

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

Just a mini letter from us this week as we have had the break between. I hope you all had a lovely half term.

The children were thrilled to gain yet another extra 15 minutes of play on Wednesday, with us again achieving 100% attendance across the whole school. This is now the third time this year and we are only in November!

Thank you to those parents that have made sure your child has returned to school wearing the correct uniform. Please support your child with this by making sure all Key Stage 2 children are provided with a school tie. Just liaise with the school office to organise this if you haven't got one.

As per usual, there is lots going on, so do take a read and contact us if you have any questions.

God bless to you all.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford,
Head Teacher

WINTER UNIFORM



	Girls Uniform	Boys Uniform
Summer and KS1/EY all year	Polo shirt embroidered school badge	Polo shirt embroidered school badge
	Green checked dress or grey shorts	Grey shorts
Winter (KS2)	White cotton shirt and school tie	White cotton shirt and school tie
All year	Bottle green pullover or cardigan with embroidered school badge	Bottle green pullover with embroidered school badge
	Grey skirt, trousers or pinafore	Grey trousers
	Plain white, green or black socks or tights	Plain grey, green or black socks
	Suitable dark school shoes (no high heels, sling backs, boots or open toes)	Suitable dark school shoes (no coloured panels or flashes)

Please note, it is not optional to continue to wear summer uniform after October half term. Please refer to our website for further information
<https://www.olsp-rc.com/web/uniform/493297>

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Year 6 were delighted to welcome Father Albert into their classroom just before half term. They had lots of questions to ask him and found out lots about what it is like to be a priest and Fr Albert's calling to the vocation. They also found out about his family, pets, favourite food and how many countries he has visited!





On Wednesday the children attended an assembly led by our eco rangers who talked to them about cutting our carbon this November. Each child took home a challenge list. Please help them to tick off some activities and return the completed form at the end of the month.



AUTUMN 2 CLUBS:

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

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



- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays
- Lego Club - Mrs Blatchford Wednesday 11th September 3.15 - 4.15pm (Waiting list now)
- Homework lunchtime club (No sign-up required)
- Coding Club with Mrs Stamp Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm (Waiting list now)
- Gymnastics with Premier Sport - Friday 3.15 - 4.30pm





Poetry Slam! 2024



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	04.11.24
Value	Temperance
Stars	Zayne
Moons	Kaleb
Mars	Hattie
Saturn	Nathel
Neptune	Hrishwin
Supernova	Patrick



STAR OF THE WEEK

	04.11.24
Stars	Bobby
Moons	Chloe
Mars	Tyler
Saturn	Poppy
Neptune	Iris
Supernova	Kody



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.

4th - 8th November 2024	
Moons	93.10%
Mars	100%
Saturn	100%
Neptune	100%
Supernova	100%

Wow! Such a great start to this half term. Well done to Mars, Saturn, Neptune and Supernova for all achieving 100% this week!


Diary Dates

		20th March 2025	9:30 - 11:30am Y1/2 mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon
12th November	Odd Socks Day	28th March 2025	9am - 3pm National Skipping Day
14th November	9:30 - 11:30am Y5 to mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon	31st March 2025	Y6 residential to Barton Hall
19th November	2 - 3pm Ready steady read - Family support session	8th May 2025	10 - 11am Year 3/4 Striking and Fielding Festival at Teignmouth Community School
27th November	9:15am - 12pm KS1 Geography field trip to Teignmouth (Moons and Mars class)	22nd May 2025	9:30 - 11:30am Moons Y1s and Y6 to mass St Ignatius Shaldon
10th December	2 - 3pm KS1 Nativity performance to parents	4th April 2025	End of Spring Term
17th December	8:45am - 2:45pm Rudolph Run Day 2024	22nd April 2025	Beginning of Summer Term
20th December	End of Term	5th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday
6th January 2025	Beginning of Spring Term	26th May 2025	Half Term Holiday
30th January 2025	9:30 - 11:30am Y3/4 mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon	2nd June 2025	INSET Day (No Pupils)
17th February 2025	Half Term Holiday	12th June 2025	10 - 11am Year 5 & 6 TriGolf Festival at Teignmouth Community School
24th February 2025	INSET Day (No Pupils)	27th June 2025	2 - 3pm St Peter & St Paul's liturgy
5th March 2025	2:30 - 3:30pm Ash Wednesday liturgy	22nd July 2025	9 - 10am Leavers mass
17th March 2025	10 - 11am KS2 to mass for St Patrick's Day	23rd July 2025	End of Summer Term

News from the Friends



JOIN US FOR A
**CHRISTMAS
WREATH MAKING
WORKSHOP**
£15 PER PERSON

DEC | 6TH | 7-9PM
OUR LADY AND ST
PATRICK'S SCHOOL HALL

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
AS SPACES ARE LIMITED



**Class
Fundraising™**

LOOK IN MY BAG!

