

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

And just like that we reach the end of January!

We all continue to be really busy in school. Mrs O'Sullivan has been having regular meetings with our Pupil Leadership Team who have been telling us what they think is the best way to improve our school. They have great ideas and are a determined bunch. Watch this space!

Next week we have 'Children's Mental Health Week' where we will be carrying out several activities to support our children to be able to articulate some of the 10 a day principles that help them to look after themselves. We will be supporting children to build on their resilience to better tackle future challenges, as well as giving them strategies to watch out for their friends and be supportive.

Many children across the school continue to enjoy visiting our guinea pigs, with class 6 being a hive of activity at lunchtime. It is lovely to see so many children working together to show their care for animals.

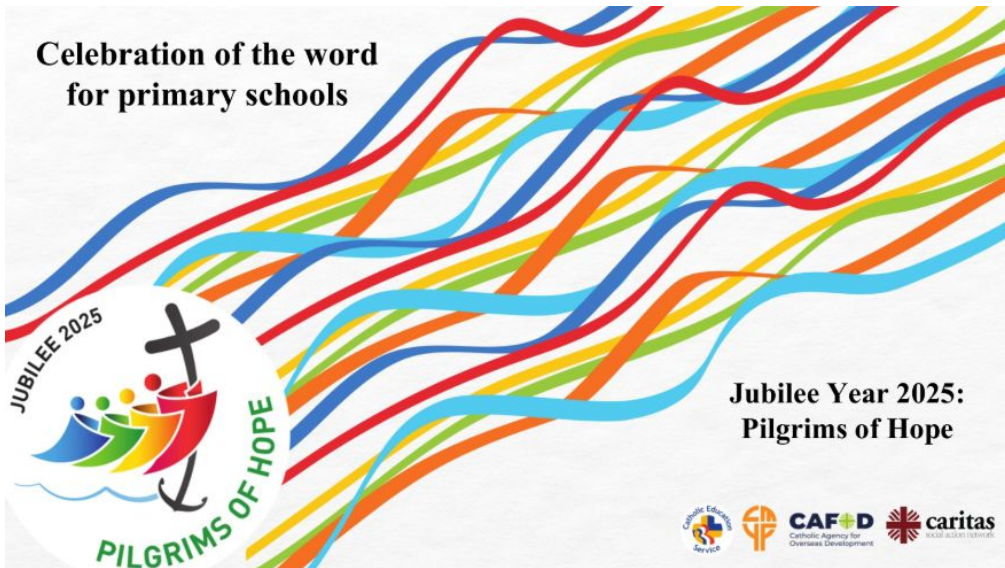
Finally, we would like to let you know that - We did it! Year 5 and 6 are officially part of a World Record having taken part in the world's greatest poetry class. We got the official notification on Thursday and are very proud to have played our part.

As usual, there is a lot in the diary, so please do revisit the calendar dates as more has been added on. Have a lovely weekend and God bless to you all.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford,
Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Celebration of the word
for primary schools



Jubilee Year 2025:
Pilgrims of Hope

Our Chaplains will be doing lots of work on this, so watch this space for their upcoming activities.

Jubilee Year 2025

This week, the children took part in an assembly teaching them all about this special year in the Catholic Church. A Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years.

The theme this year is Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone". We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world.

NURSERY

In Nursery we have been looking at Chinese new year and how people celebrate it. We learnt that red and yellow are lucky colours. We enjoyed making Chinese lanterns and handprint dragons. We also had a go at using chopsticks to pick up rice.



REC & YEAR 1

THE CHILDREN IN RECEPTION HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THE STORY SUPERWORM AND HAVE BEEN CREATING PUPPETS TO RETELL THE STORY IN THE SAND TRAY. IN YEAR ONE WE CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THE CHARACTERS OF MOUSE AND LION IN 'THE LION IN ME', THINKING ABOUT ADJECTIVES TO DESCRIBE THE CHARACTERS. IN RECEPTION MATHS WE HAVE BEEN STARTING TO UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT OF SUBTRACTION AND IN YEAR 1 WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT DOUBLES. OUR FOCUS IN ART HAS BEEN TO DESIGN A CASTLE IN OUR SKETCH BOOKS. WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT DIFFERENT CASTLE DESIGNS AND WHY A CASTLE MIGHT HAVE CERTAIN CHARACTERISTICS. THIS WILL LEAD ON TO USING CLAY TO CREATE OUR SCULPTURES. IN PE WE ARE LEARNING TO NEGOTIATE SPACE CAREFULLY AND LISTEN TO INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP OURSELVES SAFE.



