old **Casper Tock** hates risks, is allergic to adventures and shudders at the thought of unpredictable events. So, it comes as a nasty shock to him when he accidentally stumbles into **Rumblestar**, an Unmapped Kingdom full of magical beasts. All Casper wants is to find a way home, but Rumblestar is in trouble. An evil harpy called Morg is sending her followers, the **Midnights**, into the kingdom to wreak havoc and pave the way for her to steal the Unmapped magic for herself. But Casper cannot turn a blind eye because the future of his own world, he discovers, is bound up with that of the Unmapped Kingdoms. **Live a life filled with adventure with Abi Elphinstone in this brand NEW series where a whole new world is waiting to be discovered...**



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.