

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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Executive Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford

HEAD TEACHER UPDATE

It continues to be busy every day at OLSP!

Our Key Stage 2 children have completed seven swimming lessons at the Lido and great progress was seen. Last Friday, twelve children were able to represent the school at a swimming gala held at Trinity School. They did the school proud.

Look further down to see more details about our visit from Ami and Souad, Faith Cultural champions. Ami is Jewish and Souad is Islamic. Ami will be returning on Monday to work with some of our younger children. Souad sent me this comment afterwards 'I was amazed at how the children were involved, taking part and how much they wanted to know about Islam. I received a very good, positive response and the children were asking very good questions.' The children were very respectful and enjoyed finding out more about other religions.

Finally, thank you so much to those who turned up to help out at our Ground Force Day. The flower beds are looking much clearer, the driveway has shed all the weeds and the railings are looking great. There is still much to do (including a second coat of paint and completing the black railings). Look out for a date over the summer break and even if you could spare half an hour, it will all help.

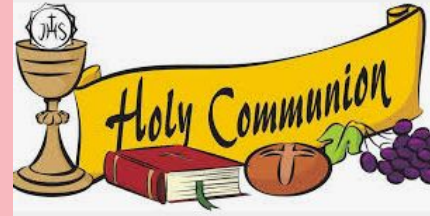
Have a lovely weekend, God bless to you all.

Mrs Cathy Blatchford, Executive Head Teacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL

First Holy Communion 2024

Three of our OLSP pupils made their First Holy Communion last weekend and enjoyed a beautiful breakfast after.



Congratulations
Paddy, Estrella
and Albie!



SUMMER 2 CLUBS:

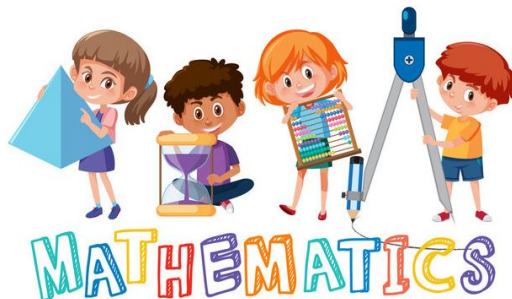
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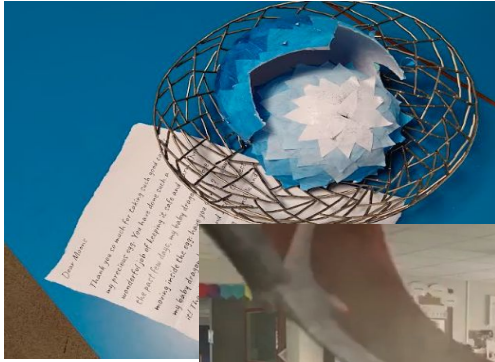
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- Spanish with Dani Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4pm
- Girls football (Year 1 and upwards) Wednesday 3:15 - 4:15pm Mr Stamp
- Boys Football Club with Mr Mason (Year 1 and upwards) Wednesdays - 3:15pm - 4:15pm
- Gardening club with Miss Wathen and Mrs O'Sullivan Thursdays 3:15pm - 4:00pm (Years 4, 5 & 6)
- Yr1 - 6 Badminton Fridays 3:15pm - 4:30pm (Premier Sport)



EARLY YEARS



Mrs Mullane gave EYFS a dragon egg to look after. We had lengthy discussions about how we need to look after the egg keep it warm, in a dark place etc. The children were thrilled when it hatched we checked the 'cameras' and found a fire dragon had come and picked up her baby.

YEAR 1 & 2

Class 1/2 went to the nature reserve last week. In the morning, they looked for the signs of summer as part of their seasonal science work. In the afternoon, they were litter picking. We had a fantastic day!



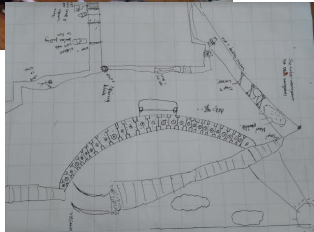
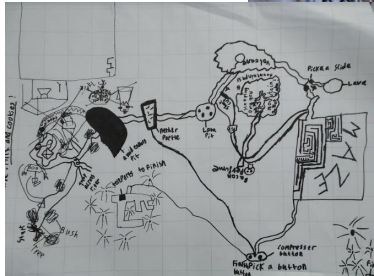
YEAR 3/4

This week, Class 3/4 participated in a cultural champions workshop which was about Islam. Pupils learned about the religion of Islam. We learnt about the 5 pillars of Islam and how they are integral to the Islam faith. The children learned how to pray themselves and understand why muslims eat halal food. We even got to try some halal food.



