

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



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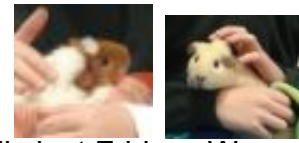
Living, Loving and Learning in God's Way



Newsletter: 6th December 2024

Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford

HEAD TEACHER UPDATE



Life at OLSP continues to be busy and the children were all very excited to meet the new additions to the family last Friday. We have adopted a couple of guinea pigs and cuddles have been enjoyed across the school. We have had a school vote for their names, which will be revealed to the school on Monday.

There have been lots of visits out and about with; a Reception and KS1 geography field trip, Year 1 and 2 aesthetics festival, Y6 and pupil chaplains and Year 1s visiting the residents at The White House Care Home to spread some seasonal cheer. We have also had visitors into the school with Sophie from South West Water teaching our Year 6 children lots of facts about microplastics in our water system and what is being done about it.

A big thank you to those of you that have sent in items for our reverse advent calendar. Your generosity has been lovely to see. Also we were delighted to have raised £137.26 for The Royal British Legion through the Poppy Appeal. Thank you.

Finally, I have noticed recently that some children have been absent from school due to a family holiday but parents have called their child in as being unwell. We understand that holidays in term time are much cheaper than in the holidays and parents want to avoid getting a Fixed Penalty Notice, however, we ask that you are honest with the school about where your child is.

As you will know, as parents, the best way to teach honesty to our children is to model honesty.

Please be reminded to complete an S2 form for your child for any planned absence.

Have a lovely weekend and God bless to you all

Mrs Cathy Blatchford,
Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



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**Our Lady & St Patrick
School chaplains and
children have designed
Handmade wrapping paper
to support the Alice Cross
Centre**



CHAPLAINCY WORK

Our Year 6 chaplains and 2 friends went to visit residents at The White House on Monday to help them decorate cookies for Christmas. They had a lovely time and were thrilled to be able to take some cookies home as well as a little gift for themselves.



AUTUMN 2 CLUBS:



These are the clubs that are running during the second 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/1FAIpQLSfloxSJr1HXcBMltTPkg76-vyPpcs4IX8wJQdqYx4BFoAqXg/viewform?usp=pp_url

- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15 - 4pm
- Lego Club with Mrs Blatchford Wednesdays 3.15 - 4.15pm (Yrs 2 - 6 only)
- Origami with Miss Wathen Wednesdays 3.15 - 4pm (Yrs 3 - 6 only)
- Homework lunchtime club (No sign-up required)
- Coding Club with Mr Stamp Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm
- Gymnastics with Premier Sport - Friday 3.15 - 4.30pm



Year 1 & 2

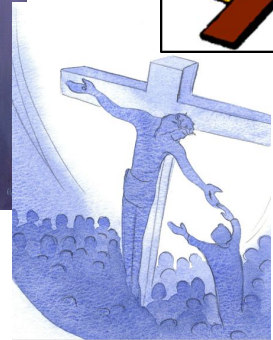
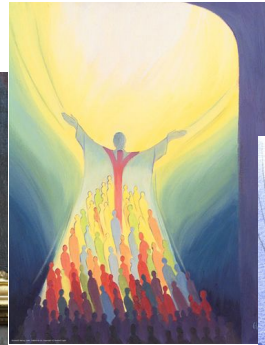
Mars class thoroughly enjoyed their trip into Teignmouth this week. It was a fantastic opportunity to see their geography learning come to life. They were able to look at the river and the features in and around it, view the mouth of the river and the sea.

Thank you to our parent helpers.



YEAR 3 & 4

Saturn class participated in a art/RE lesson where they had to describe and look at a variety of images and paintings of Jesus. The children explained which pictures they liked and had to portray what the artists are trying to show within each image. The children thought really carefully about what image best represents Jesus.



YEAR 5



Class 5 enjoyed their RE lesson. They worked in pairs to discuss what a leader should be. The children came up with great ideas and then we started to think why Christians thought Jesus was a good leader. It was an insightful lesson.

We held a debate as part of our English unit on 'The Windrush Stories'. We were so proud of how the children expressed views orally.

YEAR 6



We have also been enjoying guinea pigs cuddles with our new class pets.



