

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



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**Newsletter: 1st December 2023**

Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford

# HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

Every time I compose my piece for the newsletter I reflect back on what we have done and always seem to be saying how busy we have been. It certainly has not changed in the last two weeks and it is amazing what we can pack in.

I must start by saying a huge thank you to our Friends, with a special mention to Cath Merrick, for all the hard work that went into our school Christmas Fayre. It was a lovely way to start the season and the school looked amazing. We have never had so many Christmas trees! A big thank you to Dartmoor trees that accepted our request for a free tree this year.

We have had a couple of mufti days where our families have been generous, donating to Children in Need and donating gifts for our Christmas Fayre. I love coming to school in my pyjamas!

No Pens Day to raise awareness for those with speech and language difficulties, was highly successful. It was wonderful to see the children engaging in high quality conversations, using their communication skills in a wide variety of ways - And no recording in books the whole day. We are also talking to our children about trying to keep waste down over this Christmas season and Mr Stamp has been working with the eco rangers to make some great decorations out of recycled materials.

We were delighted to hear that five of our children were winners at the Teignmouth Council art competition. A big well done to Marylou, Juliana, Jayden, Oscar Se and Flynn. We are so proud of you.

Whilst much has happened, our diaries continue to be packed. Please do keep a special eye on the diary dates as things continue to be added. Please especially note our Christmas Carol service as it would be lovely to get our whole community together.

Have a lovely weekend and God bless to you all.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford  
Executive Head Teacher

# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Here is our beautiful tree of kindness Advent Calendar, made by the School Chaplains during our faith-filled Friday sessions.

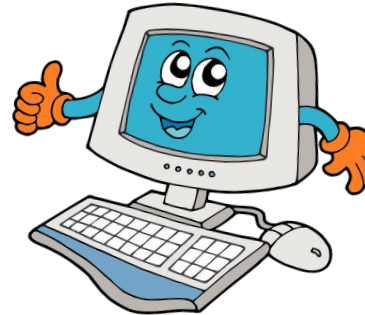


# AUTUMN 2 TERM CLUBS:



After the half term holiday, the following clubs will be running.

- Multi-Sports Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (Year 1 / 2 / 3 only)
- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4pm
- Lego Club Thursdays 3:15 - 4:15pm (Year 1 and up. Club is currently full but please use Google form to join the waiting list)
- Archery/Curling 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 Roman Catholic Primary School Afterschool Club

Friday's: Archery

Cost: £0

Time: 15:15 - 16:30 Age: from 5 - 11 year olds

Dates: Friday 3rd November - Friday 15th December

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

# EARLY YEARS

This week the children have had the opportunity to practice what they have learned about road safety. They have used our road, cars and the crossings to practice for when they are out and about.



# YEAR 1 & 2

In Geography this week, Mars class have thoroughly enjoyed using a map of our playground to give directions and plan their own routes.



# YEAR 3

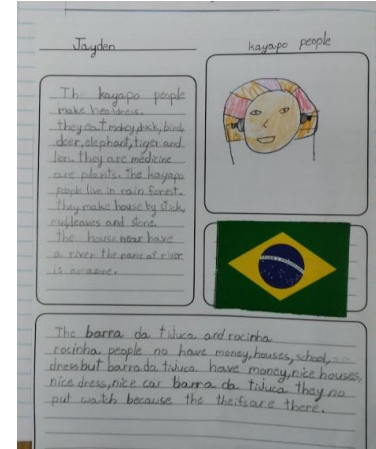
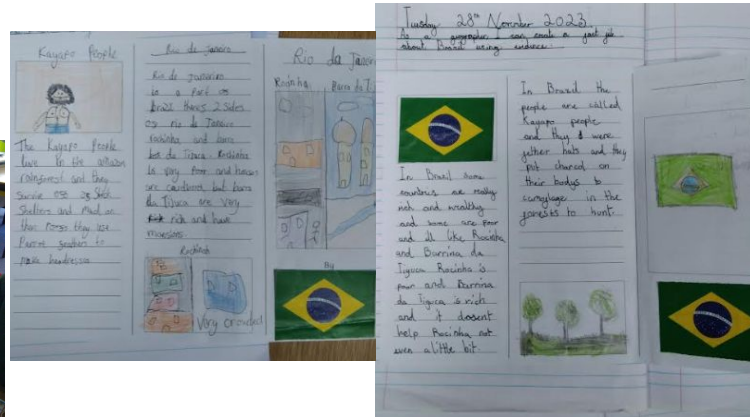
This week the children were looking at different settlements in Geography and building on their knowledge of what features make a particular settlement. We compared and contrasted different photos and then organised features into their settlements to understand what features each settlement has.