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been working with Year 4 collaborating on a landscape design for a robot to traverse. We had great great fun designing and building it from recycled materials.



YEAR 6

Cultural visit day. The children experienced the religion of Judaism and Islam. All the children really enjoyed it! They learnt songs and tasted the traditional food.



DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	17.06.24	24.06.24
	Humility	Courage
Early Years	Elliott	Henry L
Y1 & Y2	Daisy	Ellie
Y3	Di-anne	Eva
Y4	Kaya	Beloved
Y5	Ada	Theo W
Y6	Lucas	Leo

STAR OF THE WEEK

	17.06.24	24.06.24
Early Years	Angel	Evie
Y1 & 2	Jayden	Scarlett
Y3	Fitzgerald	Hal
Y4	Teddy	Indya
Y5	Archie A	Laila
Y6	Clarke	Ava



17th - 28th June	
Reception	89.02%
Year 1/2	94.17%
Year 3	98.89%
Year 4	98.39%
Year 5	95.63%
Year 6	88.33%

Well done to Jupiter!

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

A Message from Steph, our Attendance and Welfare Officer

Holidays in term time

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	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
190 days for your child's education					
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!	



Diary Dates

17th July

5pm - 6pm Year 6 play performance to parents
Alice in Wonderland

1st July

Tempest taking Class Photographs

18th July

2:30pm - 3:15pm Alice in Wonderland
Performance to parents
Menu change "Class of 24" (more info to
follow)
9:30am - 10:30am Y5/6 Body Image Workshops

2nd July

**Plymouth CAST leavers mass for Year 6
(Blessed Sacrament, Exeter)**
Body Image workshops Years 5 and 6

19th July

3.30pm - 7.30pm School Barbecue

4th July

Year 1/2 attending Mass at Shaldon Church

23rd July

9am - 12pm Year 6 to church. Rehearsal for
Leavers Mass

5th July

2pm - 3pm Whole School Music Celebration
(more info to follow nearer the date)

24th July

9am End of Year Mass

8th July

Samba music workshops

25th July

Last day of Summer Term

9th July

Sports Day

**25th September
2024**

"Winston's Wish" - Wear your Wellies to School Day

10th July

Moving Up Day

**31st March
2024**

Y6 residential to Barton Hall

11th July

9:30am - 2:30pm Plymouth Aquarium Trip Yr 3
and 4

DARTMOOR 3 BALL FINALS



Both the Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 Dartmoor 3 Ball teams participated in the Finals this week after qualifying in the local tournaments. It's not easy participating where the level of competition is so high but both teams went there keen and hungry for success.

Unfortunately this time, we did not come away with the results we wanted but the children were exceptional and excellent representatives of the school showing true sportsmanship and respect whether we won, lost or drew. Very proud of this bunch of performers. Massive well done. A huge thank you to our parent support too, without who we could not have attended.

Friends News!

Non Uniform Day Friday 5th July

Come to school dressed in your best summer holiday outfit.

Instead of donations of money, we are asking for donations towards our raffle and tombolas for this years **SUMMER BBQ**.

This can be any unwanted gifts, toiletries, Teddies, sweets and treats, bottles, etc...

**We ask that you keep in mind the school rules.
Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe.**

Please ensure that any donations are within their used by date and are sealed. We cannot accept items that have been opened or are out if date.

Friends of OLSP

SUMMER BBQ

◆ *Save the date* ◆



19th July
2024

3:30pm-
7:30pm

Music . Food . Drinks . Games . Crafts .
Facepaints . Stalls . Inflatables .
And More...

Non Uniform Day Friday 19th July

Come to school dressed in your best summer holiday outfit.

Instead of donations of money, we are asking for donations towards our **Bottle Tombola** this years **SUMMER BBQ**.

This can be water, wine, bubble bath etc

**We ask that you keep in mind the school rules.
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WANT TO SHOW OFF YOUR BAKING SKILLS?




the great Olsp bake off!

SUMMER BBQ
FRIDAY 19TH JULY

Categories:
children's cup cake
children's big cake
adults cupcake
adults big cake

Please remember we are a nut free school!

