

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

We made it!

And what a year we have had!

We sign off saying a huge good luck and goodbye to our Year 6s. They have been an awesome group and we are going to miss each one. They have had a fun filled few days with memories we are sure they will treasure.

We also now say goodbye to Mr Mason, Mrs O’Kane, Mrs Compton-Stewart, Ms Dimond and Mrs Mullane and thank them from the bottom of our hearts for their dedication, commitment and hard work supporting OLSP. We wish them all the best for their next ventures.

It is time to switch off, rest up and make some memories of our own. It falls to me to say a big thank you to all our families, for the support and encouragement you have given the OLSP team this year. We would be lost without our PTA who have hosted a huge range of fund raising activities, culminating in a brilliant Barbecue. Thank you, thank you, thank you, with an extra thank you to Faye who works persistently leading the way.

Have an amazing summer break and we look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 5th September.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford,
Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Goodbye Father Mark

We bid a very sad farewell to our beloved Father Mark during our Year 6 Leavers' Mass yesterday. Father Mark moves to his new Parish in early September after an amazing 9 years at All Saints Parish. The children made cards for him with some beautiful words inside, showcasing just how missed he will be, the impact he has had on our children and how much we all love him. Thank you for everything Father Mark and please don't forget us!



"You always helped us to understand"

"Thank you for your support"

"You are so kind and caring"

"You'll be missed"

"You made me smile"

"You listen so well"



"You helped us so much "

AUTUMN 1 CLUBS:

These are some of the clubs that will be running during the first half of the Autumn term;



A google sign up form will be sent home when the children return in September

- *Spanish with Dani*
- *Lego Club*
- *Tag Rugby (KS2)*
- *Premier Sport*



EARLY YEARS



YEAR 1 & 2

The children in Mars class had a fantastic time at forest school this week. They took part in so many activities, including: mud kitchen, cork boats, floor is lava, water slide, natural faces, mud painting and even melting marshmallows to make smores! A great BIG thank you to the friends for funding this amazing opportunity.



The Stars and Moons really enjoyed their visit from the RNLi. They learnt how to be safe at beach and what they should look for if they are unsure. It was a great session and the children loved trying on some of the equipment.



YEAR 3 & 4

Class 3 & 4 had a fantastic time at the Plymouth Aquarium learning and finding out about different fish species. The staff at the aquarium were superb with the children answering any questions that they may have as well as taking the children to the shark tank to meet the divers!



YEAR 5

Year 5 went on a bowling trip to Torquay! They played a game and then had lunch provided by Hollywood Bowl.



The year 6s performed 'Alice in Wonderland' brilliantly.
Well done!

YEAR 6



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK/YEAR

	15.07.24	22.07.24
	Love	Disciple of the Year
Early Years	Great	Nate
Y1 & Y2	Isla	Sophie
Y3	Max	Paddy
Y4	Jayden	Jayden Zach
Y5	Laila	Archie Andrews
Y6	Rosie	Willow



STAR OF THE WEEK/YEAR

	15.07.24	Star of the Year
Early Years	Beloved	Mae
Y1 & 2	Theo	Isla
Y3	Muno	Jake
Y4	Olivia	Ivie Ava Hollie
Y5	George	Ada Meehan
Y6	Mia	Marnie





A Message from Steph, our Attendance and Welfare Officer

A big thank you to parents who make sure their children attend school regularly!

Your efforts, working in partnership with the school, will ensure that your child will have the best chance to achieve their academic potential and have real opportunity in further education and the world of work. It will also enable your child to:

- access the lessons needed to achieve their expected grades
- maintain friendships and develop new ones
- have access to social and sporting events offered by the school
- explore potential life skills
- develop work habits such as good punctuality which are essential to thrive in the world of employment

4th September 2023 - 25th July 2024	
Reception	94.15%
Year 1/2	96.28%
Year 3	95.50%
Year 4	96.76%
Year 5	95.28%
Year 6	90.96%

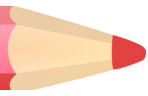
Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons

Well done to Saturn for achieving the highest attendance this academic year!

If you are worried about your child/children's attendance, please ask at the office and they will pass a message on. We work closely with Early Help, health and the local authority teams who may also be able to help if needed. We are committed to supporting you so it's important you contact us as soon as you have concerns.

Have a great summer - see you in September.

Diary Dates



25th July	Last day of Summer Term	31st March 2025	Y6 residential to Barton Hall
25th September 2024	"Winston's Wish" - Wear your Wellies to School Day	8th May 2025	10am - 11am Year 3/4 Striking and Fielding Festival @ TCS
12th November	Odd Socks Day	12th June 2025	10am - 11am Year 5 & 6 TriGolf Festival @ TCS
17th December	8:45am - 2:45pm Rudolph Run Day 2024		

Friends News!



Thank you to everyone who came to the summer BBQ and to everyone who helped out. We cannot hold events like this without your help and support!

We hope you all had a good time. Watch this space to see what fun and exciting events we have coming up next term.

The Friends of OLSP AGM.

**Friday 20th September
3:30pm**

**Come and join us for our AGM.
Meet the team and have your say.**

If you are interested in joining the Friends, come along and see what its all about.

We will be voting for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

If you would like to be considered for a trustee position, please let us know.

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



A promotional image for Premier Holiday Camps. It shows a group of children in a grassy field participating in an archery activity. One child is in the foreground aiming a bow, while others are in the background. A target is visible on the left. The text 'SUMMER HOLIDAYS' is in a blue circle at the top right. Below the image, the text 'PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS' is written in large white letters on a dark blue brushstroke background. At the bottom, there is a QR code, the Premier Education logo, the text 'INSPIRING ACTIVITY', and a Trustpilot logo with a 5-star rating and the text 'Based on over 20,000 reviews'. A circular badge on the right says 'SAFE PROTECTION RETURN TO UK ACCREDITED'.

YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School

Dates: From Monday 29th July - Friday 22nd August

Times: 09:00 - 15:30

Price: £20.02

Ages: From 5 - 12 Years old

Additional info: Games, crafts and themed weeks throughout Summer!

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Mix it up this Summer with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities – from archery to fencing, dodgeball to cricket, plus much more!

Book now for a Summer full of fun!

CAMPS ARE BETTER WITH FRIENDS!



TREAT YOUR FRIENDS TO 20% OFF...AND GET 20% OFF TOO!

*T&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.



Based on over 20,000 reviews



DEVON AND SOMERSET FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Open Day

Sunday 1 September
10am - 4pm



Service Headquarters

The Knowle, Clyst St George, Exeter, EX3 0NW

Emergency service demonstrations

Fun and games for all ages

BBQ and refreshments

Live entertainment

Abseiling, tours of

fire appliances

and much, much more



Entry free.
Donations in support of:



www.dsfire.gov.uk

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!



Nutritious meal every day!



Access to free holiday clubs!



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.