

# OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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*Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way*



**Newsletter: 26th April 2024**

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford

# HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

I do hope you all had a lovely Easter break and the weather did not get you down too much. Thank you to all those who participated in our community beach clean. It was lovely to have so many of our children taking part and their families to help them. A very worthy activity to take part in.

The start of term saw the majority of our Year 6s take part in a school residential to Grenville House in Brixham. They not only had an amazing time, but wowed everyone with their brilliant behaviour, perseverance and have a go attitude. Each and every one is an absolute superstar and should be very proud of what they have achieved.

This term has also seen the first of our child led class liturgies, with parents invited to our Y3 Easter liturgy and Y1/2 weekly Act of Worship. We are thrilled that so many attended and know that our children were thrilled to see you.

Whilst the summer term now allows our children to be wearing summer uniform, we do politely ask parents to make sure that suitable footwear is being worn. Trainers and open toed sandals are not appropriate for the school day and shoes should be plain black. Thank you for your support with this.

God bless to you all and enjoy the sunshine that is forecast for this weekend!

Mrs Cathy Blatchford  
Executive Head Teacher

# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

A Message from The White House Care Home, Teignmouth

“Good afternoon

We would like to say a massive thank you on behalf of all the residents and staff here at the White House.

We wanted to extend our sincerest gratitude for the beautiful Easter cards that were lovingly made by the children at OLSP.

We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with you and the children again in the future. Until then, please accept our warmest wishes for continued success and happiness.

With thanks”

Thank you to our Pupil Chaplains for making the beautiful cards. A 98 year old resident of the White House is even visiting Year 4 at school next week. We are so looking forward to welcoming her.



# Teignmouth Music Festival 26th - 28th April 2024

## The Cello and the Nightingale

### Trio Exe

Alexandra Ennis – violin  
Hilary Boxer – cello  
Alex Wilson – Piano



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm

St Michael's Church, Teignmouth, TQ14 8TB

Inspired by the centenary of the first BBC outside broadcast when cellist Beatrice Harrison duetted with a nightingale

Tickets £12 (accompanied under 18s free) from  
rachaelshearmur@gmail.com  
07960 103394 01626 890617  
www.ticketsource.co.uk/vive-la-musique



A Teignmouth Classical Music Festival event organised by Vive la Musique! (Charity No 1190248)

## Festival Programme 2024

All events at St Michael's Church

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April

- 7.30pm – The Cello and the Nightingale with Trio Exe – Alexandra Ennis (violin), Alex Wilson (piano), Hilary Boxer (cello) – a special celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first BBC outside broadcast in May 1924 when cellist Beatrice Harrison duetted with a nightingale

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April

- 10am to 12.20pm – mini-recitals
- 2.30pm – Spring Romance - Ekaterina Shetliffe *piano* and Yulia Northridge *violin* with guest clarinettist Raphael Hitchen
- 7.30pm – Isca Voices directed by Stephen Tanner

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

- 3pm – Exeter Youth Orchestra directed by Robert Willis
- 6.30pm – Choral Evensong with the St Peter's Singers of Exeter Cathedral directed by Michael Stephens-Jones

### Further information

Email: [rachaelshearmur@gmail.com](mailto:rachaelshearmur@gmail.com)  
Tel: 01626 890 617 or 07960 103394

### Tickets for events at St Michael's Church

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## Teignmouth Classical Music Festival 2024

### Mini-recitals

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 10am  
St Michael the Archangel Church

### Programme

Teignmouth Classical Music Festival is organised by Vive La Musique  
(Registered Charity No 1190248)



## POLITE REQUEST TO PARENTS AND CARERS.....

A local resident has contacted us regarding the parking on Fourth Avenue and the difficulty they are experiencing with trying to drive down there every morning. Please can we remind all Parents and Carers to park respectfully; we continually strive to stay in good favour with the local community and urge that you support us with this.

Please also remember that the Football club on Lower Coombe Lane has also kindly granted our Parents and Carers use of their car park at drop off and pick up times.

Thank you for your continued support.