**ALL CAKES WILL BE SOLD OFF TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
THE SCHOOL**



We have some very excited judges for this years bake off competition. We have asked the school governors if they would help us pick the winners. Let's show them what we are made of! 😊

"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



JOIN PIP, ZENA AND LIBRO ON THEIR NEW ONLINE ADVENTURE

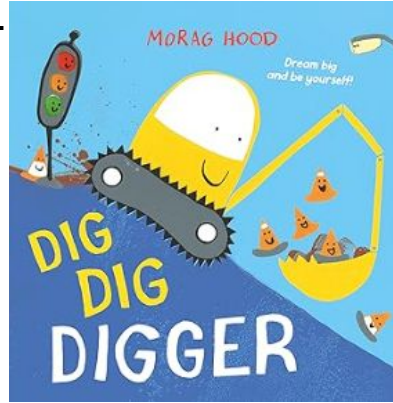
The Secret Book Quest digital platform is quick and easy to sign up to online, where you can join Zena, Pip and Libro the cat on an exciting reading adventure. Signing up online will unlock access to The Secret Book Quest story, online games and downloadable activities!

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
or your local library to begin your adventure!

THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

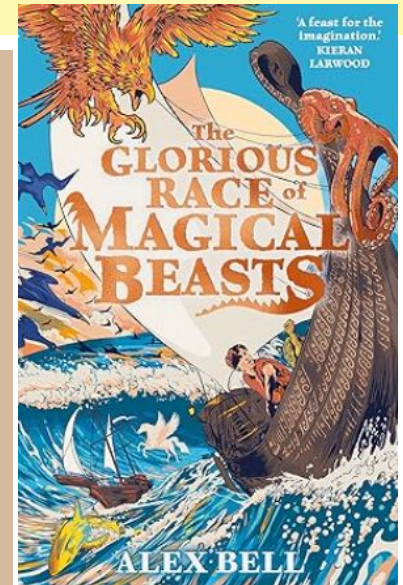


Dig Dig Digger by Morag Hood

Join Digger at the roadworks where she decides she no longer likes digging *down* – she wants to dig *UP*! This is quite tricky for a digger used to going into mud, dark and worms – maybe some balloons will help? But Digger quickly discovers that adventures aren't fun without her friends and she needs to dig her way back . . . but how? With a witty text, bright colours and a finger trail to follow from the award-winning Morag Hood, young children and adults will love reading *Dig, Dig, Digger!* together.

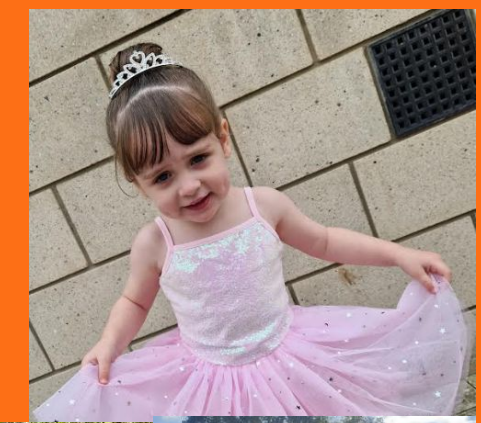
The Glorious Race of Magical Beasts by Alex Bell

An out of this world magical adventure with talking animals, risk-taking and friendship aplenty! 12 Year old Eli is an apprentice librarian at the largest library in the world. But when his grandmother falls ill, he enters the Glorious Race of Magical Beasts to raise money for her treatment. This annual race is always held in the most perilous places and is full of spiky dangers. Most participants seek out unicorns and dragons to help them on their conquest. But not Eli. He embarks on this journey with his trusted pet and friend, Humphrey, his moon tortoise. Moon tortoises aren't suited to racing and Eli is no natural adventurer. But he soon finds himself in an unlikely partnership with Raven, a rule-breaker and skilled archer, and her ice hare - one of the fastest animals in the world. If the two children put aside their differences and work together, they might just reach the finish line!



Wow!

Some of our children performed in a show with Footlights Dance Academy last weekend. We think you are amazing and we are so proud of you all. Thank you for sharing your photos with us.



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



SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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Venue: Our Lady and St Patrick's Primary School

Dates: From Monday 29th July - Friday 22nd August

Times: 09:00 - 15:30

Price: £20.02

Ages: From 5 - 12 Years old

Additional info: Games, crafts and themed weeks throughout Summer!

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

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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.

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More money for your school!



Nutritious meal every day!



Access to free holiday clubs!



More teachers, trips, and activities!



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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.