



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"


19th November 2021

Dear Parents,

This week is the National Anti-Bullying week organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. We started with an Odd Socks Day to celebrate the fact that we are all unique. We had a great assembly where Kester in Year 6 was given 3 mars bars. As you can imagine, he was over the moon but unfortunately, I then found some very poor reasons to take them off him one by one. He wasn't so happy then. It didn't end like that though as I gave the mars bars back to him and then found a reason to give a few more. It was a great fun way of showing the children how every word can chip away at someone's happiness or build it up. The theme this year has been "One Kind Word," which has been a really good way to highlight the importance of always being kind in every situation. We finished the week with Year 1 singing a version of the song True Colours, which we are hoping the rest of the school will learn next week.

There have also been lots of sports events this week. Year 4 have been to a yoga festival and Year 1 have been to a multi-skills festival. As well as that, the netball team have started playing in the Chiltern Netball league and both Year 5 and Year 6 have had school football matches. It is great to have all of this going on again, as I know there are some areas which still haven't resumed inter-school sport because of COVID.

God bless,

M. Hold 



PTA News & Updates

1. Family Bingo Night: Saturday 20th November from 6pm -8:30pm
 - Doors will open no earlier than 6pm, please be advised that the car park will be busy with Stagecoach parents leaving and we advise all families to park on the neighbouring roads.
 - The entrance to the 'Bingo Night' will be via the fire exit doors, adjacent to Y2's classroom and next to the lower school playground.
 - We will be selling bingo dabbers, raffle tickets, hot dogs and tuck shop items on the night, so be sure to bring some change.
 - There are prizes to be won for all the family and we really can't wait to see you all!

2. Forthcoming Events & Dates for your Diary:
 - The PTA AGM will take place on Tuesday 23rd November in the school hall from 7-9pm, it would be wonderful to see lots of you there, drinks and nibbles will be provided. We will be discussing future fundraising projects and we will be rolling out all of the Christmas plans. RSVP: ourladysschoolpta@yahoo.co.uk
 - Christmas Jumper Exchange & Donate (plus fancy-dress clothing) will take place on Friday 26th November, please see the attached poster for further information
 - The PTA are extremely excited to present our very own 'OLS Advent Candles' this year. They have been designed and produced locally and they also carry our own OLS logo. These will be available to purchase via ParentPay on Monday 22nd November for £4.50 each (price includes a glass candle holder). Collection will be available on Friday 26th November at pick up from the top playground. Please see the attached poster which provides a glimpse of the candle.
 - Due to last year's popularity, the PTA have produced another 'OLS Calendar' which will also go on sale on Monday 22nd November for £5 via ParentPay (collection date and arrangements TBA). The calendars alongside the candles, will make perfect gifts for the whole family. The PTA would like to extend their thanks to all the teachers and staff who worked incredibly hard to produce the images for the calendars, you will all be amazed at your children's artwork!
 - Christmas Hampers will be discussed at the AGM, but we will start collecting items on 1st December and winners will be drawn on Friday 10th December at the Christmas Fayre.
 - The Secret Gift Room will be held on Friday 3rd December during school hours. It will be an opportunity for your child/children to purchase gifts for the family members. Parents & Carers will be invited to pre-purchase tickets for this event next week via ParentPay.
 - The Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 10th December from 3:30-5pm. Each class will be assigned a activity to host, details to be announced at the AGM

Thank you again for all your support and we are always looking for help and suggestions, so please feel free to get in touch.

The PTA
Sharon, Nicola, Marine, Liz & Julie



OLS Advent candles



OLS personalised Advent candles are £4.50 and come with a stylish glass holder

A limited number are available to order now via ParentPay

Candles will be ready from Friday 26th November

Advent candles are used to mark the days of December up to Christmas Eve. Each day burn the candle down to show the passing of the days.





★ OLS PTA

TO ENCOURAGE RECYCLING
WE ARE HOLDING A....

Christmas jumper swap or buy

***From 3.15pm on Friday 26th November
on the top playground***

SWAP YOUR PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS
JUMPER FOR ANOTHER ONE
OR MAKE A DONATION AND
★ CHOOSE A JUMPER!

★
THERE WILL ALSO BE DRESSING UP
★ OUTFITS TO SWAP AND BUY.

★
PLEASE BRING ITEMS ALONG ON THE
★ DAY TO SWAP OR DONATE , OR LEAVE
★ UNDER THE TREE BY THE SCHOOL
★ ENTRANCE IN THE MORNING

New School App

We hope you are enjoying the new app. Please be patient while we get used to the best ways to add content. Sorry if some things come out more than once. We have found a couple of things which we have fed back to the developers such as not being able to follow hyperlinks and they are working on them for the next update.

Punctuality

Just a quick reminder that although school starts at 9.00am the doors open at 8.45 am. The children really need to be in school starting their learning at 9.00 am. The classes are doing morning activities at this point which is really important overlearning. If your child is arriving late then it is really detrimental to their learning. **Five minutes a day over the year is equivalent to 3 days of lost learning in a year.**

Thank you

@OLScheshambois

There has been lots of great stuff going on this week in school. Here is a quick snapshot





olscheshambois ...

olscheshambois Year 5 have each written mini scrolls of kindness for another child in the class. They will be pulling them out of the jug of kindness over the next few days as part of their work on anti-bullying and One kind word. @OLSbuildingthekingdom #onekindword @antibullyingalliance

