

# 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

This week can not pass us by without saying a massive well done to our Year 6 children. They have made us extremely proud of how hard they have worked and tried with their SATS tests. Each child has been reminded that these tests only provide a snapshot of their English and maths and there is so much more to their personalities that should not and will not be measured. It was great to see them celebrating the end of the week with a well deserved trip to the beach.

The next thing is to wish them well as they embark on their residential trip to Simonsbath. We are sure they will have an amazing time.

There have been a few additions to our calendar dates. More details will be sent around each event closer to the time, so meanwhile please just make a note of them in your diary.

Our early years outside area is scheduled to be finished this week (weather dependent), so there may be some disruption to the entrance to school. We will keep you updated and of course it will be weather dependent. As usual, do bear with us.

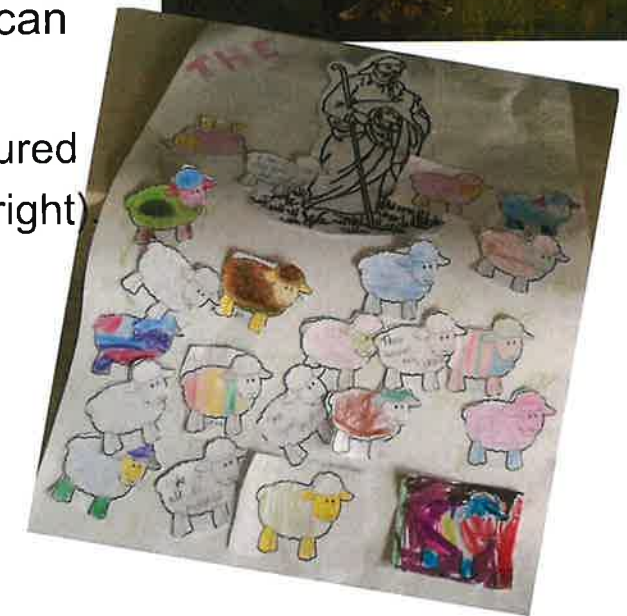
God bless to you all

Mrs Cathy Blatchford  
Executive Head Teacher

# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Over the last couple of weeks, our Pupil Chaplains have been learning about the Good Shepherd in preparation for that Sunday's Gospel. The Good Shepherd wants all people to know Him, love Him, and follow Him. These words of Our Lord remind us of the Church's evangelizing mission. Through our Baptism, every Christian is called to be "a good shepherd" within all aspects of our lives: family, work, school, through works of mercy and compassion. We can also do this by sharing the Gospel with those who do not belong to the sheepfold of the Church. The Pupil Chaplains' have made a poster and coloured in sheep with all of their names on. This is on display in the Church (pictured right)

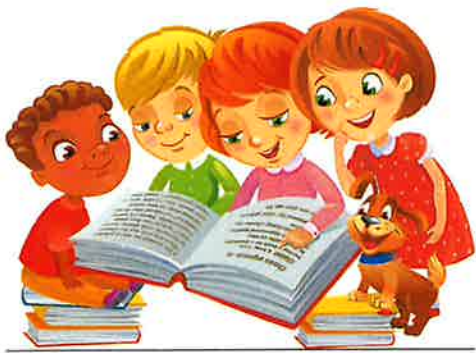
The Chaplains prepared for King Charles' Coronation by colouring crowns and this week, they have started making a banner for Pentecost.



# SUMMER 2 TERMS CLUBS:



- Open library from 3:15-4pm with Mrs Newton Browne Mondays
- Footlights Dance Academy - Monday evenings
- Spanish with Dani 3:15-4:00 pm every Wednesday until the end of term (£7)
- Year 3/4 Multi sports club with Mr Mason every Wednesday 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Cricket Club with Mr Selley every Thursday (Premier Sports) 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- Year 1/2 Football with Mr Stamp 3:30pm-4:15pm
- Computing Club with Mr Meehan, Friday 3:15-4:15 pm (*Final Session for computing club will be Friday 14th July*)





# EARLY YEARS

In History the children have been discussing old and new toys. They were tasked with doing an observational drawing of their favourite toy and then painting them using watercolours. They are looking great!



# YEAR 1 & 2

In History this half term, Class 1/2 are learning about the history of communication. This week, we focused on when and how the telephone was invented. We enjoyed looking at the different telephones and putting them into chronological order. Here we are, making our own telephones and testing them out.



# YEAR 3

This week year 3 conducted a play to celebrate the Coronation. Even though we were nervous, we got up there and still gave it a good effort. We also have been looking at subheading work for English with our new information text. Thinking about why the author has laid out the text the way they have and creating our own by researching about the Venus Flytrap.



# YEAR 4

Class 4 had a fantastic time showing collage for the Coronation celebrations. It was a wonderful event as well as to see lots of parents to see what the children had produced.

Well done Class 4!





# YEAR 5

For the coronation Year 5 introduced our coronation assembly “To the sound of trumpets” and closed leading the school in our new national anthem. They did a fabulous job. They also played the ukulele during prayer and praise.

A Year 5 band I think is in the making!

# YEAR 6

Year 6 worked so well on their permanence poetry for the King's Coronation. They really enjoyed the day and had great fun! Well done Year 6.



# DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	5.5.23	12.5.23
	Love	Peace
Early Years	Jacob	Mae
Y1 & 2	Albie	Sophie
Y3	Kaya	Hollie
Y4	Archie B	Theo F
Y5	Archie T	Riley
Y6	Jude	Emrys

# STAR OF THE WEEK

	5.5.23	12.5.23
Early Years	Eleanor	Hattie
Y1 & 2	Jack	Isabelle
Y3	Caitlyn	Kamran
Y4	Harrison	Paris
Y5	Annabelle	Leo
Y6	Alex	All of Year 6







Well done to Year 6, but also we need to mention that both Year 4 and Year 6 have achieved an astounding 100% this week.

28th April - 11th May	
Reception	89.93%
Year 1/2	93.94%
Year 3	95.83%
Year 4	97.04%
Year 5	95.51%
Year 6	99.38%

## 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>	<small>10 days absence</small> 180 Days of Education	<small>19 days absence</small> 171 Days of Education	<small>29 days absence A term missed</small> 161 Days of Education	<small>23 days absence</small> 152 Days of Education	<small>27 days absence</small> 143 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
<b>Good</b> <small>Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start</small>		<b>Worrying</b> <small>Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress</small>		<b>Serious Concern</b> <small>Not fair on your child. Court action!</small>	

# Diary Dates



<b>15-19th May</b>	Y6 residential to Simonsbath	<b>27th June</b>	Y5/6 trip to Paignton Zoo
<b>16th May</b>	Y3 Visit to Kents Cavern	<b>4th July</b>	Year 6 play performance @ 2:00 pm and @5:00 pm
<b>19th May</b>	Eco-Rangers and Pupil Leadership Team children attending the Devon County Show	<b>5th July</b>	Sports Day
<b>9th June</b>	Swimming for KS2 (and weekly for 6 weeks)	<b>7th July</b>	OLSP's BBQ
<b>9th June</b>	Teignmouth festival musicians performance	<b>11th July</b>	Visit classes celebration evening 4-5pm for parents and carers
<b>13th June</b>	Fire Safety Talks	<b>12th July</b>	-Y6 transition day at TCS -OLSP meet your new teacher day.
<b>19th June</b>	Year 3 - Mass (Shaldon)	<b>12th July</b>	Presentation evening for Year 6 Civic Award (6:30pm at St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay)
<b>22nd June</b>	Year 1/3 Mass (Shaldon)	<b>19th July 9am</b>	Leavers mass - at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church. Children to be taken there by parents - details will be sent nearer the time.
<b>25th June</b>	Ground Force 12pm Please join us to help work on our site.	<b>21st July</b>	Animal Encounters in Early years
<b>26th June</b>	Early Years trip to Paignton Zoo	<b>21st July</b>	Year 6 leavers assembly @ 9:15am

# Friends News!

- The friends have taken the difficult decision to postpone the colour run until the autumn term. We will update you all when we have a new date.
- We will be helping the children to celebrate Father's day with our Super Hero Gift Shop on Tuesday 13th June.
- Teignmouth Carnival Thursday 27th July, we would love to get a team together to represent the school in this year's procession.
- After half term we will be bringing back the ever popular 'Ice Pop Fridays'. Look out for us from 3pm.
- There is still time to get your Coronation tea towel. Follow the link to order yours. Year 5 parents, we are still waiting for your version to arrive. Please bear with us and we will let you all know as soon as it is here.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofolsp/index.cfm?event=products#.ZFznlezTVPw>

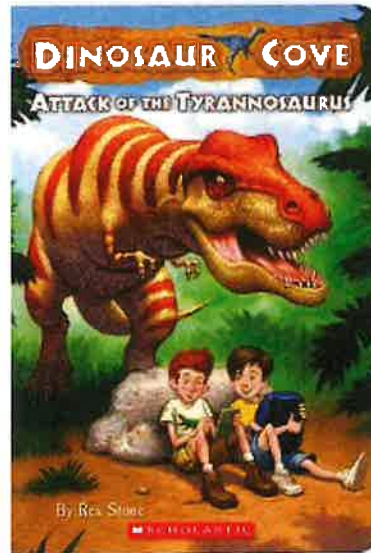




"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall." - Roald Dahl



## THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND



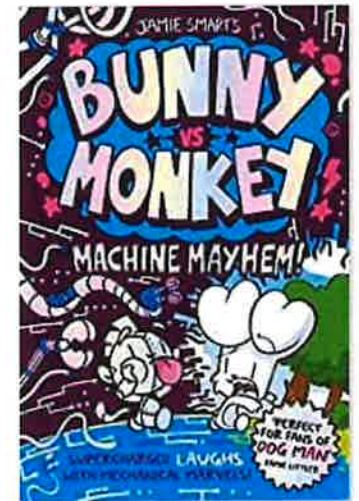
### The Dinosaur Cove Series by Rex Stone

Welcome to the Cretaceous!

It's a pretty awesome place, as Jamie and Tom discover when they find the fossilized footprints which lead them to the world of dinosaurs. There are all kinds of amazing creatures here, including a friendly wannanosaurus to join them on their travels. But as the boys begin to explore the strange prehistoric world, little do they know that they're being watched. A gigantic T-Rex has spotted the boys, and he's heading their way . . . .

### Bunny Vs Monkey Machine Mayhem!

Genius inventor Skunky has just designed a brand-new creation . . . a robot called Metal Eve! She needs to learn everything there is to know about life, so it's probably not the best idea that she's surrounded by Bunny, Monkey, Weenie, Pig and the gang. The only thing she's going to learn from them is that life in the Woods is very, very silly indeed! Laughs will be aplenty in the hit comic book sensation!





## 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

Justine Williams is our attendance officer. She will liaise with any families who have a child with below 95% attendance to offer support. Please remember if attendance is below 95% your child will be noted as persistently absent.

## 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.