

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



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



**Newsletter: 9th February 2024**

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford

# HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

First of all I would like to say that I have been working with the Trust with regards to my role at the school and the challenges of being an Executive Headteacher. The Trust have agreed that from September I will be able to reduce my responsibilities as an Executive Head and become a full time substantive head just at Our Lady and St Patricks. Therefore from September, I am delighted to be full time at the one school. I am very grateful to our Trust leaders for all their support with this.

As parents and carers you may recognise the hard work that has been going into making sure our early years provision is the best it can be and we have been honoured to have been asked to host visits from other schools to show off what we are achieving. A massive well done to Mrs O'Kane and the team. We are very proud of you all.

It feels like every newsletter I write about how busy the school has been and these last two weeks have been no different. Thank you for all your support on Numbers Day and contributing to £94.20 raised for the NSPCC.

This week itself we have had visitors from The Dog's Trust helping our children understand all the do's and don'ts around dogs. We also were visited by Howmet Aerospace, launching our robots project ready for after half term! Exciting times ahead. They were very informative and enjoyable sessions.

Next week is of course half term, which I hope is full of fun and laughter for all our families. Please remember that children return on Tuesday 20th February as Monday 19th is an inset day.

God bless to you all  
Mrs Cathy Blatchford  
Executive Head Teacher

# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

## Meet our newest Pupil Chaplains!

We have strengthened our group with 4 year 5 children: Paris, Zack, Ada and Billie-Jo. They are supporting our Year 6 chaplains and helping out with their many duties across the school. We are sure they will do a fine job!



## Ash Wednesday (14th February)

We would usually celebrate Ash Wednesday and receive the ashes together in school. This year it falls in the half term holiday. If you would like to attend a service, there is one at St Agatha's in Dawlish at 10am and at OLSP Church in Teignmouth at 7pm.

Hope is good,  
Hope is nice,  
Hope is what people  
long for,  
Hope is something  
we all do,  
Amen  
Lucas Y6

Dear Jesus,  
Hope is a big  
part of life,  
Jesus had  
hope and we  
can learn  
from him,  
Open your  
heart and  
tell us your  
hopes.  
Amen  
Charly Y6

## First Holy Communion

Please pray for Paddy and Estrella who have now begun their First Holy Communion journey and will attend their second session tomorrow.

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be ourselves and to embrace us with love and respect. Thank you for having mercy in us when we do wrong and make the wrong choices. I know that you have faith in my choices when I am lost in fear you give me courage. The Bible says 'Don't worry about anything instead pray about everything'. The earth is amazing it gives us food, shelter, water and safety. All is peaceful in heaven and earth. Give us joy in all

we do. Amen

By Ada and Patrick Y5 OLSP

# SPRING 2 TERM CLUBS:

These clubs will be running after the half term holiday.

Please use this link to sign your child up

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-88w7mIMT6TVxRj6x2D5LGH8A5LJnboMFleJnCyZrKq2Vrw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-88w7mIMT6TVxRj6x2D5LGH8A5LJnboMFleJnCyZrKq2Vrw/viewform?usp=sf_link)



- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4pm
- Multi-Sports Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (Year 1/2/3 only)
- Year 3/4 Gardening Club Fridays 3.15pm - 4pm (First-come, first-served as places are limited)
- Maths SATS booster club (Year 6). Thursday 3.15pm-4pm.
- Lacrosse - Premier Sport Fridays 3:15 - 4:30pm



## You are invited...



to Premier Education's extracurricular activities!



**Here's what's on near you...**

Our Lady St Patricks Primary School Afterschool Club

Friday's : Lacrosse

Cost: 0

Time: 15:15 - 16:30 Age: 5-11

Dates: Friday 16th February - Friday 22nd March

To discover the activities available and to book today, visit [premier-education.com](http://premier-education.com)

# EARLY YEARS

The children in Stars and Moons have been learning about how to be more like Jesus, they have learnt about how Jesus helps everyone. One of their favourite stories is how Jesus fed the 5000. With this in mind the children have decided they would like to help other people in the community by setting up their own food bank donation point at school. They have spent an afternoon creating posters and signs and would like to invite all parents, if you are able to donate to the food bank, their donation point will be open after half term until Easter.



