

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

Welcome back to school and the academic year of 2024-2025. I hope you all had a lovely summer break and managed to find at least a little bit of sunshine.

It may have only been a few days, but we are all straight into it, determined your child gets the best out of this school year. All curriculum letters have been sent out to parents and added to the school website to make sure you know what your child will be studying this year.

For the month of September we are all having a big focus on good manners. The children have had an assembly and all adults are awarding extra Dojos for those showing that they display good manners throughout the school day. As part of this, the children have been told they are expected to use both a knife and fork to eat their school meals. Adults have been helping and it would be great if this could be further reinforced at home. Feel free to send us in any pictures of your child having a go.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford,
Head Teacher

GOVERNORS MESSAGE



Here we are back into another academic year!

Last term we said “goodbye” to Mrs O’Kane, Mrs Compton-Stewart, Mrs Mullane and Mr Mason and we thank them for all their efforts over the last few years. We also say “goodbye” to Fr. Mark and we wish him happiness in his new parish of Newquay. He was a regular visitor at OLSP and we will all miss him. However, we welcome Fr. Albert and hope that he too settles into our parish and look forward to seeing him at school.

Our OFSTED and Canonical Inspections last term both resulted in a solid “GOOD” and reflected the continued hard work and determination of all the staff and of course the children.

The day to day timetable has seen some restructuring now that Mrs Blatchford is with us full-time and we welcome Miss Dorrell to the team and know that she will be well supported by her colleagues.

Our support for the school is constant and we look forward to the coming year and all that will be achieved by our wonderful staff and children.

Lorraine Coulter

Chair of Governors

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

We are all looking forward to meeting Father Albert who joined our parish on Wednesday this week. We hope that he is settling in.

Even at the beginning of the school year, our pupil chaplains have been busy. They have been planning ideas for the season of creation. Today they are putting instructions in every class for how to grow beans on cotton wool and encouraging classes to say a prayer for creation.



They also led the school for an act of worship on Tuesday about Fair Trade Fortnight, encouraging us to write to our MPs to support leading on change.



Bishop Moger

We have received word from the Diocese today, the wonderful news that a new Bishop has been found. Bishop Philip Moger is now the bishop-elect of our diocese.

Bishop Moger brings a wealth of experience to the role having served the Church as a priest for over forty years; as parish priest, as Cathedral Dean, as chaplain, as Vocations Director, as Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and most recently as Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark.

Months of our parishioners prayers have been answered and we are so happy to share this news with you.

Dear God,
Thank you for giving us our beautiful world.
Thank you for giving us lush, green grass,
food and water so we can live.
Thank you for giving us the sun, stars,
light and dark.
Help us to think about
and care for our school,
parish, diocesan and global family.
We remember that the world is
ours to care for,
but not ours to own.
Help us to be stewards of Creation
and care for the world and
everyone and everything that inhabits it.
Amen

AUTUMN 1 CLUBS:



These are the clubs that will be 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

The Nursery have enjoyed their first week of term. They have been learning about our topic, All About Me.

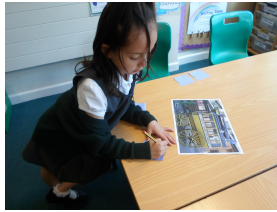


REC & YEAR 1

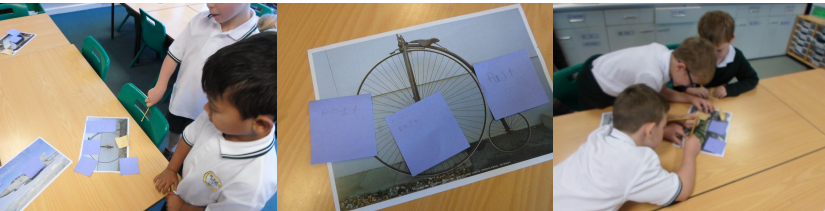
Year R and Year 1 have enjoyed exploring their new classroom environment and outside area.



