

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

The Christmas holidays are here and what a lovely run up to it we have had. With reindeer runs to carol services, nativities and so much more. It was lovely to see the church so packed on Wednesday evening. Thank you to those of you that supported this event. The children have been delightful and are now well and truly ready for a rest.

Please could I again ask that all children in KS2 are wearing the correct uniform in January. Many are still not wearing a school tie. Those that do, look smart and are often chosen to represent the school for a wide range of things. We are proud of our school and a smart uniform helps to reinforce our sense of belonging and honour.

Please note that any unclaimed lost uniform will be removed from today for a fresh start. We are always surprised by the incredible amount of unclaimed clothing and how much of it is not labelled. If your child's belongings are labelled, we will return them to your child straight away.

Our return to school for the spring term brings new and exciting opportunities. Amongst this we will be launching a Robotics project, incorporating our computing and design technology curriculums. This project has been supported by a grant from Howmet Aerospace and we can not wait to see what the children achieve. Watch this space!

Finally, 2024 sees the ten year anniversary for our academy trust - Plymouth CAST. There will be some special occasions and activities to mark this over the year. The trust has strengthened over the years and we are certainly proud to be a part of it.

Wishing you all the best for the Christmas holidays and a happy and healthy new year to all of our families.

See you in 2024 and God bless to you all.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford
Executive Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Our amazing KS2 Carol Service on Wednesday!



Christmas Baking at The White House!

Our pupil Chaplains were delighted to be invited by The White House, a dementia care home in Teignmouth, to decorate biscuits with the residents. The White House have told us what a lovely time the residents had and were very appreciative of the children sharing their time on this special day.

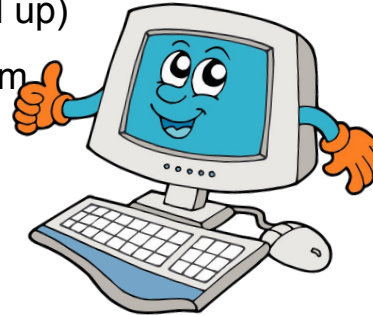


SPRING 1 TERM CLUBS:



After the Christmas break, the following clubs will be running.

- Mental Health 10 a day Club with Mrs O'Sullivan Thursdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (Year 3 and over only). Limited places; first-come, first-serve
- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4pm
- Open library - Wednesdays 3:15-4:15pm
- Multi-Sports Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (Year 4/5/6 only)
- Coding Club Fridays 3:15 - 4:15pm (Year 1 and up)
- Dodgeball - Premier Sport Fridays 3:15 - 4:30pm



You are invited...



to Premier Education's
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Here's what's on near you...

Our Lady St Patricks Primary School Afterschool Club

Friday's : Dodgeball

Cost: 0

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

Dates: Friday 5th January - Friday 9th February

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

EARLY YEARS

What a busy week it has been for the children in Stars and Moons. We have loved completing the Christmas crafts activities that were provided by the friends, we also thoroughly enjoyed having so many of you come and watch our Nativity. The children really enjoyed hearing all of the lovely comments about it. Thank you all for the support! Merry Christmas from Stars and Moons.



YEAR 1 & 2

Last week, the children in Mars class thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas craft afternoon organised by the Friends. We made scratch art, characters, table placemats, Christmas cards and even decorated our classroom window.

Thank you to the Friends for such super activities.
HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM MARS!



YEAR 3

This week the year 3's have been working really hard on identifying and expressing their emotions. We've learnt lots of different vocabulary associated with emotions and that not all emotions are equal and some are more intense than others. We then related these emotions to pictures and spoke about things we can do to regulate ourselves after we have become overwhelmed.



YEAR 4

Saturn Class had a go at sewing and designing their own dreamsacks like in our English text - Jack and the Dreamsack. The children were very creative in their designs and gave a real good go at sewing their sacks with a thread and needle, with some children who have never attempted to sew before.

Pupils were determined to finish their sacks in time for the Christmas break and are looking forward to taking them home. A lot of hard work and persistence has gone into making these designs. Well done Year 4!



