

# 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

Busy, busy, busy!

OLSP do not stop. There were lots of slightly anxious children (and teachers) in the school on Wednesday with moving up day, but there were certainly smiles all round at the end of the day. We hope you received positive feedback and please do remember, we are always there if you have any questions or concerns.

We thoroughly enjoyed a Mr Hopkins led showcase of all the wonderful music that has been happening at the school on Friday afternoon. Each class performed at least two of the pieces they have been working on and it was lovely to listen to some individuals that have been having peripatetic teaching. If you are interested in your child having music lessons for a particular lesson, please do talk to us to see what we can do.

Apologies that we needed to postpone the sports day. The weather is looking better for next week so fingers crossed all will be fine.

Just slightly less than two weeks left and we still have so much going on. I look forward to seeing you all next Friday after school when we have our traditional OLSP Barbecue.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Cathy Blatchford,  
Executive Head Teacher

# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

## Sea Sunday

The Chaplains have been busy preparing for Sea Sunday this weekend. They have made paper boats to display for Stella Maris in all 3 Churches.



**Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean,**  
guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas  
that they may reach the haven of peace and light  
prepared in Him who calmed the sea.

As we set forth upon the oceans of the world  
and cross the deserts of our time, show us, O Mary,  
the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are lost.

Pray that we will never fail on life's journey,  
that in heart and mind, work and deed,  
in days of turmoil and in days of calm,  
we will always look to Christ and say,  
“Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?”

Our Lady of Peace, pray for us!

Bright Star of the Sea, guide us!

**Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for seafarers, pray for us.**

# SUMMER 2 CLUBS:

These clubs are running this half term;

*Please use this link to sign your child up (copy and paste into a browser)*

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4wmFcd92WSYlC8o9yUyOltCZgwUOfPil5EeNmXOqUZk4-0g/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4wmFcd92WSYlC8o9yUyOltCZgwUOfPil5EeNmXOqUZk4-0g/viewform?usp=pp_url)



- 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 Ultimate Frisbee Fridays 3:15pm - 4:30pm (Premier Sport)



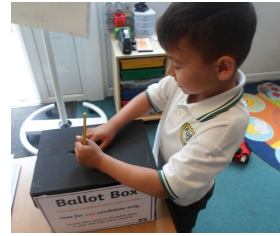
# EARLY YEARS

The children were thrilled to see the butterflies emerge from their chrysalides. They were released and flew away across the field.



# YEAR 1 & 2

Class 1/2 have had a really exciting and busy 2 weeks! They have taken part in a Judaism workshop, voted in our school election, been to Shaldon for Mass and a play in the park, made and tasted couscous, performed at the music celebration assembly, finished their STEM project by sharing their learning with reception children, been to a samba workshop and spent time with their new class!



# YEAR 3/4

Class 3 & 4 participated in a Judaism workshop which taught the children about the Judaism faith with how to pray and say different blessings. Additionally, the children got the chance to put on a Kippah as well as try Jewish bread. The children listened really well and were respectful throughout.



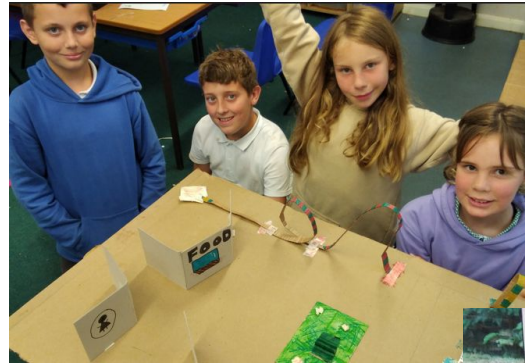
# YEAR 5

What a busy few weeks we have had. Last week we participated in a musical showcase in front of the whole school and this week has been exciting as we moved up to Year 6 for a day! Ready to be the school leaders.



Year 6 have been busy learning their lines for the 'Alice in Wonderland' performance. In between this, the children enjoyed calculating, designing and making a model version of a theme park.

# YEAR 6



# DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK

	<b>01.07.24</b>	<b>08.07.24</b>
	<b>Tolerance</b>	<b>Justice</b>
Early Years	Viki	Billy
Y1 & Y2	Vlad	Noah
Y3	Albie	Jake
Y4	Marylou	Ivie
Y5	Theo F	Zach
Y6	Nama	Kamila

# STAR OF THE WEEK

	<b>01.07.24</b>	<b>08.07.24</b>
Early Years	Alfie	Mae
Y1 & 2	Jayden	Isla-Rose
Y3	Di-anne	Callum
Y4	Iris	Jasmine
Y5	Daniel	Seb
Y6	Kimi	Archie





1st - 12th July	
Reception	89.24%
Year 1/2	90.67%
Year 3	96.39%
Year 4	96.13%
Year 5	91.56%
Year 6	87.14%

Well done once again 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](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

You will have received your child's report and a copy of their attendance, called a registration certificate. I have had several conversations with parents who are confused about the number of days that their child has been absent.