YEAR 1 & 2



This week, the children in Mars class have started their history learning on how transport has changed over time. This week they enjoyed looking at different images and deciding whether they were from the past or present.



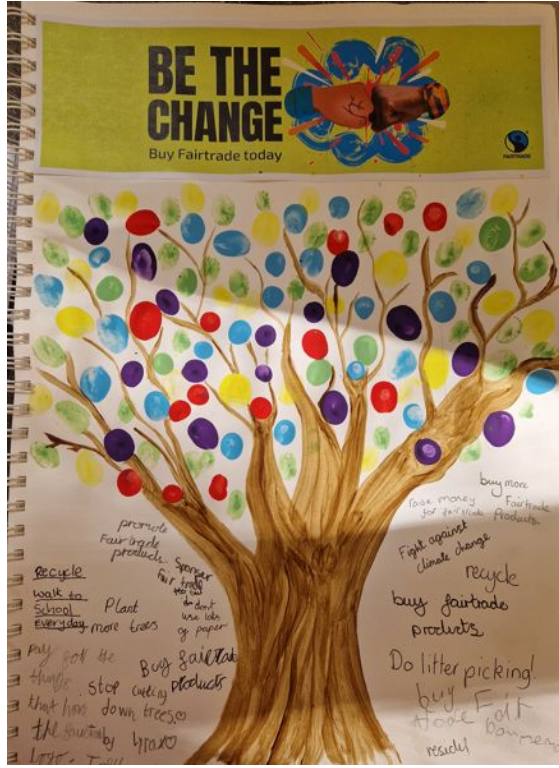
YEAR 3 & 4



For PE this week, Saturn class have been learning different ball skills with a tennis ball. The children developing a variety of tracking and collecting skills which involved bouncing and dropping a ball.



YEAR 5



For the start of year 5, we have discussed 'Fair Trade'. The class spoke about the changes needed for the future of our planet.

The children all used their fingerprints to create a tree for change and ideas for change.

YEAR 6

For the start of our class it was important for us to make sure we keep going with our reading as we know reading is the key to success. It made sense that the day after the start of term was **National Read A Book Day!**



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	09.09.24
Value	Courage
Stars	All Stars
Moons	Freddie
Mars	Florence
Saturn	Daisy
Neptune	Teddy
Supernova	Archie B



