



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

*"A place of learning – A community of Christ"*

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26<sup>th</sup> November 2021


Dear Parents,

We are getting to a very busy time of the year. It feels a bit like the calm before the storm. The highlight this week has definitely been Year 5 taking part in an international "Kitchen Battle" tournament. It is a bit like battleships played over Zoom. It was great fun and, although we narrowly lost the first battle against Greece, we won the second one against France.

Last weekend was the Feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday of the Church's year and is dedicated to the youth. It was lovely to see so many children at the Mass I went to last Sunday at St Columba's. As I said to the staff on Monday, the closest we are to God is probably the moment we are born. Our job is to make sure our children stay close to God. As Father pointed out, it is no coincidence that climate change protests and justice and peace campaigns are often full of young people. Their vision of a better world is probably closer to Jesus' than an older person like me.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came to the PTA AGM this week. We really are lucky to have the support we have. It is not just about the money; they do so much for the community which is even more important. They are a great team and I cannot express my gratitude enough.

God bless,

M. Hold 

## **School Christmas Events**

I was listening on BBC Radio 5 on Wednesday morning and they were discussing whether schools should be going ahead with Christmas Nativities etc live. The answer was quite refreshing in that the scientist said that these are once in a life time events for children, and we shouldn't be cancelling them or going online whilst adults were socialising, Christmas shopping etc. I know some schools have already made the decision to film their Christmas performances but it is our intention, as things stand, to continue with these events live. We may limit the numbers and we will ask parents to wear a mask.

The Key Stage 1 and Reception performances are on the school app. We will add the Key Stage 2 performance as soon as possible but we are just confirming with Father Roy the availability of the church.

## **Reception Admissions 2022 - 2023**

A quick reminder that admissions for Reception 2022 are open but close shortly after Christmas. Please remember that you need to fill in a form for school as well as applying in the normal way through Bucks County Council. Forms are available in the school office, and in the local parishes.

## **Shop for OLS**

Are you going to do your Christmas shopping in John Lewis or Marks and Spencer's? Is your food bill going to be double your usual bill in December? If so, then please consider ordering some extra vouchers from Shop for OLS. It doesn't cost you anything and it makes a big difference for the school. It is really convenient as the vouchers just get loaded onto your card. Since we started this scheme 8 years ago, the school has been donated around £66,000. This makes a massive difference to your children and **it doesn't cost you anything**.

## **New School App**

We hope you are enjoying the new app. We now have at least one parent using the app for 195 children, which is great. We only have 19 children left whose parents need to start using it. If you haven't accepted the invite yet, please do this as soon as possible as this is the only way we will be communicating in the future.

Also, remember you can notify us of any absences through the app. It is quicker for us as well as you.

Thank you

## Chiltern League - Netball

Well done to the school netball team who won their league game on Thursday in a very exciting match against Ley Hill. In the end they came out as 4-3 winners with goals from Clara, Zara and Ruby (2). It was a great all round performance and a massive improvement from the first game. Clearly, some excellent coaching going on from Mrs Lally.






## @OLScheshambois

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



 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** We are building volcanoes #OLReception #OLSgeography

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** And this afternoon I get to have loads of fun in Reception #OLReception

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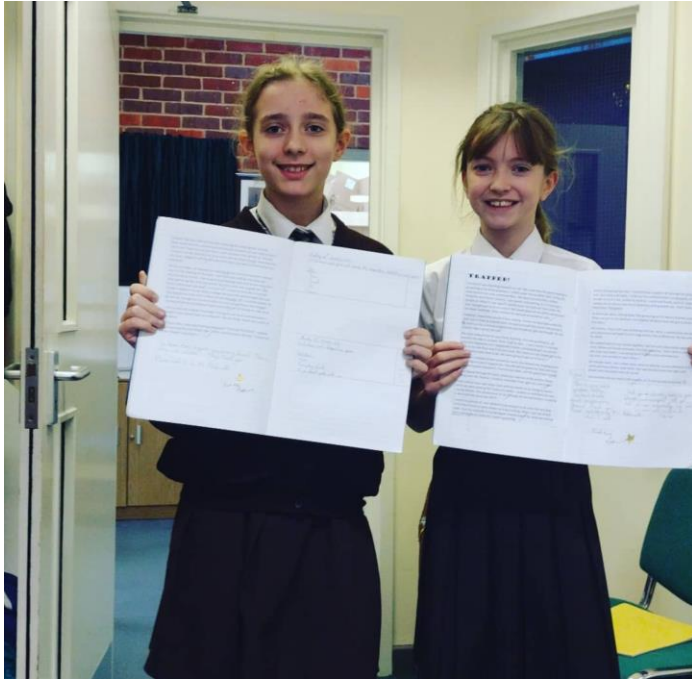
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 olscheshambois

 olscheshambois I am inundated today. Some more brilliant writing  
#OLSliteracy

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 olscheshambois Year 5 are learning about prime numbers.  
#OLSnumeracy

