

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



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



**Newsletter: 11th October 2024**

Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford

# HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

What an incredible couple of weeks we have had. We have launched October as 'kindness month' and have been talking to our children about the wide variety of ways they can spread kindness in school and beyond.

A big thank you to Sarah Watts from the Catholic Children's Society who finished delivering the Proactive Parenting course. The feedback was great and we hope she will come back to us again soon.

We all thoroughly enjoyed Wednesday, dressing up in our rock stars gear and spending the day finding lots of fun ways to practice our tables. Please support your children to continue practising, as it helps them in so many ways, knowing tables inside out, upside down and back to front.

Finally, a special mention needs to go to our Year 5 class as earlier on this week they managed to surpass a class total of more than one million words already this academic year. This is a great achievement and the class are determined to keep adding to it. A big well done to all of them.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford,  
Head Teacher

# OLSP ROCKS!

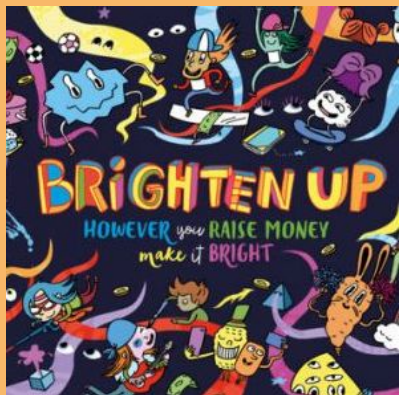


Both staff and pupils alike, got in the Rock Star spirit on Wednesday to mark the launch of Times Tables Rock Stars for this year. We saw some amazing outfits and shared some fun activities with a maths theme to inspire more children to learn their multiplication tables. The end of the day was marked with the whole school "rocking out" to "We Will Rock You" during Prayer and Praise. Well done to everyone. Our class costume winners were Kaleb (Moons), Patrick (Mars), Arthur (Saturn), Caitlyn (Neptune) and Archie (Supernova). Rock on!

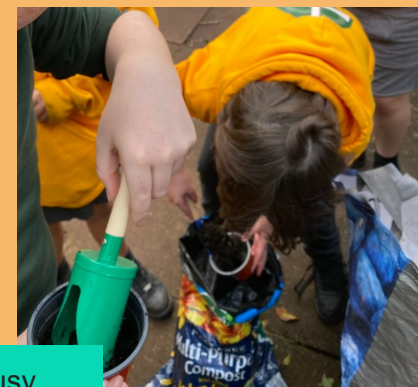




# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Thank you to everyone for your generous donations, sent into school via the "Brighten Up" envelopes that came home last week. This has raised £52.74 for CAFOD family fast day last Friday. The chaplains distributed prayer cards and gave a sticker to each child that brought their envelope back. We are continually grateful for your kindness.



Our busy Chaplains have been planting their seeds from the Season of Creation

On Monday, we prayed for peace. Fr Albert let us know that Pope Francis called for this during his announcement on Sunday.



## Plymouth CAST 10th Anniversary

On Friday 4th October, our multi-school academy trust, Plymouth CAST, celebrated its 10th anniversary with a joint online Liturgy. Thank you to the children for participating and making this a very special celebration indeed.





# AUTUMN 1 CLUBS:

These are the clubs that are running during the first half of the Autumn term.

Please copy and paste the google form link below to sign your child up.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfC8G\\_0HZmyiFVCoYv\\_CHIoZxzmZWsZsJKhGY\\_YU5tTu1fN\\_4w/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfC8G_0HZmyiFVCoYv_CHIoZxzmZWsZsJKhGY_YU5tTu1fN_4w/viewform?usp=pp_url)

- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays
- Lego Club - Mrs Blatchford Wednesday 11th September 3.15 - 4.15pm (There is now a waiting list )
- Homework lunchtime club (No sign-up required)
- Tag Rugby (KS2) - Miss Humphrey Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm
- Archery with Premier Sport - Friday 3.15 - 4.30pm



# NURSERY

THIS WEEK WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THE STORY ROOM ON THE BROOM. WE ENJOYED PUMPKIN EXPLORING, WAND MAKING AND MAKING POTIONS.