# SUMMER 1 CLUBS:

These clubs are running this half term;

*Please use this link to sign your child up*

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8W1lqk0M3BC\\_Nx-UZbUMqmDZcys6sleZww\\_wslDlUznZcCQ/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8W1lqk0M3BC_Nx-UZbUMqmDZcys6sleZww_wslDlUznZcCQ/viewform?usp=pp_url)



- Carnival Club Mondays 3:15 - 4:15pm (starts 22nd April)
- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4pm
- KS2 Girls Football Club Wednesdays - 3:15pm - 4:15pm (Mr Stamp)
- KS2 Boys Football Club Wednesdays - 3:15pm - 4:15pm (Mr Mason)
- Lego club Thursday 3:15 - 4:15pm (Miss Humphrey)
- Maths SATS booster(year 6 only. We run till SATs week)Thursday 3.15pm - 4p
- Yr1 - 6 Badminton Fridays 3:15pm - 4:30pm (Premier Sport)



**You are invited...**



to Premier Education's extracurricular activities!



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

Our Lady St Patricks Primary School Afterschool Club

Friday's : Badminton

Cost: 0

Time: 15:15 - 16:30 Age: 5-11

Dates: Friday 19th April - Friday 24th May

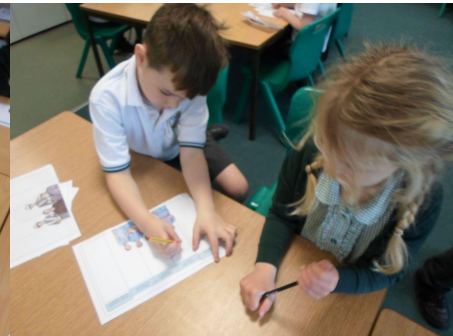
# EARLY YEARS

The Moons children have had a very busy week this week with two trips in a week. First they went to Teignmouth Museum to learn about old and new toys. The children learnt so much. The second we completed our Big Lent Walk after it was postponed at the end of March. Safe to say the children have thoroughly enjoyed this week!



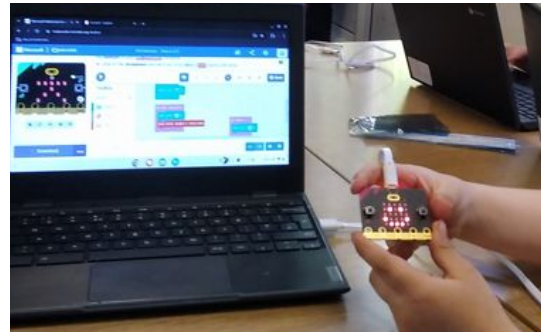
# YEAR 1 & 2

This week in history, the children in class 1/2 have been using images to find out about the past. They used the images as evidence and then interpreted what they showed. The children found out how much hospitals have changed and how what nurses and doctors wear have also changed.

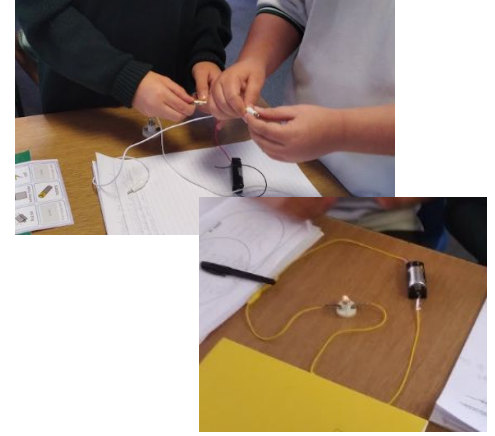


# YEAR 3

Year 3 this week have thoroughly enjoyed coding on the micro bits. We're getting far more familiar with them and starting to make some really interesting games. We managed to code a micro bit to play rock, paper, scissors against it and even coded a microbot to be like a tamagotchi. Technology is amazing.



# YEAR 4



This week, Class 4 had a fantastic time trying to build simple electrical circuits. The children knew that they needed 2 wires, a cell with a holder (battery) and a bulb.

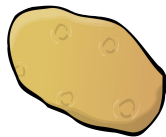
The children even had to try and work out how they could replace the bulb with either a buzzer or motor.



# YEAR 5

We started this term with great enthusiasm, especially in PE and music.

We are playing Dartmoor 3 Ball and our current Year 5s are the local champions. In music we are learning to make music using bananas and potatoes!



The children started their new history unit **Crime and Punishment**.

The first lesson, generated lots of conversations around what crime and punishment is and why some periods of time were worse than others.

The children created a timeline to understand how the punishments were linked to key eras of history and found out some key facts about each one.