# YEAR 1 & 2

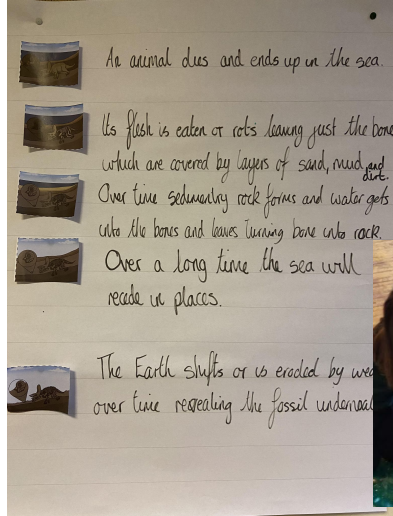
Last week, Mars Class had a fantastic day completing their artwork. They began exploring with pencils, crayons, pastels, paints and charcoal. They then drew a self-portrait using pencils. Next, they chose a different medium to create a second portrait. They finished by painting their portrait. It was amazing to see their different interpretations and how they used the different mediums. We finished the day with an art gallery for our parents. The children were very proud to display their hard work.





# YEAR 3

This week year 3 have been looking at the fossilisation process and how dinosaurs end up trapped inside of rock. The children have found it fascinating and to handle real fossils has been amazing.



# YEAR 4

Class 4 had a fantastic time at the Coombe Valley nature reserve. They were collecting data on the different types of living things which ranged from vertebrates, invertebrates to flowering and non-flowering plants. A massive thank you to all of the adults who came and helped out, ensuring the children were safe when walking there and back.



# YEAR 5

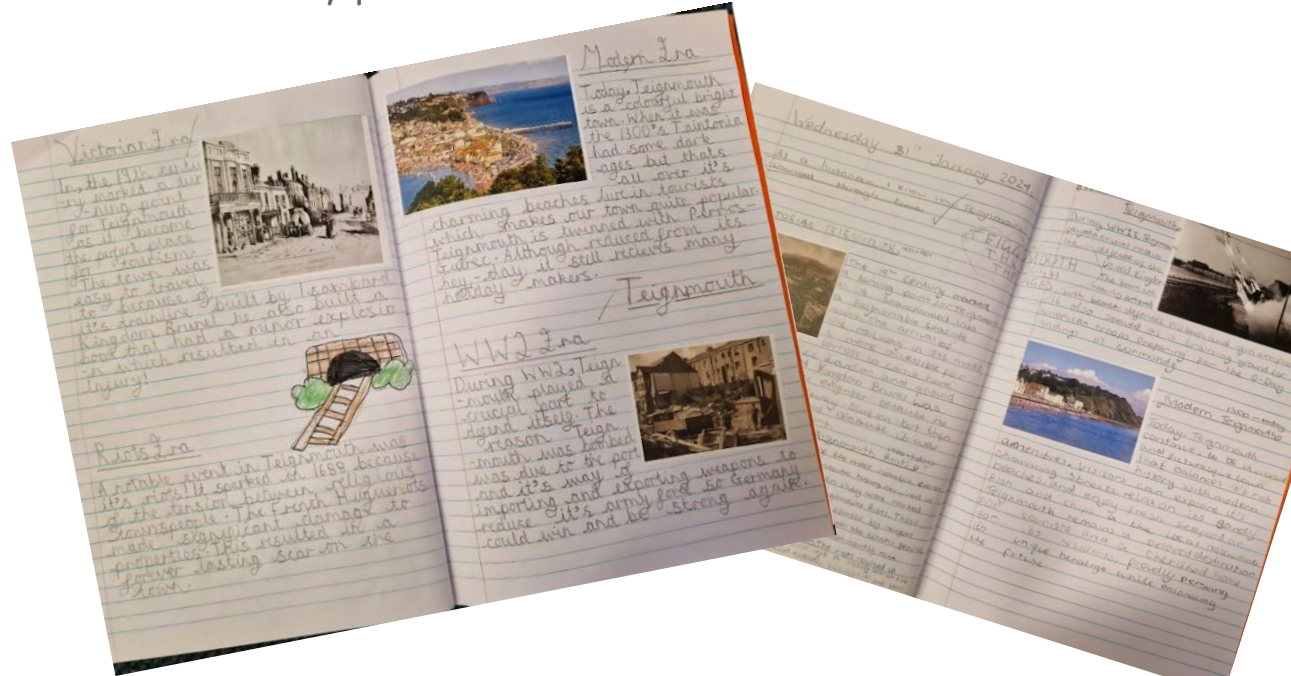
This week Howmet Aerospace visited us to introduce a new topic for the rest of the year. We shall be exploring the world of STEM.