Year 1 & 2

In English, the children have been exploring the book, 'The Lion Inside'. Here you can see the children putting their mouse ears on to become the mouse! They were talking about what they would need to do to be brave like the lion.



YEAR 3 & 4

This week, Saturn class attended Mass in Shaldon with other parishioners and Father Albert. The children were beautifully behaved and all participated in different readings, prayers and singing. Massive thank you to Beth, Gaye and Debbie who helped accompany the children on the trip.



YEAR 5

The children enjoyed learning when the Vikings invaded Lindisfarne. They understood why the Vikings came to Britain and why they wanted to raid monasteries. With this knowledge, the children wrote newspaper reports as the Saxons watching their country being invaded.

Lindisfarne • Invasion

It was a night to remember. I passed an injured monk who knew what will happen. They invaded as quick as lightning. They came to invade for the valuables of the monastery and to use the monks as slaves. It is nice that will be tomorrow at 10am if you still alive!

By Oscar

Map

Yesterday morning around 5 o'clock some men arrived some with axes some with swords. They came on to our Northumbrian soil to pillage our monastery. The monks in the building thought that they came in peace and harmony but the Vikings had a different approach. They came and burnt the monastery into ash and mess!! The air was grey. I said in a steady voice.

- Settlements
- Attempts to invade
- Invasions

As a Historian, I can find out about the Viking invasions of Britain.

LINDISFARNE ATTACK

A local farmer noticed a trail of smoke rising from Lindisfarne at about mid-day on the 8th of June.

It turned out to be an invasion by the Vikings but it was a surprise because the monks thought the Vikings wanted to be friends so they stood and waited for them.

The Vikings targeted the monastery because they knew monks were good at fighting and they had some very expensive religious items.

Under Attack! Help needed....

INVASION

On the 8th of June, around 500 Norse raiders landed on Northumbrian soil to pillage the island monastery.

Vikings as far as Northumbrian coast report saw smoke rise from the settlement upon Holy Island and weapons glint in the air.

Norse and Danish raiders have been spotted sailing along the Northumbria coast for some time now.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have been as busy as ever! Last week they created some brilliant stories to tell the next part of the suspense story 'Alma'. This week in our new unit 'Shackleton's Journey' we have been learning all about Antarctica. We have learnt lots of interesting facts to include in a fact file.

Here are some photos of us enjoying biscuit decorating with our buddies on Tuesday.



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	20.01.25	27.01.25
Value	Tolerance	Hope
Stars	Mia.H	Leah
Moons	Kaleb	Freddie
Mars	Angel	Steffan
Saturn	Jake	Estrella
Neptune	Flynn	Jayden
Supernova	Zach	Patrick

STAR OF THE WEEK

	20.01.25	27.01.25
Stars	Ava	Billy
Moons	Viktoriia	Rune
Mars	Patrick	All children
Saturn	Lacie-Mae	Daisy
Neptune	Ava	Darcey
Supernova	Kody	Laila





S2 Request for Absence Forms

A reminder to complete an S2 form (available from the school office) for any planned absences from school, including holidays. These should be given in to the office with as much notice as possible.

Please be aware that we do not authorise any absences on the first or last day of a half term unless medical evidence or evidence of an exceptional circumstance is provided. Furthermore, we will not authorise a 5th day of absence if only 4 have been requested.

For your information, due to the change in legislation, if you do not request an absence for an exceptional circumstance in advance, it cannot be authorised retrospectively.

Thanks
Steph

Attendance and Welfare Officer

20th - 31st January	
Moons	91.32%
Mars	92.42%
Saturn	100%
Neptune	95.79%
Supernova	96.95%

Well done to Mars and Saturn for achieving 100% last week. Saturn achieved an incredible 100% for the fortnight!