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	25.11.24	2.12.24
Value	Courage	Hope
Stars	Andriy	Akshay
Moons	Beloved	Mae
Mars	Jayden	Isla
Saturn	Florence	Izzy
Neptune	Indya	Lyra
Supernova	Archie A	Elsa

STAR OF THE WEEK

	25.11.24	2.12.24
Stars	Zayne	Tabitha
Moons	Ellis	Evie
Mars	Max	Hughie
Saturn	Max S	Arthur
Neptune	Molly	Ethan
Supernova	Daniel	Archie B





A SPECIAL THANKYOU ...



Last week, our Piano tutor arranged for someone to come

and check one of our pianos for signs of wear as one of the notes had not been playing as they should. On inspection of the piano and following a conversation about how schools are all struggling financially, this lovely gentleman offered to fix the not one, but two, broken keys free of charge! All he asked in return was that we keep him in mind for future such work. Please see his details below if any of our parents or their wider families are fellow musicians and should be in need of his services. We highly recommend him and would love him to benefit from the kindness he showed to our school!

Robert J. Porch

Pianoforte - Harpsichord Tuner / Vintage bicycles

Home: 01626 866833 Mobile: 07811 047398 email: robertjporch@gmail.com

Absence on the first or last day of Term

We have updated our school attendance policy as there have been changes to Government legislation, there is a copy on our school website.

"I would like to remind parents that if a child is absent for 5 days or more, medical evidence should be provided on the 5th day for the absence to be authorised. Going forward, we are no longer authorising any absence on the last day of a half term or the first day back from a school holiday without medical evidence.

Evidence can be in the form of:

- *A copy of or a prescription relating to the illness*
- *An appointment card*
- *Sight of any medication that has been prescribed*
- *Photo evidence"*

If you have any questions, please contact me by leaving a message with the school office.

Thanks

Steph

Attendance and Welfare Officer

25th November - 6th December 2024	
Moons	92.82%
Mars	97.15%
Saturn	95.44%
Neptune	97.64%
Supernova	97.37%

Well done to Neptune! 🌟

Diary Dates

		5th March 2025	2:30 - 3:30pm Ash Wednesday liturgy
10th & 11th December	2 - 3pm KS1 Nativity performance to parents	17th March 2025	10 - 11am KS2 to Mass for St Patrick's Day
12th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children 1 - 3pm Invitation: Y6 geography fieldwork- out of school	20th March 2025	9:30-11:30am Y1/2 Mass. St Ignatius, Shaldon
13th December	Friends Christmas Gift Shop 5 - 7pm Friends Elves Workshop	28th March 2025	9am - 3pm National Skipping Day
16th December	Mars class children visiting Glendale Court Residential Home	31st March 2025	Y6 residential to Barton Hall
17th December	8:45am - 12pm Rudolph Run Day 2024 2pm Whole school Carol Service held at OLSP church	8th May 2025	10 - 11am Year 3/4 Striking and Fielding Festival at Teignmouth Community School
18th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Christmas Dinner Day	22nd May 2025	9:30 - 11:30am Moons, Y1s and Y6 to Mass St Ignatius Shaldon
19th December	11am - 12pm Father Albert to see EYFS and KS1 1.15 - 2.15pm Dojo afternoon 2:30 - 3pm Christmas sing along	4th April 2025	End of Spring Term
20th December	Christmas Break the Rules Day! See the Friends slide for more info End of Term	22nd April 2025	Beginning of Summer Term
6th January 2025	Beginning of Spring Term	5th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday
28th January 2025	3:15pm - 5:15pm KS2 Girls Football Tournament at TCS	26th May 2025	Half Term Holiday
30th January 2025	9:30 - 11:30am Y3/4 mass - St Ignatius, Shaldon	2nd June 2025	INSET Day (No Pupils)
17th February 2025	Half Term Holiday	12th June 2025	10 - 11am Year 5 & 6 TriGolf Festival at Teignmouth Community School
24th February 2025	INSET Day (No Pupils)	27th June 2025	2 - 3pm St Peter & St Paul's liturgy

News from the Friends



OLSP
BREAK THE
RULES DAY!

20TH
DEC 2024

SUGGESTED
RULES THAT CAN
BE BROKEN!

- WEAR FESTIVE SOCKS OR TIGHTS
- WEAR A FESTIVE HAT OR HAIRBAND
- WEAR A FESTIVE TIE
- FESTIVE NAILS
- WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER
- WEAR A CHRISTMAS TEMPORARY TATTOO



RULES THAT CANNOT BE
BROKEN.