Each day, attendance is recorded in two sessions, AM and PM, therefore each day there are two possible sessions. Your child's registration certificate will show how many sessions they have attended or been absent. For example, if your child has accrued 12 sessions of illness this year, this equates to 6 days.

If you have any questions about your child's attendance, please leave a message for me at the main 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  190 days for your child's education	10 days absence 180 Days of Education	19 days absence 171 Days of Education	29 days absence A term missed 161 Days of Education	58 days absence 152 Days of Education	67 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!	

# Diary Dates



<b>17th July</b>	<b>5pm - 6pm</b> Year 6 play performance to parents Alice in Wonderland KS1 Touch of the Wild visit in school	<b>25th July</b>	Last day of Summer Term
<b>18th July</b>	<b>2:30pm - 3:15pm</b> Alice in Wonderland Performance to parents Menu change "Class of 24" (more info to follow) <b>9:30am - 10:30am</b> Y5/6 Body Image Workshops	<b>25th September 2024</b>	"Winston's Wish" - Wear your Wellies to School Day
<b>19th July</b>	RNLI Safety Talks <b>3.30pm - 7.30pm</b> School Barbecue	<b>12th November</b>	Odd Socks Day
<b>22nd July</b>	Storytelling workshops Babka and the Golden Bird	<b>17th December</b>	<b>8:45am - 2:45pm</b> Rudolph Run Day 2024
<b>23rd July</b>	<b>9am - 12pm</b> Year 6 to church. Rehearsal for Leavers Mass	<b>31st March 2024</b>	Y6 residential to Barton Hall
<b>24th July</b>	<b>9am</b> End of Year Mass Games and ice-cream for 100 and 99% attendees		



# INFLATABLE WRIST BANDS

£6 UNLIMITED PLAY

Get your wrist band for unlimited play on the inflatables at this year's Summer BBQ on Parent Pay.

The more we sell, the better the inflatables they will bring for us. Last year we had some great ones.

there will also be a smaller bouncy castle for the younger children.

## 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.**

**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 of date.

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 are looking forward to welcoming you all to this years Summer BBQ. We have lots of exciting things planned. Don't forget to get your child's wristband for unlimited play on the inflatables. We do have a smaller inflatable for the younger ones. We will also have Mr S holding a football tournament on the playground between 3:30-4:30.

We would also like to invite you all to join us for our AGM on Friday 20th September at 3:30pm. If you are interested in joining the friends please come along. We will be voting in the trustees and discussing upcoming events.

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# the great Olsp bake off!

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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



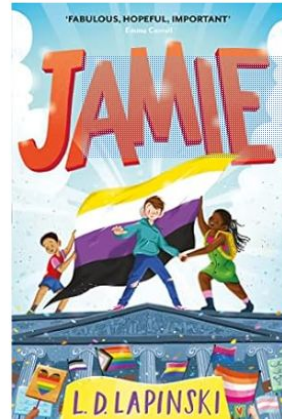
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Head to [www.tsbq.co.uk](http://www.tsbq.co.uk)  
or your local library to begin your adventure!



# THIS NEWSLETTER WE RECOMMEND

## The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow

Nate is in his last year of primary school and preparing for the change to high school. But his world turns upside-down when his best friend is put into another class, his brother gets sick, and his home life becomes difficult. His teacher, Mr Joshua, shows Nate how to use his love of reading to process what's going on. But with so much working against him, and anger rising inside him, will this be enough? A powerful and lyrical story about finding your place in the world and the people that matter within it.



## Jamie By L D Lapinski

Jamie Rambeau is a happy 11-year-old who likes nothing better than hanging out with their two best friends, Daisy and Ash. When they find out that in Year Seven they will be separated into one school for boys and another for girls, their friendship suddenly seems at risk. Heartwarming story with plenty of adventure.

# 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

A promotional image for Premier Holiday Camps. It shows a group of children in a grassy field participating in an archery activity. One child is in the foreground aiming a bow, while others are in the background. A target is visible on the left. The text 'SUMMER HOLIDAYS' is in a blue circle at the top right. Below the image, the text 'PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS' is written in large white letters on a dark blue brushstroke background. At the bottom, there is a QR code, the Premier Education logo, the text 'INSPIRING ACTIVITY', a Trustpilot logo with a 5-star rating, and a 'SAFE PROTECTION RETURN TO UK ACCREDITED' logo.

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or visit [premier-education.com/holiday-camps](https://premier-education.com/holiday-camps)

## YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

**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!

Mix it up this Summer with our multi-activity holiday camps!

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities – from archery to fencing, dodgeball to cricket, plus much more!

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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!



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More teachers, trips, and activities!



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## 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.