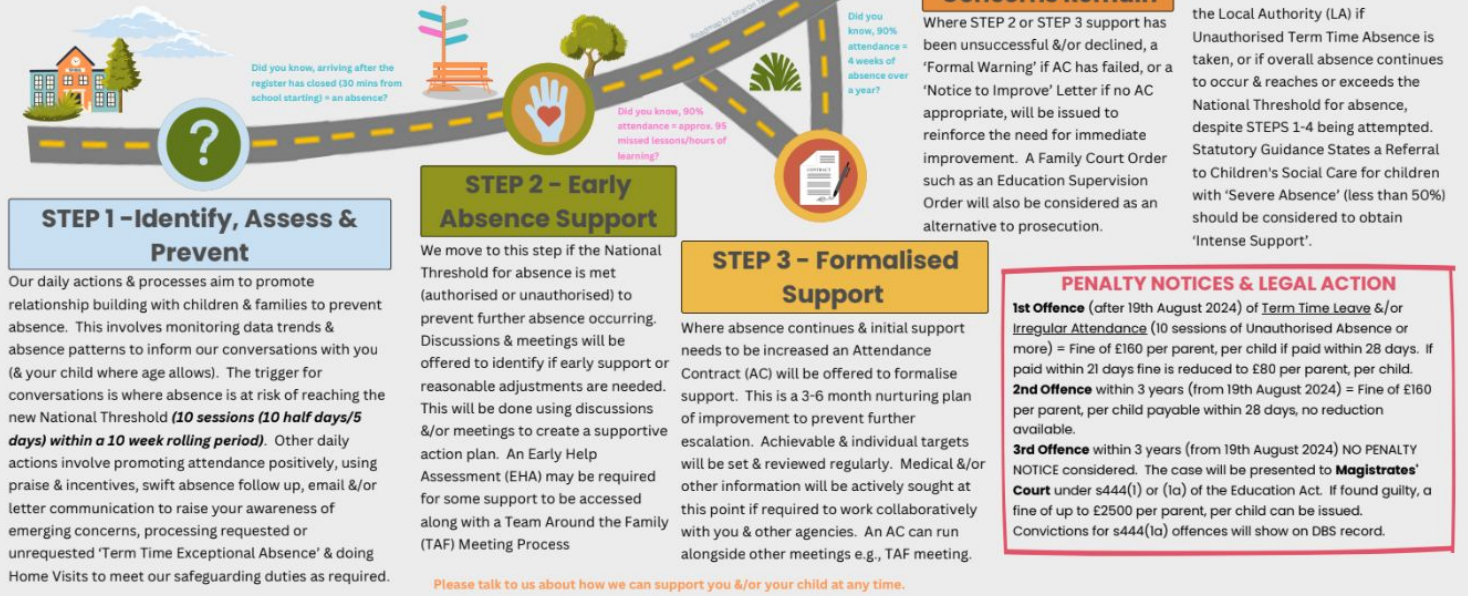
STAR OF THE WEEK

	09.09.24
Stars	All stars
Moons	Chloe
Mars	Hattie
Saturn	Silas
Neptune	Tara
Supernova	Laila



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.



5th-13th September 2024	
Moons	98.36%
Mars	100%
Saturn	99.76%
Neptune	99.02%
Supernova	100%

What a great start to term! Mrs Blatchford was able to award the whole school with extra playtime when EVERY child was in on Wednesday. A fabulous achievement. Well done also to Mars and Supernova for achieving 100% since the first day back.



Diary Dates

23rd September	12:00–3:00pm Pro-Active parenting course - Session 1	17th February 2025	Half Term Holiday
25th September	“Winston's Wish” - Wear your Wellies to School Day	24th February 2025	INSET Day (No Pupils)
3rd October	National Poetry Day - Poetry Slam	31st March 2025	Y6 residential to Barton Hall
9th October	Rock Stars Launch day - dress as a rock star for the day	8th May 2025	10am - 11am Year 3/4 Striking and Fielding Festival at Teignmouth Community School
24th October	1:30pm - 3pm Poetry slam	4th April 2025	End of Spring Term
28th October	Half Term Holiday	22nd April 2025	Beginning of Summer Term
4th November	INSET Day (No pupils)	5th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday
12th November	Odd Socks Day	26th May 2025	Half Term Holiday
17th December	8:45am - 2:45pm Rudolph Run Day 2024	2nd June 2025	INSET Day (No Pupils)
20th December	End of Term	12th June 2025	10am - 11am Year 5 & 6 TriGolf Festival at Teignmouth Community School
6th January 2025	Beginning of Spring Term	23rd July 2025	End of Summer Term



Friends News!



We hope that everyone had a fantastic summer.

Watch this space for this years jam packed calendar of events. If you would like to be a part of the team please come along to our AGM meeting. Everyone is welcome!

We also have a fantastic opportunity to raise some much needed funds for the school with ASDA cashpot for schools. We get £1 for everyone who signs up and a percentage of sales too!

The Friends of OLSP AGM.

Friday 20th September
3:30pm

Come and join us for our AGM.
Meet the team and have your say.

If you are interested in joining the Friends, come along and see what its all about.
We will be voting for Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
If you would like to be considered for a trustee position, please let us know.

INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate £££ to schools.

