

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

Happy New Year to you all.

It is incredible to believe we have only been back a couple of weeks and yet already so much has been going on.

Please can I remind parents of ALL Key Stage 2 children that the children should now be wearing a tie to school, every day.

We are extremely proud that we have currently raised **£1606.94** for Rowcroft Hospice Care, by taking part in the Reindeer Run. A phenomenal amount from our little school. Thank you for your support with this.

Our Year 5 have started training to become mini police, supported by a local constable. They have been provided with their own uniforms and have taken the role very seriously. We can not wait to see how this develops.

Year 6 have been out and about exploring the history of our local community. Teignmouth has so much to offer and they learnt so much.

And the Dinosaur and Fossil Hunting Workshop this morning has been a huge success. The children are buzzing and even the adults thought some of the dinosaurs had to be real!

As usual, there is lots coming up, so do take note of the calendar dates.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford
Executive Head Teacher

GOVERNORS REPORT 2024

Dear Parents



As this is the first governors' report I thought I would start by letting you know what we actually do. Our role as Governors has been likened to a critical friend offering support to the Head Teacher, Senior Leadership Team and teaching staff in their provision of the excellent education they offer to all our pupils. Governors give their time voluntarily to meet six times a year for board meetings and alongside that we make regular visits with a particular focus in mind so that we can see how things are going with reference to the School Development Plan and to be aware of all the challenges and opportunities that arise throughout the academic year.

We are always made very welcome even though all staff have many demands on their time. It is also always a delight to speak to pupils on our visits as they really are wonderful advocates for the school and love to share their thoughts which again speaks volumes.

We were very pleased with the Ofsted outcome last year and felt that it reflected all the hard work that had been done and is continuing to be done to raise the bar for each and every student. I know how committed the staff are to ensure that all pupils have the same opportunities.

2023 ended with a very rousing Carol Service and it was wonderful to see so many attending and I know that the school has many activities planned for the coming year so I would like to wish them a very successful and rewarding 2024.

Lorraine Coulter, Chair of Governors

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Pax Christi - Peace Sunday

Peace Sunday 2024 is this Sunday 14th January and the theme chosen by Pope Francis is 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Pax Christi have produced a series of resources to mark the day and our pupil chaplains have been using these resources at Faithful Friday. The activities and prayers have helped the chaplains to look at recognising our uniqueness, building community, dialogue and being a peacemaker. This week, they have been building a peace machine! If your child would like to join Faithful Friday, please ask them to come to the school library on a Friday lunchtime and introduce themselves to one of our very approachable chaplains! They will be wearing a bright yellow GIFT hoodie and would love to meet new faces and show them what being a school chaplain is all about!



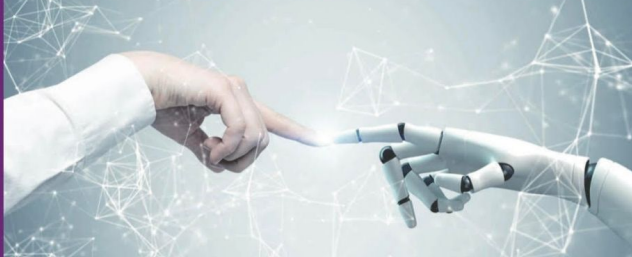
A Year of Prayer

In 2025, the Church will celebrate the next Jubilee Year! Pope Francis has invited us to spend a year preparing, starting in Advent 2023! He has called this period of preparation, a Year of Prayer. Our children will be taking part in a number of assemblies and activities in reflection of this special year.



Peace Sunday 2024

Join Pope Francis in asking how we can ensure that



Artificial Intelligence serves peace not war.

Download Peace Sunday 2024 resources here: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday/> or contact us on info@paxchristi.org.uk or 0208 203 4884



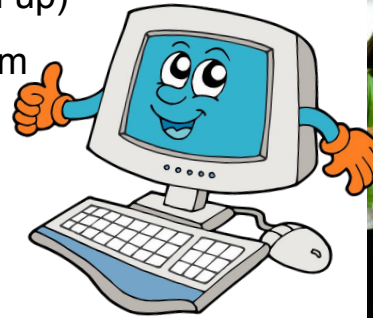
Dear God, We thank you for giving us your peace. Help us to spread peace at home and at school by loving and caring for one another even when we don't agree. Help us to spread peace by sharing our time with those who are lonely and who need a friend. Help us to spread peace by thinking and praying for children who have no food or who are frightened and live in fear. Let us pray every day for peace for our families, our friends and ourselves. Amen

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



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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

Stars and Moons class have been out welly walking rain or shine this week. They have been outside to make observations which links to their Science learning about Seasons. They have then returned to class to record what they saw outside.