Diary Dates



		10th March	Start of British Science Week
3rd February	Children's Mental Health Week NO STAY AND PLAY TODAY	13th March	10am Year 5 and 6 Table Tennis Festival at TCS
3rd February	2:40pm - 3pm Children's Mental Health week assembly	14th March	5 - 7:15pm St Patrick's school disco
4th February	Guide Dogs for the Blind visiting classes	17th March	10 - 11am KS2 to Mass for St Patrick's Day Parents evening
6th February	Year 5 & 6 Football Festival at TCS Time to Talk Day	20th March	9:30-11:30am Y1/2 Mass. St Ignatius, Shaldon
7th February	NSPCC Numbers Day	21st March	Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
10th February	Year 5 Viking Workshop Day 1 - 3pm Class 3/4 visit to the Nature Reserve	25th March	4:30 - 5:30pm Rotary Quiz
11th February	Safer Internet Day	28th March	9am - 3pm National Skipping Day Mothers' day gift shop
14th February	Non uniform "Wear what you love" and Heart shaped biscuit sale	31st March	Y6 residential to Barton Hall
17th February	Half Term Holiday	8th May	10- 11am Year 3/4 Striking & Fielding Festival at TCS
24th February	INSET Day (No Pupils)	22nd May	9:30 - 11:30am Moons, Y1s and Y6 to Mass St Ignatius Shaldon
27th February	9am - 12pm "animals2usouthwest" - Animal encounter (Science) Nursery, EYFS and KS1	4th April	Friends' "Break the rules" day End of Spring Term
5th March	2:30 - 3:30pm Ash Wednesday liturgy	22nd April	Beginning of Summer Term
6th March	World Book Day	5th May	May Day Bank Holiday

News from the Friends

Upcoming Events

JAN 21 Bag 2 School Collection	JAN 22 Cake Sale- Year 3/4	FEB 14 Non uniform- Wear what you love Valentine Doughnuts to pre order
MAR 5 Cake Sale - Year 1/2	MAR 14 St.Patricks Day Disco	MAR 28 Mothers Day Gift Shop
MAR 29 Easter Event- pm	APR 4 Break the rules	Further details to follow on all events

Wear what you love!



Friday 14th February
Non uniform day
Please send your child in with an
Easter chocolate donation

Valentine Doughnuts

Friday 14th February
Pre orders through PTA events by
Thursday 6th February
£ 1.00 each



FEBRUARY
HALF-TERM



PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS



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YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

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

Dates: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025

Times: 09:00 - 15:30

Price: From £20.02

Ages: From 5-12

Additional info: 'February Frosted Fun' - Sports, Games and Crafts.

PLEASE BRING

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

Mix it up this half-term 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 that children may not have tried before – from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

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TO 20% OFF...AND GET
20% OFF TOO!**

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



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Happy Builders LEGO® FEST

come and play with LEGO® &
enjoy a drink & bite to eat.

Saturday 15th February

10 am - 3pm

Monday 17th February

10am - 12noon

*Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Adults must be accompanied by a child.*

Teignmouth Hub

10 Somerset Place Teignmouth



www.lighthousechurch.uk



Do you have children or grandchildren who are aged 5-11 years old? Looking for something to do with them? During February half term Saturday 15th & Monday 17th, we are hosting a LEGO - FEST event. A great opportunity to bring youngsters along to build a variety of LEGO sets or make their own creations. The cafe will be serving tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cakes & snacks throughout the day. Spread the word.

Best wishes

Teignmouth Hub

Registered Charity No. 1204255

- Football Club Safeguarding awareness for parents and carers from England Football – Andrew Hall 02/12/2024

<https://learn.Englandfootball.com/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-awareness-for-parents-and-carers>

Free course for parents 30 min. Certificate at the end

Purely for information to share with parents.



South West School's Premiere



St. Cuthbert Mayne School
Presents



Disney FROZEN

THE WEST END MUSICAL

Music and Lyrics by

Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez

Book by

Jennifer Lee

Originally directed on Broadway by

Michael Grandage

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee and directed
by Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee

Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical
Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre
International (MTI) All authorised performance materials are also supplied by
MTI

www.mtishows.co.uk



21st May -24th May @7pm

Matinee @ 2pm 24th May

£10 adults and £6 students

<https://www.st-cuthbertmayne.co.uk/school-performances/>

<https://www.mtishows.co.uk/news/winners-of-the-united-kingdom-of-frozen-announced>

St Cuthbert Mayne have won a National Competition to produce the South West School's premiere of Disney's Frozen - The West End edition.