Mrs Mullane and myself are extremely proud of Ada, Billie-Jo and Zach for becoming trainee chaplains. They will be working with the current Year 6 chaplains being role models for the rest of the school. Well done.

Year 6 have really enjoyed their history topic - 'Teignmouth through the ages'. They learnt some key historical events such as the Victorian era and World War two then linked it back to their local environment of Teignmouth. Below the children have showcased their learning of 'Teignmouth through the ages'. I am very proud of them!

# YEAR 6



Together, we  
made it count.

This is to certify that

**Class 4-OLSP**

took part in  
**Big Schools' Birdwatch 2024.**

Thank you very much!

Signed



Rachael Albon  
Big Schools' Birdwatch  
Coordinator



Big Schools'  
Birdwatch



**JOIN PIP, ZENA AND LIBRO  
ON THEIR NEW ONLINE ADVENTURE**

The Secret Book Quest digital platform is quick and easy to sign up to online, where you can join Zena, Pip and Libro the cat on an exciting reading adventure. Signing up online will unlock access to The Secret Book Quest story, online games and downloadable activities!

To carry on your quest and unlock the next zone, visit your local library. As a library member, a child can sign up to receive their free pack, including stickers to collect along the way, puzzles to solve, certificates and a finisher's prize too.

Head to [www.tsbq.co.uk](http://www.tsbq.co.uk)  
or your local library to begin your adventure!





# DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	<b>29.1.24</b>	<b>5.2.24</b>
	<b>Justice</b>	<b>Humility</b>
Early Years	Max	Poppy
Y1 & Y2	Hattie	Arthur S
Y3	Emilia	Fitzgerald
Y4	Kaya	Ethan
Y5	Patrick	Archie A
Y6	Nama	Celia

# STAR OF THE WEEK

	<b>29.1.24</b>	<b>5.2.24</b>
Early Years	Ellis	Oscar
Y1 & 2	Lacie-Mae	Isla
Y3	Albie	Grisha
Y4	Taylor	Grace
Y5	Elsa	Archie B
Y6	Juliana	Ava



29th January - 9th February	
Reception	94.88%
Year 1/2	96.72%
Year 3	96.18%
Year 4	94.83%
Year 5	90.00%
Year 6	94.29%

Well done to Mars!

## Is your child too poorly for School?

If you are unsure about your child's symptoms and whether to send them to school, the following link is very informative

[https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## A Message from Steph, our Attendance and Welfare Officer

### Holidays in term time

It's coming up to the time of year when you may be thinking about going on holiday. To request that your child is absent from school for a holiday, please complete an S2 form, these can be picked up from the school office. Ensure that you specify any exceptional circumstances. You will receive confirmation of whether the absence will be authorised or not. If you take your child out for a holiday during term time that has not been previously authorised, you make yourselves liable to receiving a Penalty Notice per parent/carer, per child.