YEAR 1 & 2

This week in Mars class, we have started our new unit of work in computing. We are working towards making our own rockets. To begin with, we learnt how to make lists on Google docs and designs on Sketchpad. We have really enjoyed working with our partners and look forward to our next lesson.



YEAR 3

This week we have started our new art unit. We are drawing in the style of Picasso and so the children's first task this week was to draw a self portrait to identify the different shapes and lines of our faces which we will use later in the term.



YEAR 4

Class 4 have been learning about a French artist called George Seurat. He focused on a way of art called pointillism where he made dots with a range of different colours onto paintings. The children were trying to spot the different features on one of his most famous paintings - **A Sunday on the Grande Jatte**. The children couldn't believe how long it took George to do this painting (**2 years**).



YEAR 5

Year 5 have had an exciting start to the new term with a visit from the local police! We will be working closely with them for the next 5 weeks to work on making our school community a lovely place to be. Each child received their own police number and uniform.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have started off the term well. They enjoyed a walk into Teignmouth to look at the changes from the current day back to the Victorian times. They noticed lots of changes using secondary sources of Teignmouth during the 1800s.



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

| | 3.1.24 | 8.1.24 |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Respect | Compassion |
| Early Years | Lumen | Gypsie-Leigh |
| Y1 & Y2 | Sarah-Anne | Tyler |
| Y3 | Callum | Sonny |
| Y4 | Lyra | Jayden |
| Y5 | Sebastian | Laila |
| Y6 | Kamilia | Willow |

STAR OF THE WEEK

| | 3.1.24 | 8.1.24 |
|-------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Early Years | Freddie | Billy |
| Y1 & 2 | Patrick | Tomme and Isabelle |
| Y3 | Hal | Paddy |
| Y4 | Ossie | Hrishwin |
| Y5 | Harrison | Kody |
| Y6 | Kimi | Riley |



| 3rd January - 12th January | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Reception | 90.11% |
| Year 1/2 | 95.21% |
| Year 3 | 97.27% |
| Year 4 | 96.72% |
| Year 5 | 94.53% |
| Year 6 | 94.69% |

Well done to Jupiter!

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

A Message from Steph, our Attendance and Welfare Officer

S2 Forms

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 | 47 days absence 143 Days of Education |
| 100% | 95% | 90% | 85% | 80% | 75% |
| Good <small>Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start</small> | | Worrying <small>Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress</small> | | Serious Concern <small>Not fair on your child. Court action!</small> | |

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|  | | 15th March 2024 | 10am Mass for St Patrick in School 5pm - 7.15pm Friends St Patrick's Day Disco |
| 17th January 2024 | 1pm - 2.30pm Year 1/2 Science walk to Nature Reserve | 28th March 2024 | Last day of Spring Term Friends Easter Non-Uniform and Easter Bonnet Competition |
| 18th January 2024 | Year 6 KS2 Explore the Orchestra Concert - Exeter 2024 | 15th April 2024 | Summer Term Starts |
| 23rd January 2024 | 3:45pm - 5:15pm Year 5/6 - Girls Football Tournament | 15th - 19th April | Y6 Residential |
| 25th January 2024 | Year 5 attending Mass at Shaldon Church | 6th May 2024 | May Day bank holiday |
| 2nd February 2024 | 3pm Friends Cake Sale (Year 5 and 6) Candlemas | 7th May 2024 | 10am Mass for Pentecost in School |
| 5th-11th February 2024 | Children's Mental Health Week | 9th May 2024 | Year 3 attending Mass at Shaldon Church |
| 6th February | Safer Internet Day | WB 13th May | SATS week for Year 6 |
| 7th February 2024 | Friends "Break the Rules Day" | 27th May 2024 | Half Term Holiday |
| 12th February 2024 | Half Term Holiday | 3rd June 2024 | INSET Day (Non-Pupil) |
| 14th February 2024 | Ash Wednesday and St Valentine's Day | 4th July 2024 | Year 1/2 attending Mass at Shaldon Church |
| 19th February 2024 | INSET Day (Non-Pupil) | 5th July 2024 | 2pm - 3pm Whole School Music Celebration (more info to follow nearer the date) |
| 7th March 2024 | Year 4 attending Mass at Shaldon Church | 24th July 2024 | 9am End of Year Mass |
| 1st March 2024 | St David's Day 3pm Friends Cake Sale (Years 3 and 4) | 25th July 2024 | Last day of Summer Term |

Friends News!