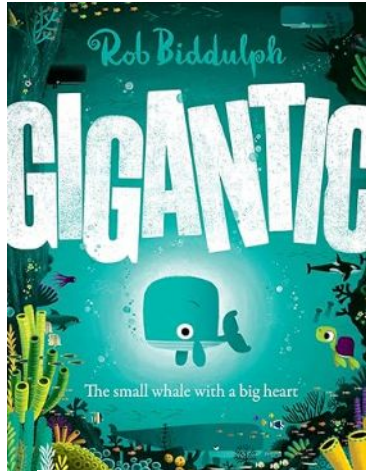
They are the only school south of Bristol to be able to perform Frozen this Academic year. There were only 11 different regional winners. This is a huge opportunity for their students and will create memories that they will never ever forget, and they really want to share it with as many people as possible.

The school would love to invite you to our performances. There will be a matinee on the 24th May starting at 2pm for younger audience members. Tickets go on general release sale on Wednesday 15th January at 9am.

The link for tickets is below

www.ticketsource.co.uk/stcuthbertmayneschool and are priced at £10 adults and £6 children.

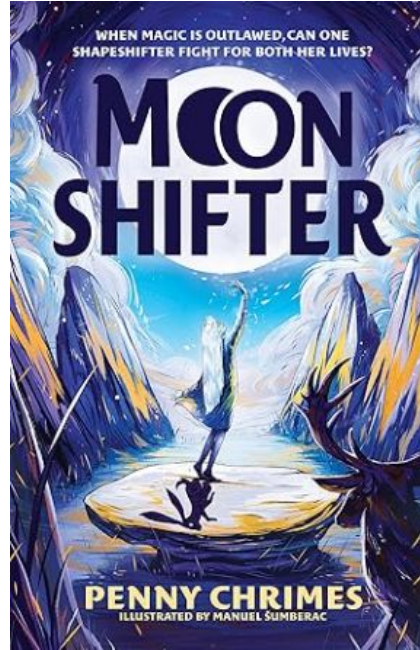
"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall."- Roald Dahl



Gigantic by Rob Biddulph

A powerful and standout sea-life story featuring one very small and determined blue whale. Meet Gigantic, the smallest blue whale in the Atlantic. Dwarfed by the other whales, Gigantic keeps to himself, making new friends and perfecting his somersaults and flips in the bay. But one day when Gigantic's brother, Titan, gets stuck on the sand, it's down to Gigantic and his smallest sea creature friends to save the day. Can they show it's possible to be tiny and tough? A swimmingly good story about little fins and big hearts.

THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND



Moon Shifter by Penny Chrimmes

When magic is outlawed, can one shapeshifter find the strength to fight for both her lives? Loveday Gwynne is a shapeshifter. When she transforms into Hare, she is full of joy, running and leaping through the grass on the moors, a silver hare with a special connection to the silver moon. But as a girl, she must be quiet and stay unnoticed, because the old magic of the shapeshifters is no longer trusted in the village of Penros. The new Elder of Penros is determined both to rid the village of Shapeshifters and to mine the cliffs below for gold, something forbidden by the old magic. Balanced between the human world and the animal, Loveday must find a way to use her powers to reclaim her home, before it falls into the sea... An enthralling story about bravery and standing up for what's right, steeped in the magic and wonder of the natural world.

We are proud to share that our school is a partner with Bedz4Kidz, a wonderful charity dedicated to ensuring every child has a comfortable place to sleep. Have you ever paused to think about where or how your child sleeps each night? If you feel your family could benefit from support with bed frames, mattresses, or bedding items, please don't hesitate to contact Rachel Ripley our Family Support Worker in confidence. We will make the referral on your behalf.



Drum Lessons
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at school.

For more info contact Ben at:
devondrumschool@gmail.com
Tel:
07966-488481



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2024 - 2025

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music education

Guitar Lessons

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lessons now being
offered in school
with Mr Hopkins

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for more
information
contact Mr
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07979 148929
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[shopkins2112@
gmail.com](mailto:shopkins2112@gmail.com)



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.