- BE READY
- BE RESPECTFUL
- BE SAFE

SUGGESTED DONATION
50P PER RULE BROKEN!



A gift from the friends...next week all the children will be bringing home a festive shape to enjoy decorating at home.



We will be serving refreshments at the Nativity Performances next week. Please remember your change.

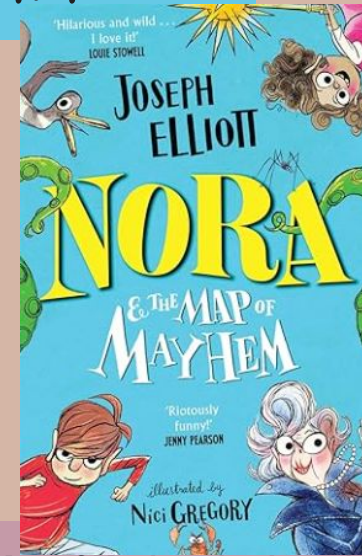
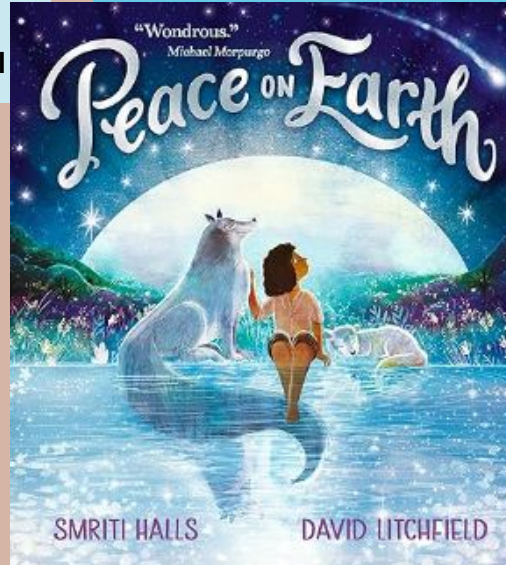
Christmas Crown competition- The friends will be providing the children with a blank crown to decorate and wear for the Christmas Dinner. They will be decorated in school. There will be prizes! 👑

"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


Peace on Earth by Smriti Halls

A beautiful book that lights a path for all those who dare to dream of peace. A happy band of friends journey together, but dark clouds threaten their friendship and they lose their way in a story that starts in the safety of the happy and familiar, then goes on to explore the difficulty of discord and hurt; what it means to lose and find peace again; the bravery it takes to be a peace-maker; and the jubilation that peace ushers in. From smiles to small gestures, to natural beauty, we discover that while peace isn't always easy to find, it makes love and friendship whole.



Nora and the Map of Mayhem by Joseph Elliott

An outrageously funny new children's book from award-winning author Joseph Elliott, star of CBeebies' Swashbuckle and CBBC's Big Fat Like. When Atticus and Autumn's dads leave them with their eccentric great-grandmother Nora for the weekend, they're hoping for a few days scoffing biscuits and playing video games. But when Nora's around, nothing ever goes quite to plan... After a stranger from Nora's past leaves a menacing note pinned to her front door, Atticus and Autumn are swept away on a hair-raising adventure dodging snot-flinging sea monsters, battling thunderous electrosquibs and trying to escape from a very flappy goose! Complete with wild and joyful illustrations from Nici Gregory, this rip-roaring tale is perfect for readers aged 8 and up!



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



Drum Lessons
Now offered
at school.



For more info contact Ben at:
devondrumschool@gmail.com
Tel:
07966-488481

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PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

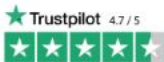


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YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMP...

Venue: Our Lady and St Patrick's RC Primary School

Dates: 23rd December, 2nd & 3rd January

Times: 09:00 - 03:30

Price: £20.02

Ages: 5 - 12

Additional info: Christmas and New Year Themed Games + Crafts!

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
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.

Book now for a school holiday full of fun!

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TO 20% OFF...AND GET
20% OFF TOO!**

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SPROUTS FOR SCOUTS

12am-5.30pm

Music, Events, Games, Grotto

Free Mince Pies

and Mulled Wine



Teignmouth Triangle
7th December


Scouts
4th Teignmouth
Scout Group



FREE CHRISTMAS GROTTTO

Every Child Gets a Present 

7th December

Teignmouth Triangle



Come and Meet **Santa!**


Scouts
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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!



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.