

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 the summer term. We hope you had a lovely break and managed to find some time to squeeze in our Easter Egg Hunt. It certainly got me thinking!

Thank you yet again to our wonderful Friends who organised it all. It is good to see our children well rested and ready for the final term of this academic year. This term the children are able to wear our summer uniform which you can find more details on the next page. Please do remember that school shoes are part of the uniform and this does not include open toe sandals or trainers.

We continue to have lots of works going on at the school and it has been great to have the driveway tarmaced and painted over the break. It was lovely to have an army of volunteers on Saturday helping out on our second Ground Force Day of the year. Every little bit is helping to spruce up the environment. There is still much to do and we could do with more helpers on our next date. We will let you know when very soon.

There is a lot going on this term with residentials, school trips, sports day, school barbecue and the King's coronation to mention a few. We will try to give you as much notice as possible.

God bless to you all

Mrs Cathy Blatchford
Executive Head Teacher

OLSP UNIFORM



	Girls Uniform	Boys Uniform
Summer and KS1/EY all year	Polo shirt embroidered school badge	Polo shirt embroidered school badge
	Green checked dress or grey shorts	Grey shorts
Winter	KS2 - white cotton shirt and school tie	KS2 - white cotton shirt and school tie
All year	Bottle green pullover or cardigan with embroidered school badge	Bottle green pullover with embroidered school badge
	Grey skirt, trousers or pinafore	Grey trousers
	Plain white, green or black socks or tights	Plain Grey, green or black socks
	Suitable dark school shoes (no high heels, sling backs, boots or open toes)	Suitable dark school shoes (no coloured panels or flashes)

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

Easter Sunday brought the **joy** that Christ is risen, and as we rejoice with renewed **hope**, Jesus brings us the gifts of **peace** and **love** to share with others. We don't just stop all our Lenten practices at the end of Lent: with Jesus at our centre, we find our reason to be. Eastertide brings a renewed vision, and the risen Christ is ready to greet us just where we are.

'Jesus came among them and said, "Peace be with you."'

John 20:26

The first words Jesus said to His disciples after His resurrection were "Peace be with you".

At the beginning of this term, children learn that the peace Jesus brings helps us to be calm and comforted at times of uncertainty, as well as helping us to be patient and kind to others.

Here is one of the prayers that you might want to use as part of your home prayer time:

Jesus, thank you for being with me.

Jesus, bring me your gift of peace.

Help me to keep peace in my heart.

Amen

SUMMER 1 TERMS CLUBS:

Open library from 3:15-4pm with Mrs Newton Browne Mondays

Footlights Dance Academy - Monday evenings

Girls football (KS2 only) Wednesday with Mr Stamp 3:15-4:15 pm

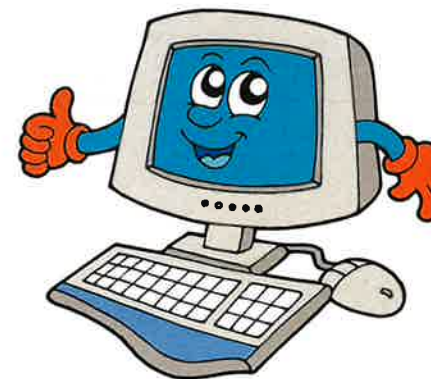
Spanish with Dani 3:15-4:00 pm from Wednesday 4th January (£7)

Lacrosse with Mr Selley (Premier Sports) Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm

Year 1/2 Team Games (Football, Basketball, Tag Rugby, Hockey, Netball) with Mr Mason, Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 pm

Computing Club with Mr Meehan, Friday 3:15-4:15 pm

SATs Maths booster sessions 8:00 am-8:30 am on a Thursday- Miss Wathen (Miss Wathen will be contacting individual parents regarding this)



EARLY YEARS

EYFS enjoyed learning about Lent this week, they really embraced the schools tradition of the 'stations of the cross.' They learnt about Jesus' journey to the cross.

The children have really enjoyed making all the Easter craft activities too. The sheep cards were their favourite.



YEAR 1 & 2



Class 1/2 had a rather soggy walk to TCS this week for the Aesthetics festival. Despite being wet, the children worked beautifully with each other and with children from other schools. They took part in a range of activities; from yoga to dance.

Well done Class 1/2 you did OLSP proud!



YEAR 3

In year 3 we have looked at British Law and democracy. The class simulated what a debate in the Houses of Parliament would look like. We debated if children should be allowed mobile phones and as you can imagine there were some strong opinions. Some children also role played the Speaker of the House to which they found it tricky to control with such passionate opinions.



YEAR 4

Class 4 participated in a Taiko drumming workshop at TCS last Friday. The children had great fun making lots of noise and learning about the history of the drums and how it is used in a Japanese culture.

Well done Class 4!



YEAR 5



In DT we finished our catapults and tested them in the hall to see who could fire a missile the furthest. Juliana and Willow won. We have had great fun making these, learning about triangular structures and their strength.

Have a great Easter.