# YEAR 4

Across this autumn term, Class 4 have been learning about the country of Brazil. For our final geography lesson this term, the children had designed their own fact files about Brazil and presented this in different ways. Some children did this as a poster, a leaflet and even did this as a news report. The children worked incredibly hard on this and have enjoyed learning about this unit this term.

Here are some examples of their work below:



# YEAR 5

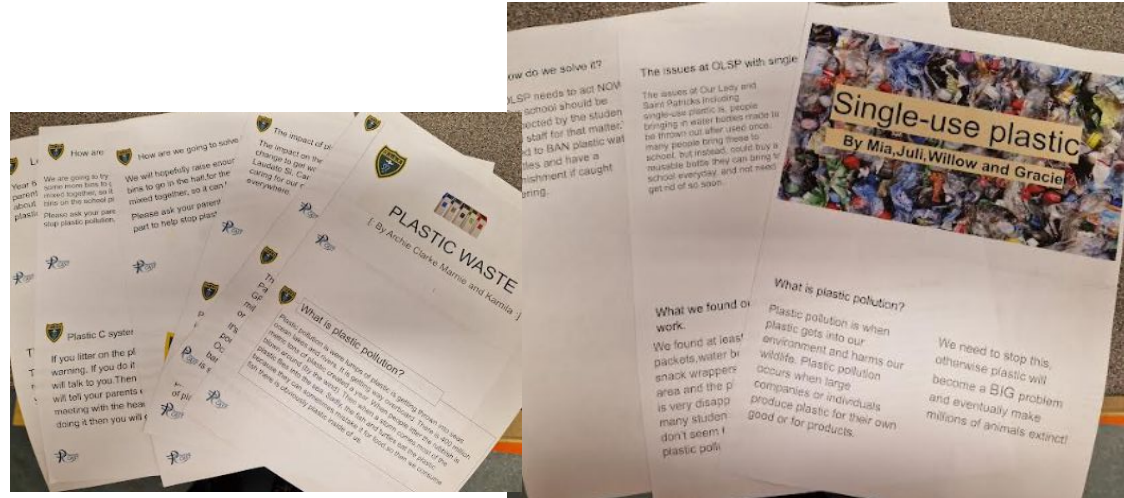
No Pens Day  
Wednesday

The Year 5s had an excellent day on 29th November when we banned pens and writing for the entire day! The children enjoyed doing maths with natural resources on the playground, debating our new writing topic and doing some additional 'chatty' lessons such as PSHE and Online Safety. Last week made seasonal vegetable soup, chopping with safety in mind. It was very tasty. Well done Year 5



# YEAR 6

The year 6s have been working on reducing plastic in school. They have all took part in creating group presentations to educate the children about single-use plastic in school. Here are some examples of their amazing presentations.



# DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	20.11.23	27.11.23
	<b>Faith</b>	<b>Courage</b>
Early Years	Billy	Miles
Y1 & 2	Raffy	Isla
Y3	Grisha	Dorothy
Y4	Joey	Oscar Sendra
Y5	Billie Jo	Theo W
Y6	Kimi	Thelma

# STAR OF THE WEEK

	20.11.23	27.11.23
Early Years	Polly	Jacob
Y1 & 2	Steffan	Poppy
Y3	Paddy	Eliza
Y4	Teddy	Ava
Y5	Archie A	Patrick
Y6	Emma	Rosie





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

### S2 Forms

Please complete an S2 form for any planned absences from school, these should be given in to the office with as much notice as possible. I have noticed recently that many are coming in with little or no notice. Please also provide evidence of the appointment, which could be in the form of a screen shot of appointment via text message or appointment letter.