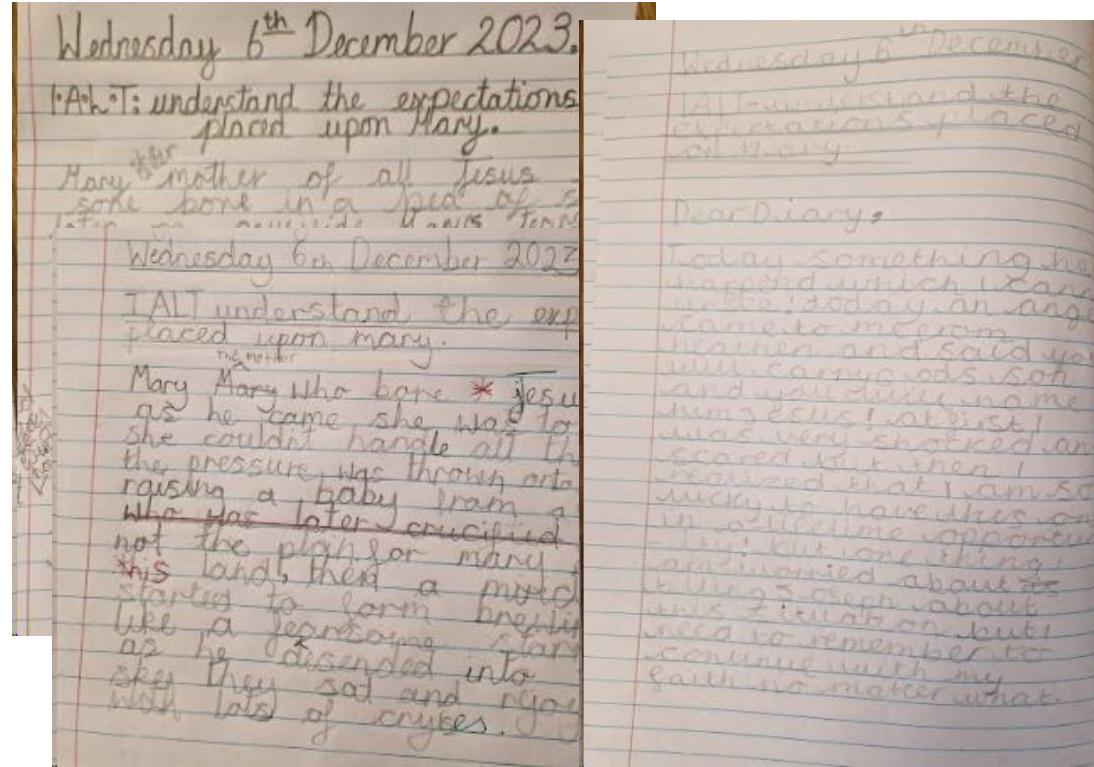
YEAR 5

Thank-you to the friends of OLSP for our craft afternoon. Great festive activities. We also raised a whopping £71 from our cake sale. Thank you all for your generosity. It shall be going towards an activity next term. Have a wonderful Christmas



YEAR 6

RE learning - the pieces of learning are about the expectations placed on Mary. We read scripture and explained our understanding using a poem or writing a diary entry as Mary.



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	4.12.23	11.12.23
	Forgiveness	Peace
Early Years	Ivy	Elliott
Y1 & Y2	Sophie	Nela
Y3	Max S	Josh M
Y4	Oscar F	Hollie
Y5	Billie-Jo	Archie B
Y6	Juliana	Ava



STAR OF THE WEEK

	4.12.23	11.12.23
Early Years	Ellis	All of Stars Class
Y1 & 2	Theo	All of Mars Class
Y3	Estrella	Eva
Y4	Lyra	Flynn
Y5	Laila	Freddie
Y6	Mia	Willow



A Message from Steph, our Attendance and Welfare Officer

S2 Forms

4th December - 15th December	
Reception	96.05%
Year 1/2	96.83%
Year 3	96.56%
Year 4	95.54%
Year 5	97.50%
Year 6	95.50%

Please complete an S2 form for any planned absences from school, these should be given in to the office with as much notice as possible. I have noticed recently that many are coming in with little or no notice. Please also provide evidence of the appointment, which could be in the form of a screen shot of appointment via text message or appointment letter.