# YEAR 6

Roman	Anglo-Saxon	Tudor	Stuart	Victorian	New-Millennium
The Roma - no laws were called The twelve tables.		The tudor - s brought in harsher punishments - ts		Sir Robert Peel inven - ted the first poli - ce force.	

Roman	Anglo-Saxon	Tudor	Stuart	Victorian	New Millenn
They compensat - ed their victims.		The Romans already had laws when they invaded Britain. The twelve tables.		They had harsher punishments: *mutilation *execution *humiliation.	Robert Peel invented the police force.

Roman	Anglo-Saxon	Tudor	Stuart	Victorian	New Millenn
They lived by a payment system called Wergild. They				Women were accused of witchcraft: *hung	There are new crimes *car theft, *drug online, *anti-social

**Challenge**

As time has changed, so have the crimes committed.

Do you agree with Elsie? Explain your answer.

*Yes because in the older we were accused of car*

# DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	15.04.24	22.04.24
	<b>Temperance</b>	<b>Compassion</b>
Early Years	Elliott	Jacob
Y1 & Y2	Max	Scarlett
Y3	Josh M	Emilia
Y4	Stephanie	Kaya
Y5	Zach	Billie - Jo
Y6	On residential	Gracie

# STAR OF THE WEEK

	15.04.24	22.04.24
Early Years	Beloved	Wilma
Y1 & 2	Issac	Noah
Y3	Eva	Izzy
Y4	Tara	Oscar Sen
Y5	Freddie	Patrick
Y6	On residential	Year 6



15th - 26th April	
Reception	98.93%
Year 1/2	98.10%
Year 3	97.65%
Year 4	98.67%
Year 5	95.67%
Year 6	93.81%

Well done to Moons!

## 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=govdelivery](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## A Message from Steph, our Attendance and Welfare Officer

### Illness

Just a reminder that if your child is not going to be in school due to illness, please contact the school by 9.30am by leaving a message on the absence line or emailing the school office.

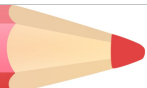
Please provide a specific reason for absence and ensure that you call the school every day that your child will not be attending.

If we do not have contact from you, the office will call all other phone numbers and a member of staff may visit your home. The absence will be unauthorised.

### 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  190 days for your child's education	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%
<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!	

# Diary Dates



**17th May**

**10am** Mass for Pentecost (Parents/Carers invited)

**27th April**

**10.50am** Concert at St Michael's Church part of Teignmouth Music Festival (Our children have prepared for this and are invited to sing alongside the South Devon Singers)

**19th May**

Pentecost

**29th April**

**2.40pm** Early Years, Crowning of Mary Liturgy (Parents/Carers invited)

**20th May**

**2.40pm** Year 5 Class Liturgy (Parents/Carers invited)

**1st May**

Junior Speaks heats

**27th May**

Half Term Holiday

**6th May**

May Day bank holiday

**3rd June**

INSET Day (Non-Pupil)

**8th May**

Year 4 Visit to Exeter Library and RAAM Museum (Payment via Parentpay)  
**4.30pm** Junior Speaks finals

**10th June**

**2.40pm** Year 6 Class

**7th May**

**10am** Mass for Pentecost in School

**4th July**

Year 1/2 attending Mass at Shaldon Church

**9th May**

Year 3 attending Mass at Shaldon Church  
Ascension Day

**5th July**

**2pm - 3pm** Whole School Music Celebration (more info to follow nearer the date)

**WB 13th May**

**SATS week for Year 6**

**19th July**

**3.30pm - 8.30pm** School Barbecue

**13th May**

**2.40pm** Year 4 Class Liturgy (Parents/Carers invited)

**24th July**

**9am** End of Year Mass

**16th May**

School dinner Mexican theme day "Fiesta Fun" (Menu change - details will be sent nearer the time)

**25th July**

Last day of Summer Term

# Youngsters clean up beach

AROUND 20 Teignmouth schoolchildren took time out from their Easter holidays for a beach clean this morning (Friday 12 April).

Pupils from Our Lady and St Patrick's (OLSP) Primary School were joined by parents, staff and members of the community for the beach blitz.

'The sun was shining and the children were very enthusiastic about finding the rubbish,' said Faye Sandra, chair of the Friends of OLSP, which organised the event with help from Councillors David Cox and Dan Comer.