### 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)

### 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>	10 days absence  180 Days of Education	19 days absence  171 Days of Education	29 days absence A term missed  161 Days of Education	38 days absence  152 Days of Education	47 days absence  143 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!	

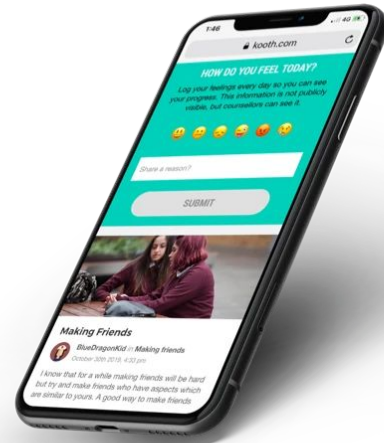
IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER WE SHARED INFORMATION ABOUT THE LUMINOVA APP. IN THIS EDITION WE LOOK AT KOOOTH.

## HAVE YOU HEARD OF KOOOTH?

THE FREE NHS-COMMISSIONED ONLINE MENTAL HEALTH PLATFORM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS



Koooth is a free, safe, anonymous online emotional wellbeing community for 11-25 year olds that is accessible 24/7, 365 days of the year and provides access to chat sessions with BACP-accredited counsellors and qualified emotional wellbeing practitioners.



CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAYS



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## YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMP...

**Venue:** Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School TQ14 9DT

**Dates:** 18th December - 22nd December

**Times:** 09:00am - 15:30pm

**Ages:** 5 Years - 12 Years

**Additional info:** [www.premier-education.com/parent](https://www.premier-education.com/parent)

### PLEASE BRING

Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

With great value sports, performing arts, and games to enjoy each half term, we have plenty for your children to get stuck into in the school break.

Over the winter break, there will be lots of festive fun to enjoy too.

Our Holiday Camps keep children entertained, safe & on the move during the school holidays.

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# RUDOLPH RUN - DECEMBER 12TH 2023



It's that time of year.

OLSP are getting behind Rowcroft again this year and are participating in the Annual Rudolph Run. On December 12th, children will be running around our school track all in a bid to have fun, promote a little exercise and raise some money for a good cause. If you would like to donate please send your children in with their sponsorship form and the money on the December 11th to be collated for our Rowcroft representatives on the 12th. Alternatively, scan the QR code on the slide which will take to the school fund me page to donate online. Thank you for your continued support.





Good Luck Eco Rangers!

The eco rangers have entered a competition run by Scott Richards Solicitors to make a decoration from recycled materials. The rangers made the big tree and Oscar Se made the toilet paper roll tree. Well done everyone and good luck with the competition.



