

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

I must start this newsletter saying a big thank you to Faye Sendra and Sarah Jackson who have relinquished their roles as chair and treasurer of the Friends of OLSP. They have both done an incredible job over the past few years, raising great sums of money and organising a wide range of activities and events. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to both them for doing a brilliant job.

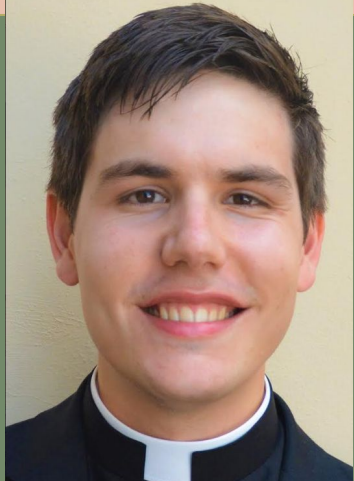
A big thank you too, to Cara and Lucy who will be jointly sharing the role of chair and to Ivan for agreeing to be treasurer. Please do offer your support.

I am hoping you will see that we are offering two open events to welcome new families and those hoping for a school place in September 2025 into our school. Adverts are being shared across various platforms. The dates are 17th October 4-5pm and 19th October 9:30-10:30am. If these dates are not convenient, we are happy to offer individual tours through contacting the office. Please do let others know.

Finally, our first meeting for proactive parenting was reported to have proved very useful. There are still spaces on the second one (8th October). Do let the office know if you would like to attend. This course is not limited to just our families, so again please do share if there is someone you know who may be interested.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford,
Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Thank you for visiting us Father Albert. The children have all enjoyed meeting you.

The children participated beautifully in our Welcome Mass today. It was so lovely to celebrate this as a school community at the mark the beginning of another wonderful school year.

Meet the 24/25 Chaplains!
Ada, Paris, Zachary, Kody, Seb and Billie-Jo were commissioned by Father Albert during our Mass this morning. They were presented with their hoodies. Watch this space to see their weekly missions.



Harvest Festival

CELEBRATE THE BEAUTY OF THE SEASON

Sunday 29th September

Come join us as we embrace the Season of Creation at our All Saints Parish Harvest Festival! Donations for HITS food bank and any home produce such as preserves etc which can be sold on the day in all three churches.

**LIGHT LUNCH OF SOUP, BREAD & CHEESE
SERVED AFTER 11.00 MASS AT OLSP PARISH
ROOM
DONATIONS FOR CAFOD**



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_CHIaZxzmZWsZsJKhGY 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



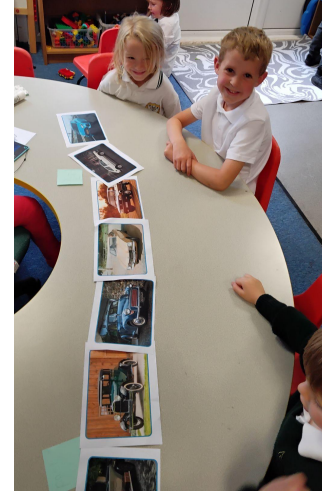
NURSERY

THIS WEEK WE HAVE BEEN COLLECTING AUTUMN LEAVES AND LOOKING AT THE CHANGING COLOURS. WE ENJOYED SPLASHING IN PUDDLES AND BAKING BISCUITS.



REC & YEAR 1

THIS WEEK WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT DIFFERENT VEHICLES AND HOW THEY HAVE CHANGED OVER TIME. THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ORDERED PICTURES OF CARS FROM THE FIRST CAR TO MODERN DAY CARS. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN MAKING THEIR OWN VEHICLES AND MAKING SILHOUETTE PICTURES.



YEAR 1 & 2

The children in Mars class have been learning about the artist, Kandinsky. This week, we used different mediums to create hand drawn circles. It was quite tricky to create a circle by hand, but we enjoyed using different mediums and creating different tones and colours.



YEAR 3 & 4

Saturn class have been conducting their tooth decay experiment with a variety of different liquids on eggs. The egg shell is a similar substance to tooth enamel and the children have made their predictions about what they think is going to happen. They are really excited to find out the results.



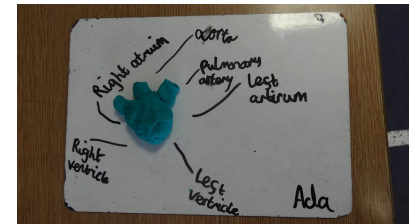
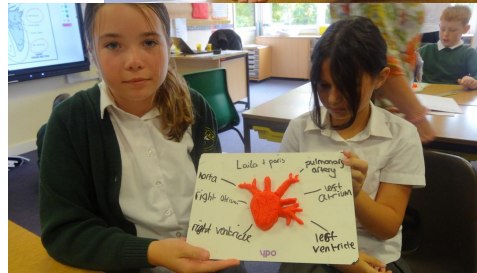
YEAR 5

Year 5 spent a very rainy day in their wellies for the Winston's Wish Charity. It was the perfect day for the uniform change. Thank you for supporting this charity.