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	37 days absence 143 Days of 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!	

Well done to Neptune! 29 children were awarded 100% attendance certificates at our final celebration assembly today. Well done to each one of them. Who will achieve one in Spring 24?

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



Teignmouth SEND Coffee Morning



Ambassador Volunteer Programme

Do you have a child with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?
Or do you have experience of supporting a child with SEND through
your work or family?

Would you be interested in meeting others in similar circumstances to
support each other and share information?

Join us for tea, coffee and cake to find out about support available
through the Ambassador Volunteer Programme.

Free Wellbeing Packs for all who attend!

The meeting is for all parents, carers and SEND supporters of children
in the Teignmouth area, from early years to post-16. All are welcome!

Where: Alice Cross Centre, Bitton Park Road, Teignmouth

When: Thursday 18th Jan 2024 - 10.30am - 12pm



Parent Carer Forum
Devon

CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAYS



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YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMP...

Venue: Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School TQ14 9DT

Dates: 18th December - 22nd December

Times: 09:00am - 15:30pm

Ages: 5 Years - 12 Years

Additional info: www.premier-education.com/parent

PLEASE BRING

Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

With great value sports, performing arts, and games to enjoy each half term, we have plenty for your children to get stuck into in the school break.

Over the winter break, there will be lots of festive fun to enjoy too.

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 Diary Dates		7th March 2024	Year 4 attending Mass at Shaldon Church
24th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve	15th March 2024	10am Mass for St Patrick in School
3rd January 2024	Spring Term Starts	28th March 2024	Last day of Spring Term
9th January 2024	Yr 5 start a 6 week mini police program	15th April 2024	Summer Term Starts
6th January 2024	Feast of the Epiphany	29th April to 3rd May 2024	Y6 Residential
12th January 2024	9am - 11.30am Dinosaur and Fossil Hunting Workshop	6th May 2024	May Day bank holiday
18th January 2024	Year 6 KS2 Explore the Orchestra Concert - Exeter 2024	7th May 2024	10am Mass for Pentecost in School
23rd January 2024	3:45pm - 5:15pm Year 5/6 - Girls Football Tournament	9th May 2024	Year 3 attending Mass at Shaldon Church
25th January 2024	Year 5 attending Mass at Shaldon Church	WB 13th May	SATS week for Year 6
2nd February 2024	3pm Friends Cake Sale Candlemas	27th May 2024	Half Term Holiday
5th-11th February 2024	Children's' Mental Health Week	3rd June 2024	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)
6th February	Safer Internet Day	4th July 2024	Year 1/2 attending Mass at Shaldon Church
12th February 2024	Half Term Holiday	5th July 2024	2pm - 3pm Whole School Music Celebration (more info to follow nearer the date)
19th February 2024	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)	24th July 2024	9am End of Year Mass
1st March 2024	3pm Friends Cake Sale	25th July 2024	Last day of Summer Term

Friends News!

The end of another busy term for the Friends! We have loved being able to support the school with Christmas crafts! Thank you to everyone who has helped with all the activities over the last few weeks. The wreath making, gift shop, panto and Christmas placemat competition have all gone brilliantly!

Special mention to Yvonne R, Cath M and Liz W who have stepped down from the committee after a lot of fun, hard work and service! Your efforts are massively appreciated!

EGM Date 10th January

We would love for you to get involved! There's a Secretary position available which will be voted on at our Emergency General Meeting on the 10th January at 7.30 - venue TBC. We will follow this with a lessons learned session from the Christmas activities and make our plans for the term ahead. Please do come along or talk to Liz, Faye or Sarah for more information.