**Also please note that the Local Authority will only issue 1 Penalty Notice in any 2 year period so a second holiday in that time would result in a Court Summons.**

If you have any questions, please leave a message for me in the office and I will contact you.

### 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  190 days for your child's education	10 days absence 180 Days of Education	19 days absence 171 Days of Education	29 days absence A term missed 161 Days of Education	58 days absence 117 Days of Education	67 days absence 108 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
<b>Good</b> Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		<b>Worrying</b> Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		<b>Serious Concern</b> Not fair on your child. Court action!	



# Diary Dates

		<b>28th March</b>	Last day of Spring Term Friends Easter Non-Uniform and Easter Bonnet Competition Fire safety talks for Years 1/2 and 5
<b>14th February</b>	Ash Wednesday and St Valentine's Day	<b>15th April</b>	Summer Term Starts
<b>19th February</b>	<b>INSET Day (Non-Pupil)</b>	<b>15th - 19th April</b>	Y6 Residential
<b>20th February</b>	<b>Chinese New Year dinner menu (change to usual menu)</b>	<b>23rd April</b>	St George's Day
<b>24th February</b>	Stand up to bullying	<b>6th May</b>	May Day bank holiday
<b>28th February</b>	Simon James Author Visit	<b>7th May</b>	<b>10am</b> Mass for Pentecost in School
<b>March</b>	Women's History Month	<b>9th May</b>	Year 3 attending Mass at Shaldon Church
<b>1st March</b>	St David's Day	<b>WB 13th May</b>	<b>SATS week for Year 6</b>
<b>4th March week</b>	Save the date. Parents Evenings this week (more info to follow)	<b>27th May</b>	Half Term Holiday
<b>6th March</b>	World Book Day (children to dress as a <b>page</b> , or a <b>character</b> from their favourite type of book)	<b>3rd June</b>	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)
<b>7th March</b>	Year 4 attending Mass at Shaldon Church World Book Day theme dinner menu (change to usual menu)	<b>4th July</b>	Year 1/2 attending Mass at Shaldon Church
<b>1st March</b>	St David's Day <b>3pm</b> Friends Cake Sale (Years 3 and 4)	<b>5th July</b>	<b>2pm - 3pm</b> Whole School Music Celebration (more info to follow nearer the date)
<b>15th March</b>	<b>10am</b> Mass for St Patrick in School <b>5pm - 7.15pm</b> Friends St Patrick's Day Disco	<b>19th July</b>	<b>3.30pm - 8.30pm</b> School Barbecue
<b>17th March</b>	St Patrick's Day	<b>24th July</b>	<b>9am</b> End of Year Mass
<b>26th March</b>	Year 6 Dawlish Water Rotary Club Primary Schools Quiz Challenge (info to follow)	<b>25th July</b>	Last day of Summer Term

# Friends News!



*Mother's Day*  
**GIFT SHOP**

Let Someone you love feel  
Special

**Thursday 7th March**

ALL GIFTS £2.50 EACH

The poster features a dark blue background with pink roses and green leaves at the top and bottom. The text is in white and pink.

Thank you so much to all of year 5&6 for your cake donations last week and thank you to everyone who supported us by buying a cake or 2.

It was great to see everyone enjoying 'break the rules day' and thank you for all your generous donations. This will help us on our way to paying for the playground to be cleaned ready for the new line markings.

We hope everyone has a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all when we come back. We have another cake sale coming up, our mother's day gift shop, and a St Patrick's day disco to look forward too!

If you can help at any of our events, please let us know. You can email us at [friends@olsp.uk](mailto:friends@olsp.uk), via our Facebook or Instagram pages, leave a message in the office or catch us on the school run 😊



The Friends of OLSP  
**Cake Sale**  
Friday 1st March  
Years 3&4 to bring in cake donations please.



A fundraiser for the school playground

The poster has a light pink background with a decorative border of pink flowers and green leaves. It features an illustration of several different cakes.