YEAR 6



Year 6 have been learning how to stitch. This half term the children have made a water bottle holder or a pencil case. The children have learnt so many new skills during this unit and it has been very practical.

Look at some of the great examples. Well done Year 6!



PROUD AT OLSP



The end of term saw some more children nominated to join Mrs Blatchford in the school library for hot chocolate. We are very proud of them. Each child was nominated by their class teacher for outstanding behaviour over the term. They thoroughly enjoyed the cream and marshmallows, as well as the cupcakes and biscuits. What a treat!



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	9.9.22	16.9.22
	Forgiveness	Tolerance
Early Years	Ellie	Ivy
Y1 & 2	Emilia	Matilda
Y3	Teddy	Oscar Sen
Y4	Erin	Ada
Y5	Ivy	Riley
Y6	Finley	Kellen

STAR OF THE WEEK

	9.9.22	16.9.22
Early Years	Arthur	Seb
Y1 & 2	Estrella	Eliza
Y3	Hollie	Caitlyn
Y4	Patrick	Freddie
Y5	Lucas	Clarke
Y6	William	Emrys





17th-31st March	
Reception	90.94
Year 1/2	94.04
Year 3	92.76
Year 4	92.73
Year 5	92.27
Year 6	91.52

Well done to
Year 1/2

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>18 days absence</small> 152 Days of Education	<small>27 days absence</small> 143 Days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good <small>Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start</small>		Worrying <small>Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress</small>		Serious Concern <small>Not fair on your child. Court action!</small>	

CHROMEBOOK LEASE TO BUY SCHEME

We are pleased to advise that our Chromebook lease to buy scheme will be up and running next term in partnership with CHG-Meridian Education UK and Stone Group. From 1st June until the 30th June a portal will be opened for parents of children in current Yrs 2 - 5 to register, set up and manage direct debits (to start from September) to purchase a Lenovo NB 100E 64GB Chromebook for your child to use at school and home. Once payments are complete the chromebook will belong to you and your child.

All chromebooks will come with a neoprene case and may be personalised by the children. They will also have a high level of insurance including breakdown, accidental damage and theft and come with the appropriate Google licence and support.

The chromebooks will be set up over the summer and delivered to school (and your child/ren) in the first week of the Autumn term.

Costs from September

Year 3 & 4 in September £11.36 x 36 payments over 3 years OR Single payment £317.13 x 1

Year 5 in September £15.38 x 24 payments over 2 years OR Single payment £300.31 x 1

Year 6 in September £24.46 x 12 payments over 1 year OR Single payment £276.22 x 1

Some information is already on our website under Parent's Information. We will send you the portal links in due course. If you have any questions at all please contact Mrs Brocksom, Senior Administrator at St Nicholas (abrocksom@stnics.uk) or our school office office@olsp.uk



Diary Dates

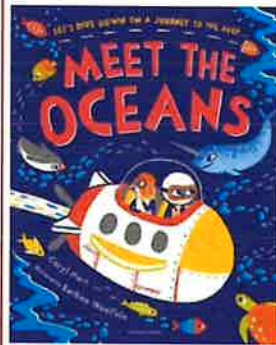
23rd April	St George's Day. Wear red if in the St George team on Monday 24th.	26th June	Early Years trip to Paignton Zoo
24th April	Bridge Building Challenge for Y4 - postponed		
27th April	Y3/4 trip to Paignton Zoo	27th June	Y5/6 trip to Paignton Zoo
5th May pm	Coronation celebrations	5th July	Sports Day
9-12th May	Y6 SATS week	7th July	OLSP's BBQ
15-19th May	Y6 residential to Simonsbath	12th July	Y6 transition day at TCS OLSP meet your new teacher day.
9th June	Teignmouth festival musicians performance	12th July	Presentation evening for Year 6 Civic Award (6:30pm at St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay)



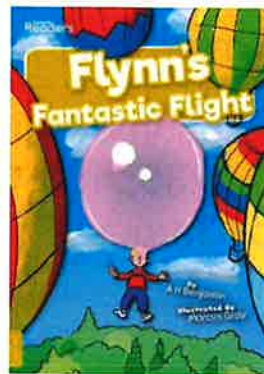
THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

'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**

Meet the Oceans – Caryl Hart



SPLOOOOSH! We're off on an exciting underwater adventure in our submarine to meet the oceans and seas of our blue planet. Join in with the rhymes and get ready to spot all the smiley-faced, friendly oceans, from the Atlantic and deep Pacific to the sparkling Mediterranean. The picture book is packed with sea creatures from dolphins and beluga whales to turtles and manatees. The ocean is a vast treasure-house, threatened by plastic waste and pollution, and this picture book is the ideal introduction to the importance of caring for it. It's perfect for all would-be explorers!



Flynn's Fantastic Flight – A H Benjamin

Flynn loves bubble gum. He wanted to blow a bubble so big that it would lift him off the ground. But Flynn wasn't prepared for the adventure his bubble was about to take him on....



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.