All the beach cleaners were rewarded with an ice cream donated by Jackman's Toybox.

The school hopes to organise another beach clean in the summer holidays.



## Speed Vehicles | Ensure

Thank you to everyone who joined our beach clean during the Easter holidays. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces. The children definitely enjoyed their free ice creams from Jackmans Toy Box. We are hoping to organise another one towards the end of the summer holidays. We have some exciting things coming up this term. If you can spare any time to help out at any of our events please let us know. You can email us at [friends@olsp.uk](mailto:friends@olsp.uk) or via our Facebook or Instagram page.

## Friends of OLSP Summer Events

- Wednesday 22nd May- Cake Sale Class 1/2 to bring in cake donations.
- Ice pop Fridays - Every Friday after half term.
- Thursday 13th June - Fathers Day gift shop.
- Ground Force Day - Sunday 23rd June from 11 am.
- Friday 5th July - Non uniform day for raffle and tombola prizes.
- Tuesday 9TH July - Sports day, The Friends will be selling cream teas.
- Friday 19TH July 3:15pm - SUMMER BBQ! Children can come into school in non uniform today.



"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

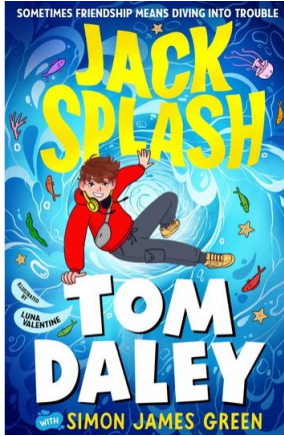


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The Secret Book Quest digital platform is quick and easy to sign up to online, where you can join Zena, Pip and Libro the cat on an exciting reading adventure. Signing up online will unlock access to The Secret Book Quest story, online games and downloadable activities!

To carry on your quest and unlock the next zone, visit your local library. As a library member, a child can sign up to receive their **free** pack, including stickers to collect along the way, puzzles to solve, certificates and a finisher's prize too.

Head to [www.tsbq.co.uk](http://www.tsbq.co.uk)  
or your local library to begin your adventure!



## THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

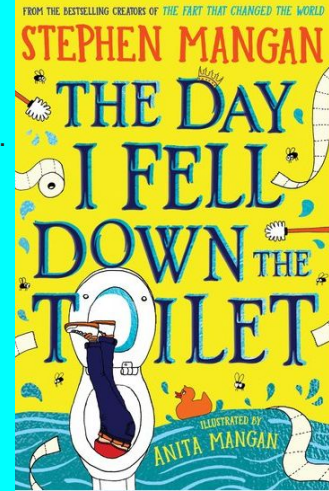
### **Jack Splash by Tom Daley and Simon James Green**

Sometimes friendship means diving into trouble! Jack only wants to impress his diving coach dad – but as the worst diver in the worst diving team in England, there's little chance of it. Until a brush with magic and the arrival of a new friend, Billy, who can turn the team's fortunes around. But when Billy finds himself in deep trouble, and the fate of his world hangs in the balance, can Jack and the team make a splash and save the day? Jack Splash is a funny and fantastical adventure with gorgeous illustrations throughout that bring the humour to life. It is full of personality, celebrates difference and the power of friendship, and generally promotes acceptance and love."

### **The Day I Fell Down the Toilet by Stephen Mangan & Anita Mangan**

A hilarious story from Stephen Mangan. Timothy Trench finds it difficult to make decisions, so when he is mistakenly plunged down a toilet into the land that jokes come from, he knows he's in trouble. The queen of the country has completely lost her sense of humour and the people need Timothy to decide on the funniest joke in the land as their last shot at making her laugh and restoring joke-production to full strength. Imagine a world where the only jokes are stale old Dad jokes – disaster!

This book is a high-energy, laugh-out-loud, fully illustrated adventure. This brilliantly silly and imaginative story is overflowing with toilet humour and packed full of pictures. An example of wildly funny storytelling with a message that any kid can be a hero! Perfect for fans of Roald Dahl, David Baddiel and David Walliams."



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**Venue:** Our Lady and St Patricks Primary School

**Dates:** 28th May - 31st May

**Times:** 09:00AM - 03:30PM

**Ages:** 5 - 12

**Additional info:**

### PLEASE BRING

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(**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.

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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.