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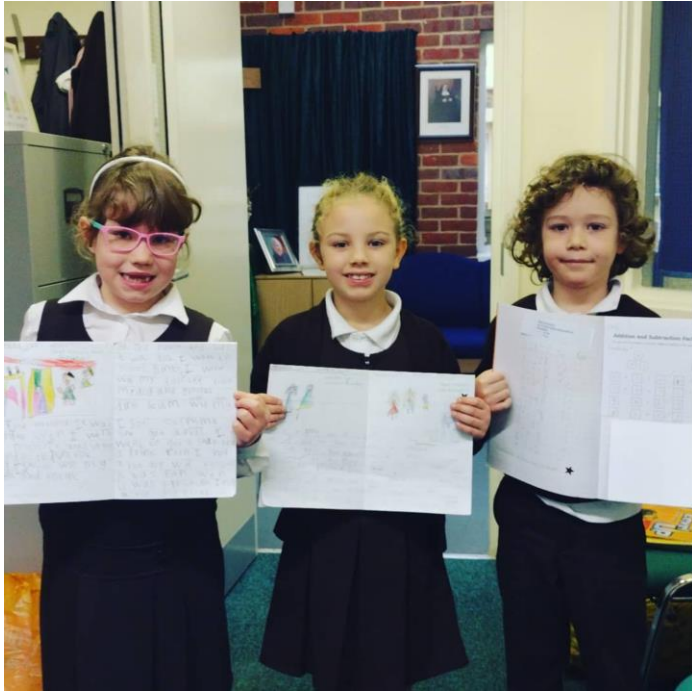






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-  **olscheshambois** ...
-  **olscheshambois** I've just seen some lovely diary writing and maths from year 1. #OLYear1 #OLSliteracy #OLSnumeracy  
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-  **sharondodd** Great work Y1 🌟  
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-  **ozlemcoote** 🍌🍌🍌  
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-  **olscheshambois** ...
-  **olscheshambois** Yesterday we narrowly lost a Kitchen Battle against the school from Greece. Today we have our second match against France. #OLSknifeandfork #OLSerasmusUK  
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-  **teresawatson7** 🙌💙  
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## Irish Dancing

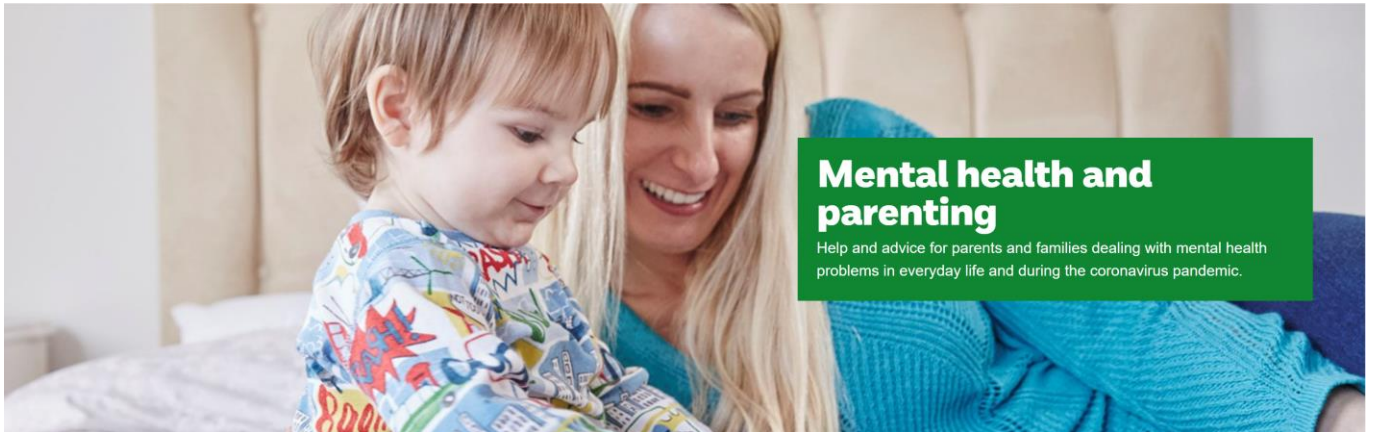


Congratulations to Sorcha Doyle who competed at the Southern England Regional Qualifying last weekend. Her team won the Under 12 Ceili competition. They will now go on to compete at the All Ireland Championships in February half term followed by the World Championships during the Easter holidays.