*Hello
Spring*

We have lots of lovely activities coming up this term:

2nd Feb-Cake sale (Years 5&6).

7th Feb-Break the rules day.

1st March-Cake sale (years 3&4)

15th March-St Patrick's Day disco.

28th March-Easter Non uniform with Easter Bonnet Competition.

We will also have our Mother Day gift shop-Date TBC.



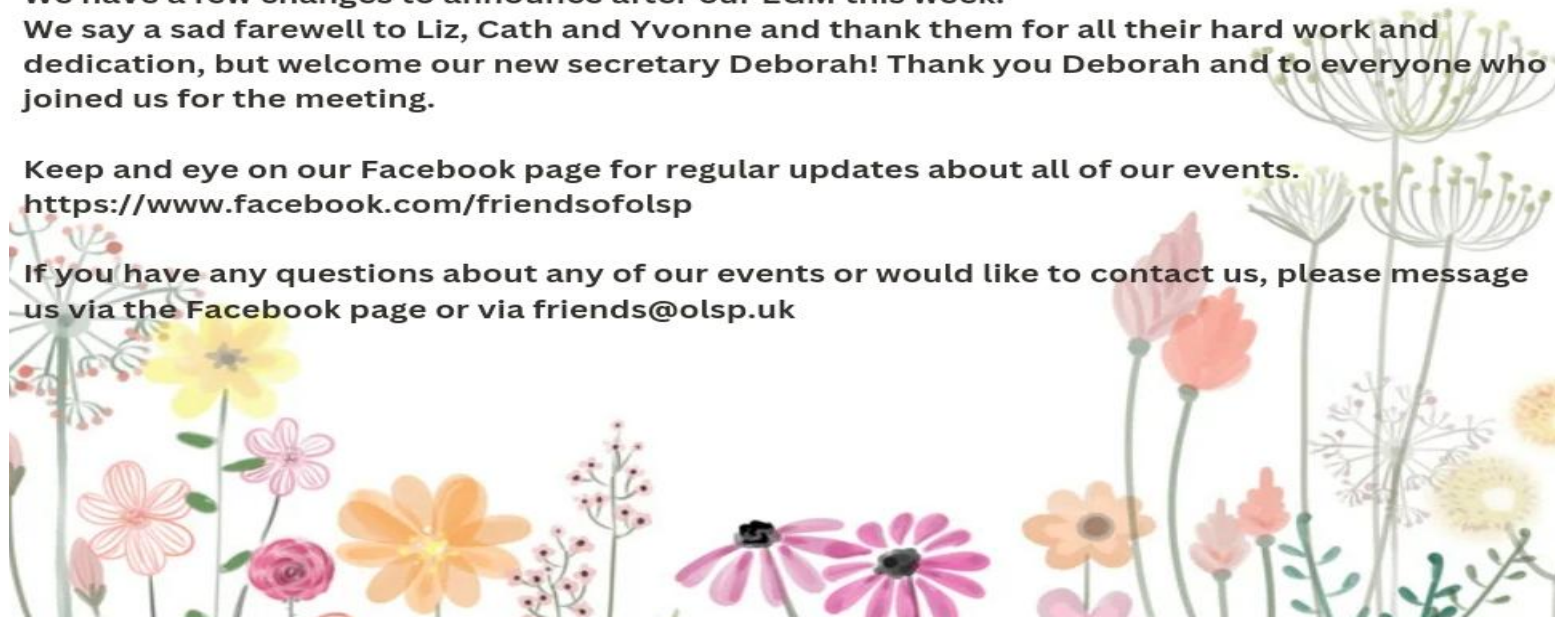
We have a few changes to announce after our EGM this week.

We say a sad farewell to Liz, Cath and Yvonne and thank them for all their hard work and dedication, but welcome our new secretary Deborah! Thank you Deborah and to everyone who joined us for the meeting.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for regular updates about all of our events.