# REC & YEAR 1

THIS WEEK, YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN ENJOYING PE AND LEARNING HOW TO THROW AND CATCH A BALL AND BEAN BAG.



## YEAR 1 & 2



In Mars class this week, the children have been learning how Catholics can draw closer to God through prayer.

We have been learning and understanding the, 'Our Father' prayer. The children began by drawing images to reflect each part of the prayer. Then on reflection of the words from the prayer, the children created some symbols to reflect this.

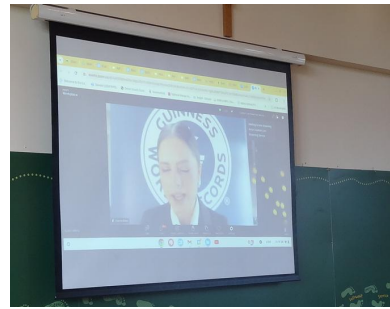
## YEAR 3 & 4

Saturn class had a fantastic time at TCS yesterday participating in the Year 3/4 Invasion games festival. The children learnt a variety of different skills linked to netball, rugby and handball. The children even participated against other children from neighbouring schools and showed great sportsmanship throughout. They were all fantastic!





# YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6



As part of National Poetry Day, Year 5 and 6 took part in a Guinness Book Record attempt for the largest live poetry lesson, led by the poet Laura Mucha. There was thought to be approximately 270,000 children. The children enjoyed voting what went in and out of the poem live on screen. We can't wait until the poem is published. It is called 'What Counts!' The children really enjoyed the experience!

# DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	30.09.24	07.10.24
<b>Value</b>	<b>Justice</b>	<b>Compassion</b>
Stars	Tabitha	Chloe
Moons	Wilma	Klara
Mars	Noah	Nela
Saturn	Paddy	Isla-Rose
Neptune	Zach	Caitlyn
Supernova	Freddie	Ada



# STAR OF THE WEEK

	30.09.24	07.10.24
Stars	Henry.L	Andriy
Moons	Ellis	Gypsie
Mars	Scarlett	Angel
Saturn	Max C	Robert
Neptune	Jayden	Hollie
Supernova	Theo F	Billie Jo



## Arriving Late to School

We have already had some children coming in late this term; I would like to remind you all that the school gate opens at 8:30am and every child is expected to be in school and in their classroom by 8:45am. All children should enter via the Nursery or KS2 gates which will be shut promptly at 8:45am. If you and your child arrive after this time you will need to sign in at the office, giving a reason for lateness.

If a child comes into school after the registers have been taken, they will be marked as 'late after registration' which is an unauthorised absence. For your information, 10 or more unauthorised absences could lead to a referral to the Local Authority.

If it would be helpful, we do offer a breakfast club from 8am, please ask at the school office for more details.

If you have any questions or concerns around attendance or if you feel that you would like to have a chat with our Family Support Worker, please come into the school office, leave a message for me or Rachel and we will contact you.

30th September - 11th October 2024	
Moons	91.39%
Mars	99.56%
Saturn	98.42%
Neptune	95.83%
Supernova	97.04%

Well done to Mars class.





# Diary Dates

**14th November**

**9:30 - 11:30am** Y5 to mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon

**14th October**

Y5 and 6 Meeting online with member of the House of Lords

**17th December**

**8:45am - 2:45pm** Rudolph Run Day 2024

**15th October**

**2:40 - 3pm** Harvest Festival (Deadline for non-perishable food donations)

**20th December**

End of Term

**16th October**

**3.15pm** Cake Sale Year 5 & 6

**6th January 2025**

Beginning of Spring Term

**17th October**

**9:30 - 11:30am** Y6 mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon  
**3 - 3:15pm** Parents of Mars class invited to view our Art Gallery  
**4 - 5pm** Open evening session for prospective parents  
**5pm** Victoria Jewitt from Grenville House talking with Year 5 parents