YEAR 6

As part of our Science unit 'How to keep a healthy heart' Year 6 made models of the heart. They were able to label the four chambers and the key arteries that carry blood away from the heart.



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	16.09.24	23.09.24
Value	Peace	Tolerance
Stars	Audrey	Billy
Moons	Emily	Lumen
Mars	Ellie	Sarah-Anne
Saturn	Sophie	Di-Anne
Neptune	Olivia	Iris
Supernova	Elsa	Arcihe A



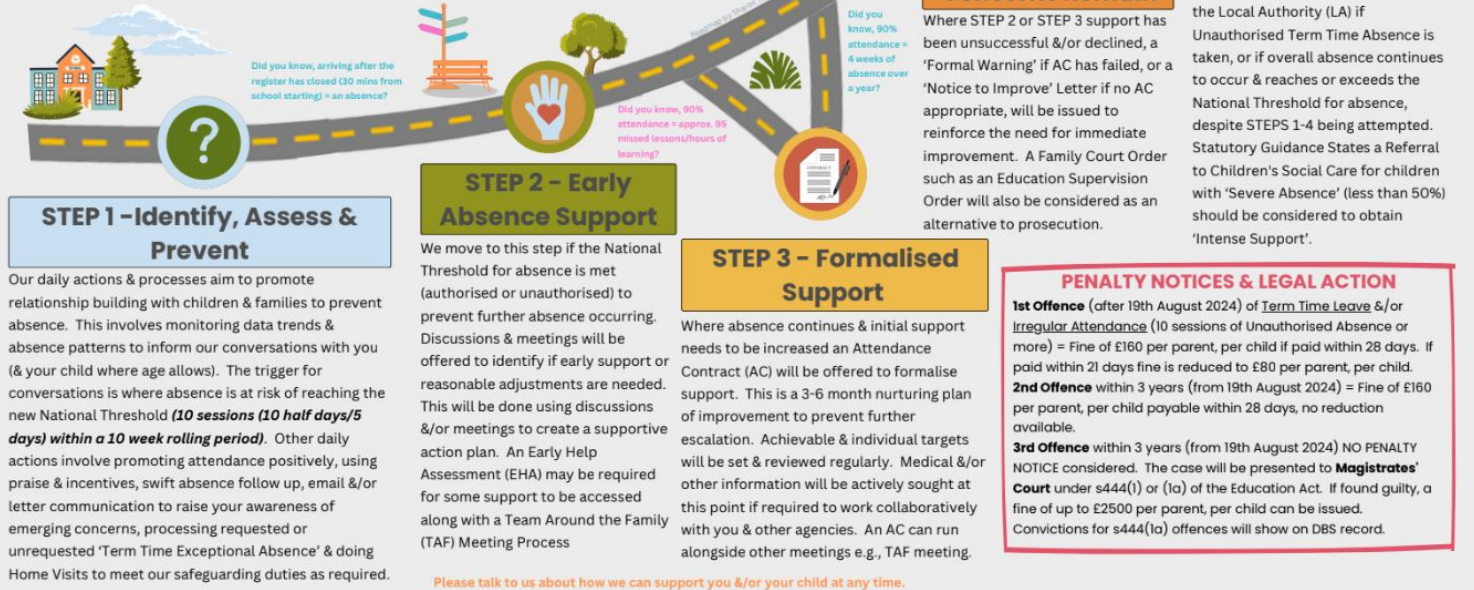
STAR OF THE WEEK

	16.09.24	23.09.24
Stars	Arthur	Henry
Moons	Ivy	Elliott
Mars	Isla	Seb
Saturn	Estrella	Albie
Neptune	Taylor	Stephanie
Supernova	Patrick	Seb



Attendance Roadmap

In line with the DfE Statutory Guidance (in force from 19th August 2024) we offer a supportive, stepped, attendance approach. We will offer a welcoming ethos with high expectations for all. We will assess data to identify absence trends & use preventative discussions/meetings with families to listen, understand & support to remove barriers. Where needed, we will formalise support to nurture improvement with Attendance Contracts & as a last resort we will consider intensifying support &/or enforce legal sanctions.



16th-27th September 2024	
Moons	92.22%
Mars	93.59%
Saturn	99.17%
Neptune	97.07%
Supernova	98.44%

Well done to Saturn class. Congratulations also to Supernova who achieved 100% this week; they have received a class reward for this today.