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsfolsp>

If you have any questions about any of our events or would like to contact us, please message us via the Facebook page or via friends@olsp.uk



If your child is unwell, consult HANDi this winter

Doctors in Devon are reminding parents to consult the HANDi paediatric app if they aren't sure what to do when their child is unwell.

The free app, available to download onto any Apple or Android device, was launched specifically with children in mind and is loaded with expert advice, support and guidance for parents with concerns about their children.

The easy-to-use app was designed with local paediatric consultants to provide clear, concise information for parents and carers.

The award-winning app asks a series of questions about the symptoms the child has and then advises the best course of action to take, whether to treat the condition at home, consult a pharmacist or GP, and if it is serious to head to the Emergency Department.

Attention!
Menu change
for Thursday
18th January

BURGER SHACK!

Chartwells
So much more than Fantastic Food

MAINS
Beef burger or Quorn burger in a bun
Served with Potato Wedges,
Corn on the Cob and Salad Bar

DESSERTS
Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce
Fruit or Yoghurt will also be available

Separate menu for Medical
Diet Pupils will be provided

DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.

PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION SIGN UP TODAY!



Teignmouth SEND Coffee Morning



**Important!
Deadline
Monday**

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 Programr



Free Wellbeing Packs for all who attend!



Parent Carer Forum
Devon

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

Ambassador Volunteer Programme

Was your child born between
1st September 2019 and
31st August 2020?

How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at
www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school
admissions website you can get
more information by calling our
Education Helpline on

0345 155 1019
or email: admissions@devon.gov.uk



Even if you have already given
details to a primary school, you
must apply for a place through the
Admissions Team. This is the only
way to apply; other forms or lists
held by schools will not count.

Devon
County Council

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.

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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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FLYING WITH STRINGS

With artists Sarah Vigers and Louis Bingham

Flying with Strings is a theatre collaboration between puppeteer Sarah Vigers and musician Louis Bingham. Join them for a spectacular puppet show performance and an accompanying marionette making workshop.

Inspired by the avian world of Britain, Europe and Africa, this interactive show features intricate string puppetry and live music. See the puppets in action and learn about the world of birds. Find out how we can protect our native bird life, for a better tomorrow!

Get tickets at Eventbrite or by
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Suitable for ages 5 -11



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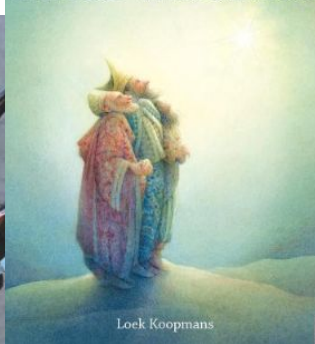
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THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

The Three Wise Men



The Three Wise Men by Loek Koopmans

Long, long ago, a very special star appeared in the night sky. It shone more brightly than all the other stars. Three wise men called Melchior, Caspar and Balthasar gazed at the star in wonder. They had never seen anything like it before.

In this beautifully illustrated book the three Kings decide to journey west, following the star to a very special destination.

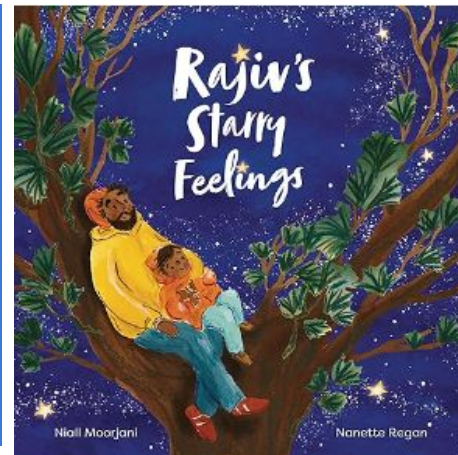
Loek Koopmans' retelling of one part of the Christmas story is full of life and character, as well as mystery and wonder. This charming traditional tale will help young children celebrate Epiphany.

Rajiv's Starry Feelings by Niall Moorjani

"Did you know that constellations are ancient maps that help explorers find their way?"

Rajiv has feelings for everything. He can feel confident. He can feel happy. He can feel silly. But today, he feels angry and he doesn't know why. With the help of his father, he sets out on a journey to make sense of his feelings. It is a journey that will take him to a park, then up into the branches of a tree, and from there all the way to the stars . . .

Beautifully told and stunningly illustrated, this extraordinary story will help children everywhere explore the complex emotions we all feel but cannot always name.





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.