**30th January 2025**

**9:30 - 11:30am** Y3/4 mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon

**19th October**

**9:30 - 10:30am** Open morning for prospective parents

**17th February 2025**

Half Term Holiday

**24th October**

Tempest Individual/sibling photos  
 Plymouth CAST Fundraiser Day for Catholic Childrens' Society Plymouth  
**1:30 - 3pm** Poetry slam

**24th February 2025**

INSET Day (No Pupils)

**28th October**

**Half Term Holiday**

**5th March 2025**

**2:30 - 3:30pm** Ash Wednesday liturgy

**31st October**

Deadline for Year 6 Parents to apply online for Secondary Schools (see following page for information)

**17th March 2025**

**10 - 11am** KS2 to mass for St Patrick's Day

**4th November**

INSET Day (No pupils)

**20th March 2025**

**9:30 - 11:30am** Y1/2 mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon

**5th November**

**2:15 - 3:15pm** All Saints Day liturgy

**28th March 2025**

**9am - 3pm** National Skipping Day

**12th November**

Odd Socks Day

**31st March 2025**

Y6 residential to Barton Hall

# YEAR 6 TRANSFER FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL REMINDER

The application window is now open for Secondary school admissions into Year 7 next September. Parents and children are still visiting schools and weighing up their options, but the closing date is looming.

The easiest way for families to apply is online by visiting [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline) If families don't wish to or can't apply online, they can also complete a hard copy application form which can be obtained by calling 0345 155 1019.

**The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.**

A lot of secondary schools in Devon are under pressure with space due to local growth, so it is essential that we get as many applicants applying on-time as possible. Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is vital parents make an on time application to give themselves the best chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools.

Please note that children with EHCP's have been invited to apply through the admissions team this year for their mainstream school preference only, they cannot apply for a Special or Independent School through the Admissions Team. These families will have been contacted separately by the 0-25 SEN Team regarding the application process for Special / Independent Schools.

Please get in touch with us if you have any queries.

Kind Regards  
Devon School Admissions  
[admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)  
Tel: 0345 155 1019



# News from the Friends

Friends of OLSP

## CAKE SALE

Wednesday 16th October  
3:15pm

We are asking for cake donations  
from class 5 & 6 please.

Please remember NO nuts or  
strawberries due to allergies.

## Upcoming Events

OCT  
**16**

*Cake Sale  
year 5 & 6*

OCT  
**25**

*Break the rules- in  
exchange for a  
Christmas hamper  
donation*

OCT  
**25**

*Krispy Kreme  
doughnuts*

NOV  
**08**

*Glow Disco*

DEC  
**06**

*Wreath Making*

DEC  
**13**

*Christmas Gift  
Shop*

DEC  
**13**

*Elves Workshop*

DEC  
**20**

*Break the rules-  
Christmas Edition*

Panto date to be  
confirmed.

Further details to  
follow on all events

## WANTED

We would like to re stock the  
wet play boxes throughout  
the school.

If you have any unwanted games  
or puzzles in 'good' condition please  
drop them into the office.

Thank you for your support!





**Friday 25th October**

**The friends will be holding a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale.**

**Orders must be received by Monday 21st October at 12pm through pta events.**

**£1.25 each**

### SUGGESTED RULES THAT CAN BE BROKEN!

- WEAR TRAINERS INSTEAD OF SCHOOL SHOES.
- HAVE WILD/COLOURFUL HAIR.
- EAT YOUR PUDDING FIRST AT LUNCH TIME.
- WEAR NAIL POLISH.
- WEAR A NON SCHOOL UNIFORM JUMPER.
- HAVE A TEMPORARY TATTOO.
- WEAR THE WRONG TROUSERS.

### RULES THAT CANNOT BE BROKEN.

- BE READY
- BE RESPECTFUL
- BE SAFE

# OLSP

## BREAK THE RULES DAY!

### 25TH OCT 2024



Instead of money donations, please could children bring in an item to go in our Christmas prize hampers.