		<b>19th February 2024</b>	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)
<b>3rd December</b>	First Sunday of Advent	<b>1st March 2024</b>	<b>3pm</b> Friends Cake Sale
<b>7th December</b>	<b>3pm</b> Cake Sale Year 5 (raising money for extra curricular visits and activities within school) Christmas Jumper Day. Donation for Save the Children Year 6 attending Mass at Shaldon Church	<b>7th March 2024</b>	Year 4 attending Mass at Shaldon Church
<b>10th December</b>	Second Sunday of Advent	<b>15th March 2024</b>	<b>10am</b> Mass for St Patrick in School
<b>13th December</b>	Christmas Dinner Day for the Children (Wear Christmas Jumpers) <b>5pm - 6pm</b> KS2 Carol Service at the Church	<b>28th March 2024</b>	Last day of Spring Term
<b>15th December</b>	Hot chocolate with the Head Teacher (Reward for some children) Last day of Autumn Term	<b>15th April 2024</b>	Summer Term Starts
<b>17th December</b>	Third Sunday of Advent	<b>29th April to 3rd May 2024</b>	Y6 Residential
<b>3rd January 2024</b>	Spring Term Starts	<b>6th May 2024</b>	May Day bank holiday
<b>6th January 2024</b>	Feast of the Epiphany	<b>7th May 2024</b>	<b>10am</b> Mass for Pentecost in School
<b>12th January 2024</b>	<b>9am - 11.30am</b> Dinosaur and Fossil Hunting Workshop	<b>9th May 2024</b>	Year 3 attending Mass at Shaldon Church
<b>18th January 2024</b>	Year 6 KS2 Explore the Orchestra Concert - Exeter 2024	<b>WB 13th May</b>	<b>SATS week for Year 6</b>
<b>23rd January 2024</b>	<b>3:45pm - 5:15pm</b> Year 5/6 - Girls Football Tournament	<b>27th May 2024</b>	Half Term Holiday
<b>25th January 2024</b>	Year 5 attending Mass at Shaldon Church	<b>3rd June 2024</b>	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)
<b>2nd February 2024</b>	<b>3pm</b> Friends Cake Sale Candlemas	<b>4th July 2024</b>	Year 1/2 attending Mass at Shaldon Church
<b>5th-11th February 2024</b>	Childrens' Mental Health Week	<b>5th July 2024</b>	<b>2pm - 3pm</b> Whole School Music Celebration (more info to follow nearer the date)
<b>6th February</b>	Safer Internet Day	<b>24th July 2024</b>	<b>9am</b> End of Year Mass in School



We invite all parents and children to the KS2 Carol Service

At Our Lady and Saint Patrick Church, Teignmouth  
On Wednesday 13th December 5-6pm



Children will need to be at the church by 4.45pm at the latest. Children and families can wear festive attire. The most festive outfit will win a prize! (Adult and Child categories!). To make sure we have enough Christmas spirit, all attendees must be accompanied by an adult. Early Years and KS1 children are welcome to join us, but will need to sit with their parent/carers.

# Friends News!

What an amazing Winter Wonderland last Saturday! It was so lovely to see so many people enjoying the festivities at the school. Huge thanks to all the team behind it. From shopping, offering an hour on a stall, face painting, baking and all of those who lived and breathed it we are so grateful for all your help! We raised £550 which will go towards the playground renovation project!

## Events Coming Up

Gift Shop on 5th December (now closed)

Christmas Craft Day in school (a fun, free event for the children)

Wreath Making - 8th December - See the poster opposite! This is always a brilliant night! Please do pop into the office to book final spaces!

For tickets and events go to:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofolsp/index.cfm>

If you would like to know more about the friends or would like to help out at any of our events, please get in contact via our Facebook page or email us at [friends@olsp.uk](mailto:friends@olsp.uk)





## 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)**



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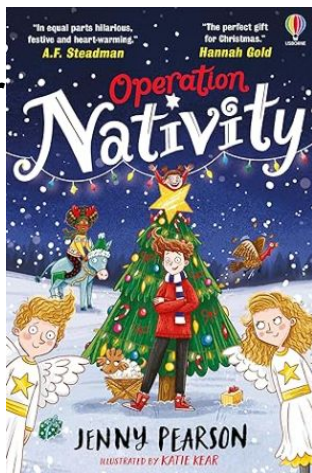


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# THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

"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



## Operation Nativity by Jenny Pearson

When Oscar and Molly rush outside to investigate a crash in the night, they're not expecting to find a dazed Angel Gabriel wandering around their grandparents' back garden. And they're certainly not expecting to find themselves in a race to save Christmas.

But if they don't track down a missing shepherd, wise man, donkey and the actual Mary and Joseph, who've all crash-landed in Chipping Bottom, not only will Christmas cease to exist, but they will too. Operation Nativity is on.

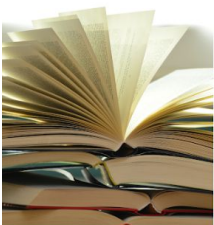
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## A Boy Called Christmas

"A Boy Called Christmas" is the origin story of Santa Claus. The reader gets to see the world through eleven-year-old Nikolas's eyes, and it's not a kind world. He journeys to the far North in search of elves and his missing father, and throughout his journey, experiences immense hardship.

Available in our school library!





## 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.