		14th November	9:30 - 11:30am Y5 to mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon
3rd October	National Poetry Day	17th December	8:45am - 2:45pm Rudolph Run Day 2024
4th October	2 - 3pm Liturgy for the 10th anniversary of Plymouth CAST	20th December	End of Term
8th October	12-3pm Pro-Active Parenting Course Session 2	6th January 2025	Beginning of Spring Term
9th October	Rock Stars Launch day - dress as a rock star for the day (9:15 - 9:45am Rock Stars Assembly)	30th January 2025	9:30 - 11:30am Y3/4 mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon
10th October	10-11.30am Year 3/4 Invasion Games Festival @ TCS	17th February 2025	Half Term Holiday
17th October	9:30 - 11:30am Y6 mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon 4 - 5pm Open evening session for prospective parents	24th February 2025	INSET Day (No Pupils)
19th October	9:30 - 10:30am Open morning for prospective parents	5th March 2025	2:30 - 3:30pm Ash Wednesday liturgy
24th October	1:30 - 3pm Poetry slam	17th March 2025	10 - 11am KS2 to mass for St Patrick's Day
28th October	Half Term Holiday	20th March 2025	9:30 - 11:30am Y1/2 mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon
4th November	INSET Day (No pupils)	28th March 2025	9am - 3pm National Skipping Day
5th November	2:15 - 3:15pm All Saints Day liturgy	31st March 2025	Y6 residential to Barton Hall
12th November	Odd Socks Day	8th May 2025	10 - 11am Year 3/4 Striking and Fielding Festival at Teignmouth Community School

WELL DONE!



Last Saturday, Lyra, Zach, Ted and Raffy represented OLSP at the Dawlish swimming club ribbon gala . This was a fun day of swimming races for those learning to swim. The four of them did brilliantly and were really brave!

They were all awarded ribbons for participating well.

A massive well done to you all and thank you for representing our school so brilliantly!



Friends News!

We would like to introduce you to the new committee

Co Chairs - Cara Bennett and Lucy Ham

Secretary - Deborah Daniels

Treasurer- Ivan Pitman

Watch this space for some exciting events coming up!

Would you like to be involved with the Friends?

You can message us on Facebook, email us at friends@olsp.uk,

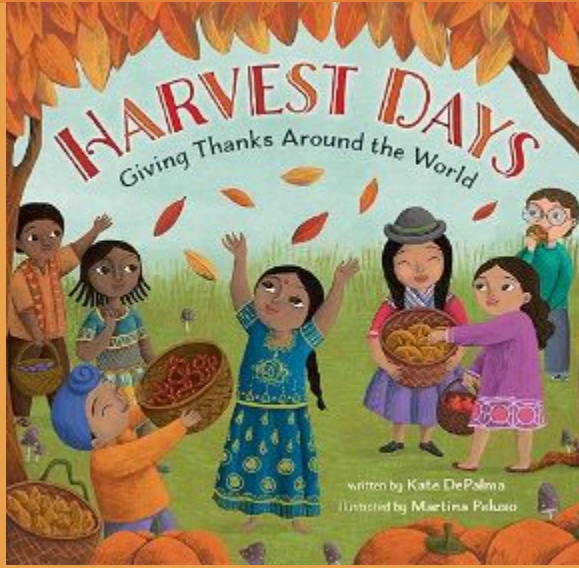
Or chat to us on the school gate.

We are always looking for bakers, crafters and friendly faces

To be a part of the team.

"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

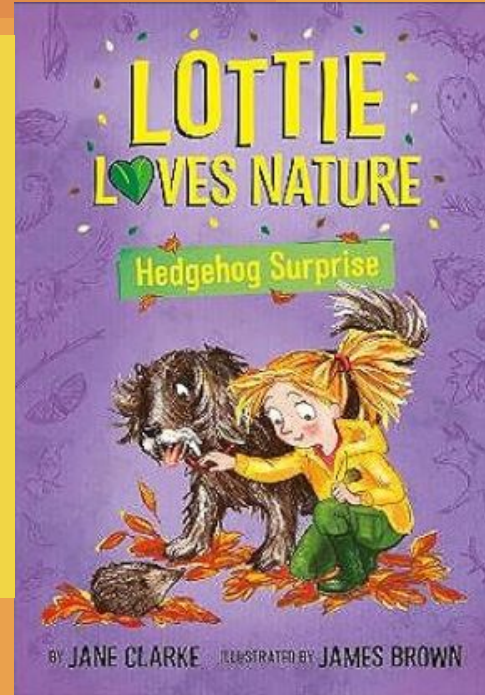


Harvest Days by Katie DePalma

Explore harvest festivals from around the globe! Lyrical, rhyming text and lush, detailed artwork immerse young readers in some of the most ancient traditions in the world. Nine pages of rich, educational endnotes dive deep with more information about the 12 cultures explored in the book and invite young readers to ask questions about food and the labour that produces it.

Lottie Loves Nature: Hedgehog Surprise by Jane Clarke

Inspired by her favourite wildlife show, Lottie is making her garden nightlife friendly. Moths, bats and even hedgehogs need food, water and space to roam. But when a hedgehog accidentally gets stuck in her neighbour's golf hole, Lottie has to dig up slimy slugs to tempt it out – because every little thing matters! Includes how to make a hedgehog house and a compost heap.



A thank you from Teignmouth Library

The Friends of Teignmouth Library have let us know that they held a sale recently, using books that we donated to them. They raised an amazing £216!

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

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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!



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More teachers, trips, and activities!



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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.