11 h

sabrinapburton ❤️
10 h Reply

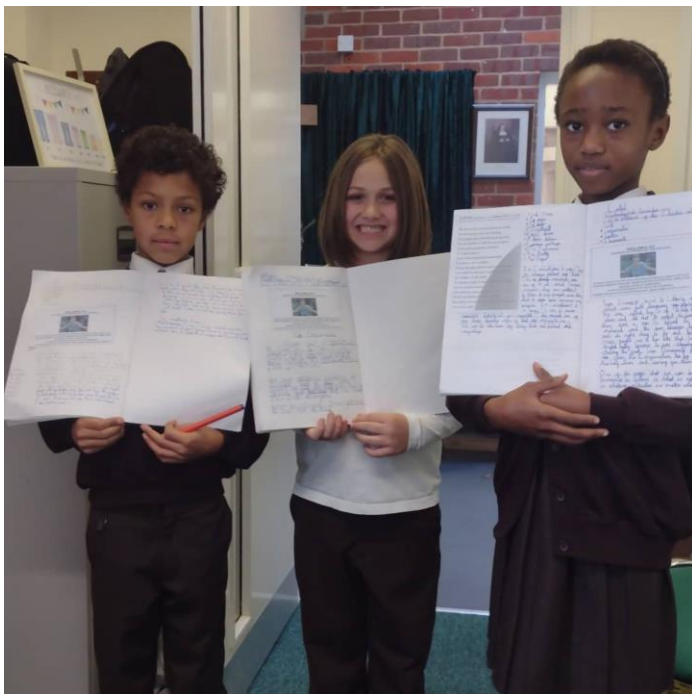
mond0o ❤️
9 h Reply

[View Insights](#)

❤️ 🔍 🗑️

19 likes
11 HOURS AGO

😊 Add a comment... [Post](#)



olscheshambois ...

olscheshambois Year 4 are learning all about Christian witness. They are learning about Sean Devereux. #OLSre #OLSbuildingthekingdom

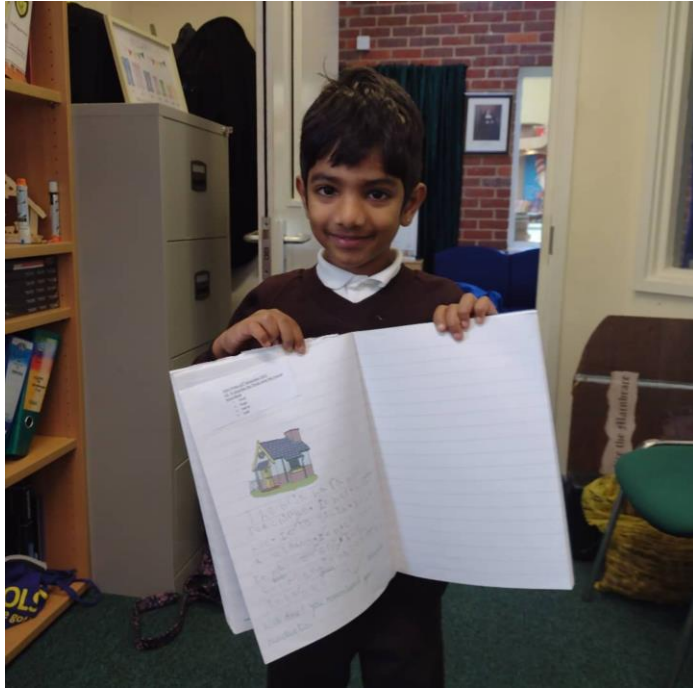
1 d

[View Insights](#)

❤️ 🔍 🗑️

16 likes
1 DAY AGO

😊 Add a comment... [Post](#)



olscheshambois

olscheshambois This young man has just mastered finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Wow #OLSliteracy #OLSyear1

1 d

ewatytmancsiba Wow! 🙌

1 d Reply

shemsdelight Wow bravo

1 d Reply

View Insights

25 likes

1 DAY AGO

Add a comment...

The people we serve are
at the centre of
everything we do.



Safeguarding

This week the following posters have gone up in school. The children have lots of people they can talk to in school but it is always good to make sure they have someone they can talk to outside of school too.



**WORRIED?
YOU CAN TALK TO US**

**Call Childline on 0800 1111
or visit [childline.org.uk/kids](https://www.childline.org.uk/kids)**

Whatever your worry,
you can talk to us. It's free,
you don't have to tell us
your name, and you can
chat about anything.

childline
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Childline is a service provided by the NSPCC. ©National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) 2021. Registered charity England and Wales: 218-601, Scotland: SC037717 and Jersey 394. Illustration by Shutterstock. J20E1120 NS2911

Good News Certificates

Last week's good news certificates went to the following children:

Year 1	Renske, Adam
Year 3	Robert, Hannah
Year 4	James, Jordan
Year 6	Valeria, Robert
Pen Certificates	Stella, Alasdair, Freya

Well done everyone.



Accelerated Reader

Top readers this term

Words Read	
Year 6	5,649,714 words
Year 5	5,027,159 words
Year 4	3,284,050 words
Year 3	752,499 words

Congratulations to Kaitlyn in Year 6 who is our first Millionaire reader. She has already read 1,072,689. I've set her a challenge of beating the school record of 4,208,903 words in a year which is held by Carlo (2019-2020).

Children who are reading above their target and have scored above 85% in the quizzes:

Year 2

Jude

Year 3

Leo
Ivor
Ralph
Spike
Leonardo
Charlie K
Michael L
Bea
Joseph
Emily

Year 4

Leo
Isabella
Pierce
Freya
Xavier
Ellie
Kome
Ava
Sabrina
Emilio
Luna
Alasdair

Year 5

Harry
Wiktor
Finlay
Lily
Louis
Florence
Thomas
Alex
Amelia
Matthew

Year 6

Harrison
Mylee
Kester
Florence
Valeria
George
Kacper