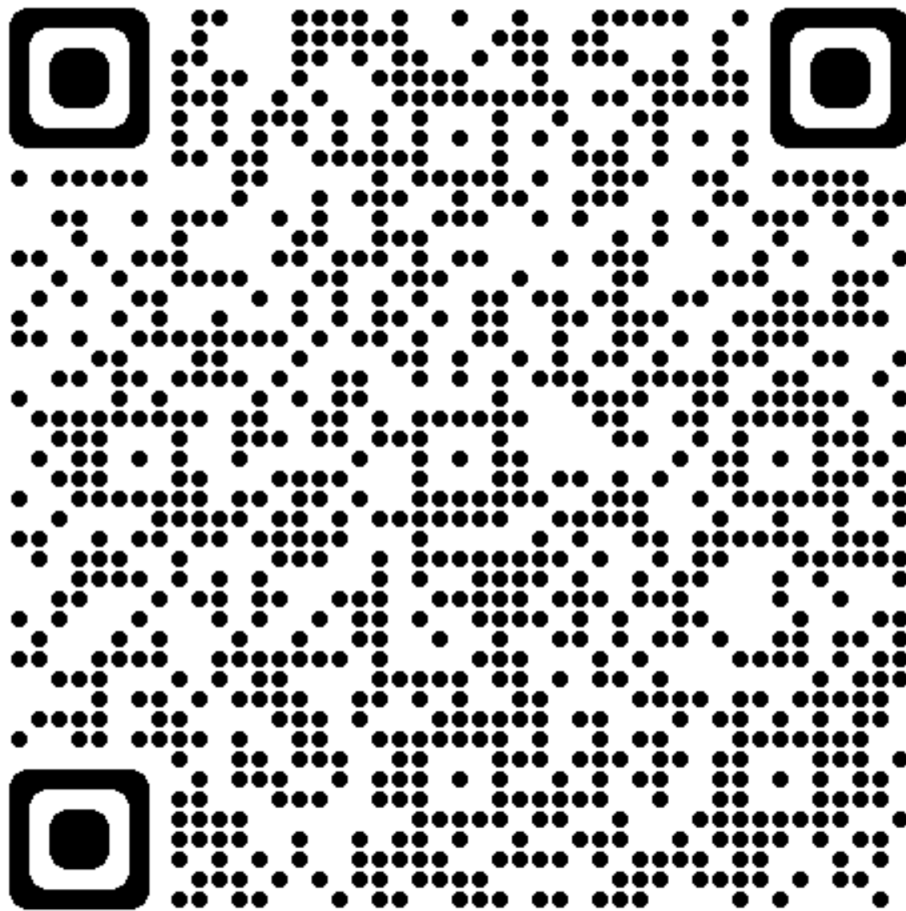
I look forward to following their progress closely.

## Safeguarding

The NSPCC have loads of really useful resources for parents. Here is one that is particularly relevant after the last few years. You can follow the link or scan the QR code:



[How to Take Care of Your Mental Health during Lockdown | NSPCC](#)





## Good News Certificates

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

Year 1	Joseph, Klara
Year 2	Rory, Jan
Year 3	Curtis, Leonardo
Year 4	Ellie, Luna
Year 5	Sophia, Alina, Pranav, Shrikar
Year 6	Charlie, Florence

Well done everyone.



## Accelerated Reader

Top readers this term

<b>Words Read</b>	
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>6,181,704</b> words
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>5,064,745</b> words
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>3,926,098</b> words
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>813,975</b> 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  
Mark  
Archie  
Ivor  
Ralph  
Spike  
Leonardo  
Charlie K  
Michael L  
Michael M  
Bea  
Joseph  
Emily

### Year 4

Leo  
Pierce  
Nathan  
Freya  
Xavier  
Ellie  
Ava  
Emilio  
Luna  
Alasdair

### Year 5

Harry  
Wiktor  
Finlay  
Lily  
Louis  
Florence  
Thomas  
Alex  
Amelia  
Matthew

### Year 6

Harrison  
Jimi  
Kester  
Florence  
Valeria  
George