COME AND JOIN US FOR A  
FUN AND SPECTACULAR

**Saint Patrick's Day Party**

MARCH 15TH  
IN THE SCHOOL HALL.  
KS1 5-6PM  
KS2 6:15-7:15PM

DETAILS TBC...

The poster has a green and orange color scheme with a decorative border of green leaves and gold streamers. It features illustrations of a leprechaun, leprechaun hats, and beer mugs.



LET'S CELEBRATE

# CHINESE NEW YEAR



**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
February**

Attention!  
Menu change for  
**Tuesday 20th  
February 2024**

# CHINESE NEW YEAR

## MAINS

Chinese Chicken Rice **or**  
Vegetable Chow Mein

## SIDES


Stir Fry Oriental Vegetables

## DESSERT

Apple Fortune Cake

*Jacket Potatoes and Tomato Pasta will be available*

*Menus for Medical Diet pupils will be provided*

An illustration of three children. At the top, a girl with dark skin and pigtails holds a sign that says "READ TO ME.". Below her, a boy with dark hair holds a sign that says "ANY AGE.". To his right, a girl with blonde hair and a red bow holds a sign that says "ANY STAGE.". The background is a simple green and yellow gradient.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU READ ALOUD TO  
YOUR CHILD? (EVEN WHEN IN YEAR  
6!)

Reading aloud to your child for 15 minutes every day has been proven to be the single most important thing to do you for your child's development.

Instil a love of reading.

Your example demonstrates that reading is important, pleasurable and valuable. Even the older children in our school love a cuddle with a grown up, listening to a book. We'd love to hear about the books they have listened to over half term.

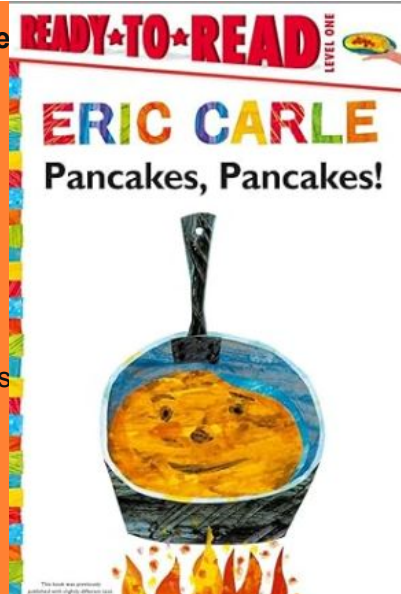
"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall." - Roald Dahl

### Pancakes, Pancakes! By Eric Carle

There's a lot to be done before Jack can have his breakfast in this Ready-to-Read edition of Eric Carle's classic tale.

The barnyard rooster crows and Jack wakes up—hungry, of course! What does he want for breakfast? A big pancake! But first, Jack's mother needs flour from the mill, an egg from the black hen, milk from the spotted cow, butter churned from fresh cream, and firewood for the stove. Will Jack ever get his pancake?

With his trademark vibrant collage illustrations and lively text, Eric Carle has created a mouthwatering tale .

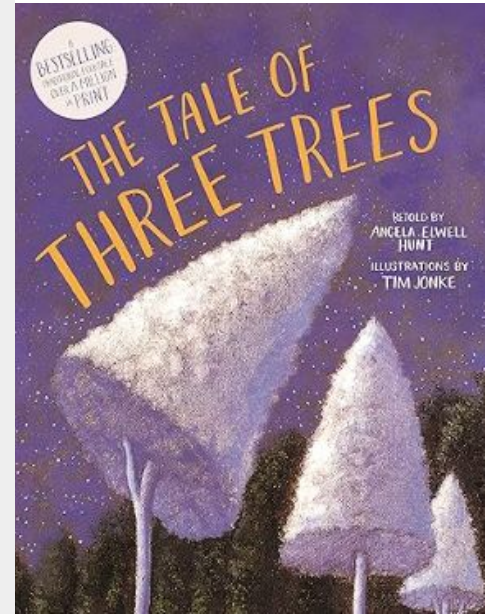


# THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

### The Tale of Three Trees by Angela Elwell Hunt

Featuring beautiful illustrations from Tim Jonke, *The Tale of Three Trees* is a bestselling classic children's book inspired by a traditional folktale that tells the story of Jesus' life from a new and unusual point of view. That of three trees, who discuss what they want to become when they grow up. When they are felled, it seems as if all their dreams are over. But their wishes come true in a way they never expected, each tree is destined to play an