Check your little ones School bag for their
unique Christmas order card!

OUR SHOP IS NOW OPEN!
HURRY, LIMITED TIME ONLY!

**Orders are to be
placed by Friday 16th
November at midday**

JUST A NOTE
TO SAY...

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
THAT DONATED ITEMS FOR
OUR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS,
YOUR GENEROSITY IS VERY
MUCH APPRECIATED!





FAMILY SUPPORT SESSION

READY STEADY READ!

TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
2-3PM ON ZOOM

ILSHAM ENGLISH HUB WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A FREE SESSION TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S READING JOURNEY AT HOME.

DURING THIS FREE HOUR-LONG SESSION, PROFESSOR TERESA CREMIN AND KELLY ASHLEY FROM THE OPEN UNIVERSITY READING FOR PLEASURE TEAM WILL SHARE IDEAS FOR ENCOURAGING READING AT HOME AS FAMILIES SUPPORT THE READING JOURNEY.

THE SESSION WILL INVOLVE PRACTICAL TIPS ON USING LOCAL LIBRARY SERVICES AND FUN WAYS TO PROMOTE READING.

Sign up using the link below!

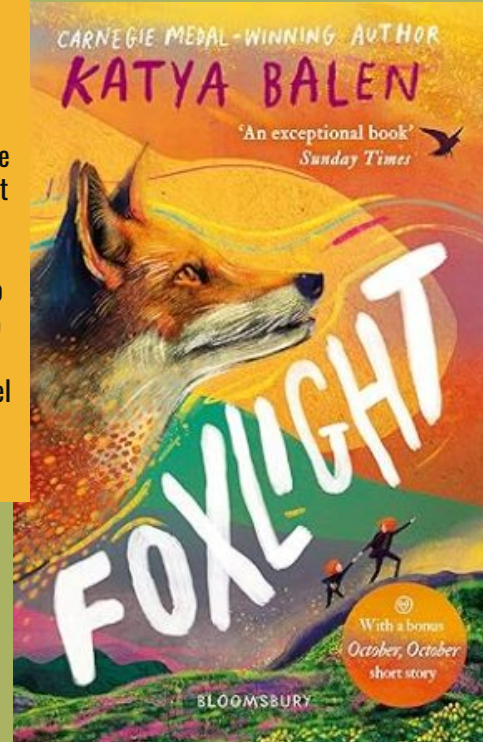
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"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall." - Roald Dahl

THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

Foxlight by Katya Balen


A heartbreaking and heart-warming story about sisterhood, found family and accepting love in the most unusual and unknown places. Fen and Rey were found curled up small and tight in the fiery fur of the foxes at the very edge of the wildlands. Fen is loud and fierce and free. She feels a connection to foxes and a calling from the wild that she's desperate to return to. Rey is quiet and shy and an expert on nature. She reads about the birds, feeds the lands and nurtures the world around her. They are twin sisters. Different and the same. Separate and connected. They will always have each other, even if they don't have a mother and don't know their beginning. But they do want answers. Answers to who their mother is and where she might be. What their story is and how it began. So when a fox appears late one night at the house, Fen and Rey see it as a sign - it's here to lead them to their truth, find their real family and fill the missing piece they have felt since they were born. But the wildlands are exactly that: wild. They are wicked and cruel and brutal and this journey will be harder and more life changing than either Fen or Rey ever imagined.



Flower Block by Lannisha Butterfield

When Jeremiah plants a packet of sunflower seeds, the very last thing he expects is for the vines and leaves to grow overnight and burst through the ceiling of his apartment! As Jeremiah and his brother chase the magical plant up through the floors of their tower block home, they discover an array of curious neighbours who join in the adventure. But what could be waiting for them at the top of the building? And will Jeremiah find his voice to help the neighbours discover the true magic hidden within these sunflower seeds? A glorious celebration of the power of nature to bring communities together, from talented debut author Lanisha Butterfield and illustrator Hoang Giang. "An utterly stunning debut picture book about community, nature and the things that bring us together".





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
Tel:
07966-488481

Shaldon Singers

Musical Director : Tim Crompton

Christmas Concert

Saturday 7th December 2024 at 7 pm

St Peter's Church, Shaldon

with Andrew Millington – Organ

A Selection of Seasonal Music, including
John Rutter's *Gloria*
and James MacMillan's *O radiant dawn*
together with Carols for Choir and Audience

Tickets £12, or £16 with refreshments (£6/£8 students)
available from:

- Bradleys in Shaldon
- Teign Music
- online at [WeGotTickets.com](https://www.wegotickets.com)
- choir members

Retiring collection in aid of
Shaldon Parish Council Playpark
Renovation Project

we get on with

making
music

www.shaldonsingers.co.uk

Shaldon Singers is a registered charity no. 1164387
email shaldonsingers@gmail.com



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

Apply by emailing: 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



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.