Email friends@olsp.uk for more details



Friends Of OLSP

SPRING TERM 2023 EVENTS.

- MONDAY 8TH JAN-STAY AND PLAY 8:45-10AM
- WEDNESDAY 10TH JAN - EGM 7:00PM
- FRIDAY 2ND FEB - CAKE SALE (YEAR 5&6) 3PM
- WEDNESDAY 7TH FEB - BREAK THE RULES DAY
- FRIDAY 1ST MARCH - CAKE SALE (YEAR 3&4) 3PM
- FRIDAY 15TH - ST PATRICKS DAY DISCO TIMES TBC
- THURSDAY 28TH MARCH - EASTER NON UNIFORM DAY WITH EASTER BONNET COMPETITION.

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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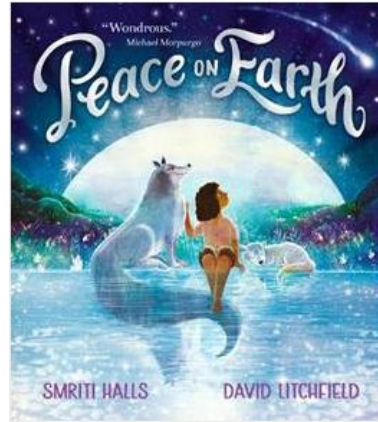


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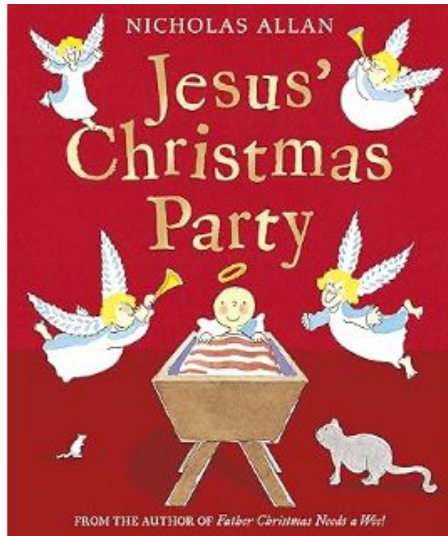
THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

"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



Peace on Earth by Smriti Halls and David Litchfield

Peace on earth – what a wonderful idea that would be! The idea of a sparkling, joyful world is a beautiful one. Yet, sometimes, we can hurt each other, and feel the fires of rage burn deep within us. At times like that, it's hard to find a sense of peace. What we do have, as humans, is the marvellous tool of speech, which can bring peace – and our hearts, which can be pure and loving. When we look deep inside our hearts, we can find peace there: ultimately, peace on earth can be found in the moments when we dare to dream of a better world – and when we feel peace within ourselves. This gorgeous rhyming picture book is about having hope during difficult times, is a feast for the eyes and a restful and reassuring read for little ones. With a gentle theme of conciliation after conflict and love over anger, it's a great introduction both to helping young children manage and acknowledge their emotions, and perhaps a book that could be used to help explain bigger conflicts in the world.



Jesus' Christmas Party by Nicholas Allan

A special new enlarged edition of the bestselling Christmas story told from the point of view of the grumpy innkeeper. When a night of angels, shepherds and bright stars keeps him from his sleep, is there anything that will cheer him up?

SINGLE - USE PLASTIC IS ON THE INCREASE. WE NEED CHANGE!

Year 6 have been working very hard to educate the younger children about single-use plastic. Year 6 found that most of the plastic is coming from breaktime snacks.

This picture is of the single - use plastic collected by the year 6s for a week. There is a lot of rubbish! The class are very passionate about this cause and they are worried for the future of the Earth.

By 2050 there will be 21 million tonnes of plastic in the ocean.

Year 6 are asking if single-use plastic wrappers can be reduced! Some ideas the class thought of are; bring the snack in a reusable plastic container or bring a piece of fruit, as this will decompose over time and doesn't harm the environment.

I hope you can support this cause and we hope to see less plastic wrappers! Thank you from Class 6.





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.