important part in key events of Jesus' life. A moving folktale about Jesus' life for children, *The Tale of Three Trees* can also be shared out loud with the whole family. Perfect for Easter. Both children and adults will be deeply touched by the beautiful message of the book, that even when life doesn't seem to be going our way, God has a plan for us and works for His good through all things.





## Family Events Spring 2024



### Peppa Pig Cinema Party!



Come on everybody it's time for Peppa's Cinema Party! This year Peppa Pig celebrates her 20th anniversary and to mark it- the **MOST EPIC PARTY EVER.**

Friday 16th February 11.00am & 2.00pm  
£7.00 Adult, £5.00 child

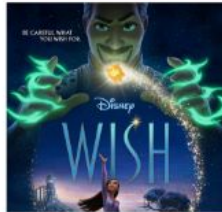
### Craft Workshops



Make your own model of the Owl and the Pussycat in their iconic Pea-Green boat. Or make a mask of your favourite woodland animal.

Monday 12th February &  
Monday 8th April.  
10.30am-12.30pm  
£15.00 per child  
see website for further details

### Disney's Wish



Young Asha makes a wish so powerful that it's answered by a cosmic force, a little ball of boundless energy called Star

Monday 12th February  
11.00am & 2.00pm  
Adults: £7.00 Children: £5.00

BOX OFFICE 01626 249049  
[www.pavilionsteignmouth.org.uk](http://www.pavilionsteignmouth.org.uk)

## Family Theatre Spring 2024



### Sam O'Shanty



A nautically comic show for all the family, crammed with Fact - Farce & Fantasy, in which storytelling, Puppetry & the singing of shanties will entertain, enthral & delight..... **HUZZAR!**

Saturday 2nd March, 2.00pm  
£8.00 Adult, £10.00 child

### The Witch & The Egg



Witch does what witches do best... fly around scaring people and eating biscuits. The last thing she wants in her life is an **EGG!**

Should she have it for breakfast or hatch it? This show is an adaptation of the book 'The Witch's Egg' by Madeleine Edmondson.

Wednesday 14th February, 2.00pm  
£8.00 Adult, £10.00 child

### Laura Wall's Goose



This forty five minute interactive production brings Teignmouth's very own Laura Wall's laugh out loud illustrations and loveable characters to life. 'Goose' is an instant favourite with young and old.

Saturday 30th March 1.00pm & 3.00pm  
all tickets £12.00

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## If your child is unwell, consult HANDi this winter

Doctors in Devon are reminding parents to consult the HANDi paediatric app if they aren't sure what to do when their child is unwell.

The free app, available to download onto any Apple or Android device, was launched specifically with children in mind and is loaded with expert advice, support and guidance for parents with concerns about their children.

The easy-to-use app was designed with local paediatric consultants to provide clear, concise information for parents and carers.

The award-winning app asks a series of questions about the symptoms the child has and then advises the best course of action to take, whether to treat the condition at home, consult a pharmacist or GP, and if it is serious to head to the Emergency Department.



We will be running information sessions, on what funding is available, eligibility and how to apply.

Childcare  
**Choices**

Dates throughout February!

Devon  
County Council 

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (10.00-11.00)

[Click here to join the session](#)

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (19.30-20.30)

[Click here to join the session](#)

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (16.00-17.00)

[Click here to join the session](#)

## 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!



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## 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 new Attendance and Welfare Officer here at OLSP. I will be monitoring 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.