# Princess Theatre Torquay



Monday 16th December  
6.00 pm

£13 per person

Tickets available at pta events

"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

## THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

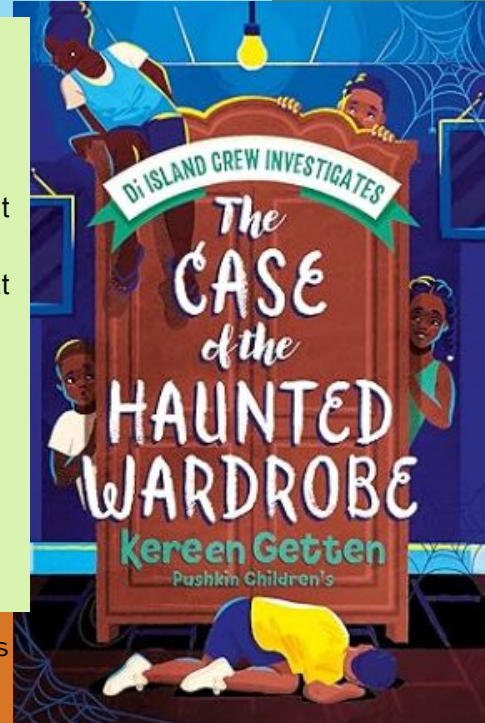


**Hello Autumn by Jo Lindley**


Meet four magical friends who control the seasons in this irresistible new series from author-illustrator Jo Lindley. Say hello to the Little Seasons! As Summer passes the weather crown to Autumn, a season of bright colours and fun-filled adventure awaits. But while his friends are getting excited about picking berries, leaf jumping and exploring the shadowy forest, Autumn is filled with worries and 'what if's . . . What will it take to show him that he's braver than he thinks? Each title centres on a different seasonal character and gently explores key social and emotional themes, such as anxiety, self-belief and resilience. Set in an enchanting natural world that readers will love to return to again and again!

### **The Case of the Haunted Wardrobe by Keren Getten**

**The second book in Keren Getten's action-packed mystery series for younger readers!** Fayson has been dreaming of going back to the island ever since she left. But no sooner is she reunited with Di Island Crew than a mysterious case comes their way - a haunted wardrobe that keeps making a spine-chilling sound! And to make matters worse, the crew have all received a letter threatening to reveal their deepest secrets. With the clock ticking, Fayson must rally her friends and take charge of the detective agency to solve the eerie mystery. But with tensions rising and friendship squabbles getting in the way, can they work together to crack the case and keep their secrets safe?







# 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



Drum Lessons  
Now offered  
at school.



For more info contact Ben at:  
[devondrumschool@gmail.com](mailto:devondrumschool@gmail.com)  
Tel:  
07966-488481



FREE!

# PRINT YOUR OWN GARDEN FAMILY WORKSHOP



Join artist Monica-Shanta this half term for a nature-based printmaking workshop. Forage for materials from the gardens and then use them to create printed artwork which you can take home and keep.

**SHALDON BOTANICAL GARDENS**

**WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER**

**10:00 - 11:30 AM | 12:30 - 2:00 PM | 3:00 - 4.30 PM**

📍 Castle Building, Shaldon Botanical Gardens, TQ14 0BH

BOOK YOUR PLACE AT : [bit.ly/printgarden](https://bit.ly/printgarden) (or scan the QR code below)



The workshops are family sessions, where children (aged 5 - 16) must be accompanied by a responsible adult who will be encouraged to take part alongside the children.

Please note, the same workshop is being run 3 times and you may only book onto one slot.



**Join The Dolphins**  
**Our u6 (school year 1)**  
**all Girls football team!**

Apply by emailing: [DUFCSecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:DUFCSecretary@hotmail.com)

**Free football until January 2025!**

**Wednesday Evenings 5pm - 6pm**  
**Dawlish United, Sandy Lane, Dawlish, EX7 0AF**



## 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](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.