With **ParentKind**

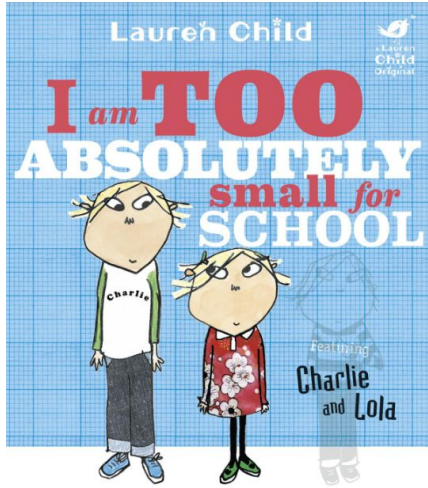
HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your primary school
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.

Selected stores. Minimum spend £2. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 16+. App & Opt-in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible online spend. Further funds from in-school shops. Small business with Asda Rewards from 10/2015. Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 31/12/14

"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



I am Too Absolutely Small for School by Lauren Child

A classic Charlie and Lola picture book about starting school worries, from Children's Laureate Lauren Child. Charlie's little sister Lola is nearly big enough to go to school. But Lola is not so sure. *Lola says, "I am absolutely not BIG. I am still really quite small. I probably do not have time to go to school. I am too extremely busy doing important things at home."*

This classic first-day-at-school tale addresses children's fears with warmth, humour, and a lot of fun.

Going to Big School by Laura Sieveking

A heartwarming story to calm your nerves before starting big school! *My name is Ava. Today I am going to big school! I am excited. My name is Jack. Today I am going to big school! I feel nervous.* Ava is so excited to start big school, she can't wait to colour in and run around with the other kids in her class. But Jack is really nervous, he feels very shy and doesn't know if he wants to join in. But when Ava decides to play with Jack, he doesn't feel as nervous any more and learns that we're all a bit scared when we start big school, but it can be fun too! Perfect for kids about to start primary school to show them how everyone feels a bit differently about starting, and that's okay! Bright and colourful illustrations by Danielle McDonald. A book exploring new experiences, big emotions and making friends!

Summer Reading Challenge Deadline is Tomorrow

If your child took part in the Teignmouth library reading challenge over the Summer the final date for children to pop in and collect their medal and certificate is Saturday 14th September from Teignmouth library. **We encourage any children that have taken part to bring in certificates for the celebration box so we can showcase their achievement.**

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



TNH Does..

September Hidden learning, PDA friendly



JURASSIC THEME

Cookie baking
Make a sensory bottle
Water play
Volcano science
Make a Jurassic diorama
Crafts available every week

Whole group craft projects
Sensory tray
Make your own fossils & dinosaur bones
Volcano & dinosaur egg crafts



EVERY THURSDAY and more!

HOME ED CLUB 12.30 - 2.30pm
£4 per child

STRIVE 3.45pm - 5.15pm
'After school club' £3.50 per child

Visit our Facebook page or email us for the booking link: tneurohub@gmail.com
@The Meadow Centre, TQ14 9AQ



Ending the theme with a trip to...



ADULTS: FREE
CHILDREN 3-16: £5.95
CHILDREN 2 & UNDER: FREE

SEPTEMBER 26TH
HOME ED CLUB
Entry at 12.30

STRIVE
Entry at 3.30pm

The last entry time is 3.30pm, please take this into consideration when booking for the STRIVE after school club session



Teignmouth Neurodivergent Hub

Teignmouth Neurodivergent Hub run group sessions weekly for SEND children, for those who attend school and are home educated. They provide activities which run with a monthly theme which ends with the opportunity to attend a trip at the end of the month. It is run by parents of neurodivergent children and so can empathise with the isolated feeling when trying to cope with the SEND journey. They support parents and families as a whole and want to let people know they exist and are here for support throughout their journey.

[Teignmouth Neurodivergent Hub](#) - Facebook page

[Teignmouth Neurodivergent Hub - Home Education Support and Activities](#) - private group for Home Education

Devon Family Hubs Monthly Newsletter - September 2024

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/HvbBsx77dHG5JkFe?ref=Link>

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.