



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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

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11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents,

This week was parents' evening. I hope you are all pleased with your children's reports. I would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work. As you can imagine it is a long week for them and yet their lessons were still amazing later on in the week. Last year we moved these meetings to slightly later in the term, and also the autumn assessment earlier, so that we have some up to date information to give you. We hope this was useful to you. It does mean that the children are being assessed on the new year's curriculum when they are only a sixth of the way through, but hopefully it gives you and their teacher a baseline to work from. Finally, I just wanted to thank all of you and the office staff for being so patient with the booking system. I am hopeful that the glitches have been resolved, which will ensure it runs more smoothly next time.

Next week is National Anti-bullying week. The theme this year is Reach Out. The idea is that we encourage the children to reach out to other children who might not be happy or who are being bullied. We always reinforce to the children that it isn't ok to be unkind at all. Just because it isn't bullying doesn't make it alright so I hope the children will be able to Reach Out whenever they see someone being unkind. On Monday, all of the children can wear odd socks to celebrate the fact that we are all different!

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

M. Howarth

# Odd Socks Day



## MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

This year we are holding **Odd Socks Day** with the support of Andy Day, CBeebies and CBBC star and front man of Andy and the Odd Socks. Odd Socks Day is a chance for schools to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils and staff to wear odd socks to school. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks, it could not be simpler!

### Safeguarding

**Anti-Bullying Week 2022**

**A TOOL FOR PARENTS AND CARERS**

**Odd Socks Day**  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November

**REACH OUT**

**#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK**  
MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

**ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**  
ORGANISER

**kidscape**  
Help With Bullying  
PARTNER

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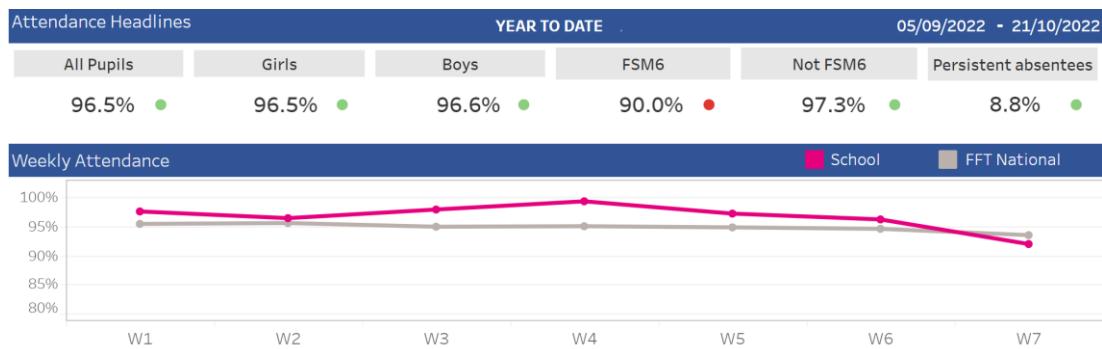
Part of the family  
**NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUREAU**

Please see the toolkit at the following link:

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/attachments/Anti-Bullying%20Week%202022%20-%20Parent%20Pack.pdf>

## Attendance

This is the schools headline attendance data for last half term:



Although we were above the national average, on the whole we aren't at our target of 98%. Hopefully, as time goes on, this will improve as at the start of the year one day off is a high percentage as we have only had about 35 days so far.

Well done to the 115 children who still have 100% attendance but there are 20 who have had more than 3 days off which, currently, would make them a persistent absentee. Obviously, that isn't going to be a problem as long as you don't have 3 days off every half term.

FSM6 are children who have been in receipt of free school meals in the last 6 years. Nationally, the statistics show that these children will attend less well and therefore attain less well at school and in particular are less likely to achieve good GCSE's. I do not want this to be the case for children at Our Lady's, however, as you can see from the table above, at the moment it is.

**I cannot emphasise enough the importance of your child coming to school every day. Every day of education they miss is a day they will never get back. In an effort to highlight this I will share this report with you regularly.**

## OLS Sport

This week we have had two sporting fixtures. Firstly we had a football cup fixture against Thorpe House. It was a close run thing but unfortunately we lost narrowly 2-1. We had a great second half after being two nil down at half time. Mr Weatherill assures me that Finlay's second half goal was reminiscent of this one by Denis Bergkamp

[\(14\) Bergkamp Goal vs Newcastle | Premier League 2001/02 - YouTube](#)

Also, yesterday was our first fixture in the Chiltern League Netball against Thomas Harding School. What an exciting game it was for the first one of the year finishing 8-8 in the end. Our goal scorers were Florence (3 goals) and Jack (6 goals). However, I know there were other really great performances and it looks like we are going to have an excellent season.





## Good News Certificates



Last week's Good News certificates were:

Year 1	Maria, Megan
Year 2	Xavier, Renske
Year 3	Erica, Giovanni
Year 4	Lola, Dominik
Year 5	Jake, Eliza
Year 6	Alina, Cliff

## **A Message from Ten Ten Resources November 2022**

November is the month of praying for and remembering the dead, heralded by All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. As we draw to the end of the Liturgical Year, the Gospels begin to look forward to Jesus' return and culminate with the Feast of Christ the King. Then we begin the new Liturgical Year with the season of Advent. It's a busy month in the Church calendar, and no doubt in the school calendar too!

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout November and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray that, in this month of remembrance, you and your family will find comfort in remembering God's love.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

# ONLINE SHOPPING



STOP THE PRESS! IF YOU PLAN ON STARTING YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING THIS WEEKEND PLEASE CONSIDER RAISING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL BY DOING THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) JOIN SHOP FOR OLS - DID YOU KNOW THAT THIS SCHEME HAS RAISED A WHOPPING **£73,000** FOR THE SCHOOL - IT IS THE SIMPLEST WAY TO RAISE MONEY WITHOUT IT COSTING YOU A THING!
- 2) INCREASE YOUR SHOP FOR OLS ORDER OR ORDER A ONE OFF GIFT CARD OR E-VOUCHER
- 3) SHOP ONLINE WITH EASY FUNDRAISING & AMAZON SMILE

**SHOP NOW  
USING THE QR CODES BELOW**



## Nativity Play 2022

If your child would like to participate in this year's Nativity Play, kindly write your name on the sign-up sheet in the porch or email either St Aidan's or Our Lady's churches:

Email: [Parish.OurLadycbstaidanlc@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:Parish.OurLadycbstaidanlc@northamptondiocese.org)

First meeting: **Saturday 10th December 2022, St Aidan's Church. 5:00pm before Mass**



## @OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Looking forward to seeing everyone this evening at parent consultations. You are going to hear about how amazing your children are. And I've even turned the heating on for you  
23 h

 **joel.rogers.121** 🔥  
18 h Reply

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25 likes  
23 HOURS AGO

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** During November, we remember all our loved ones who have died at school and in our parishes #OISbuildingthekingdom  
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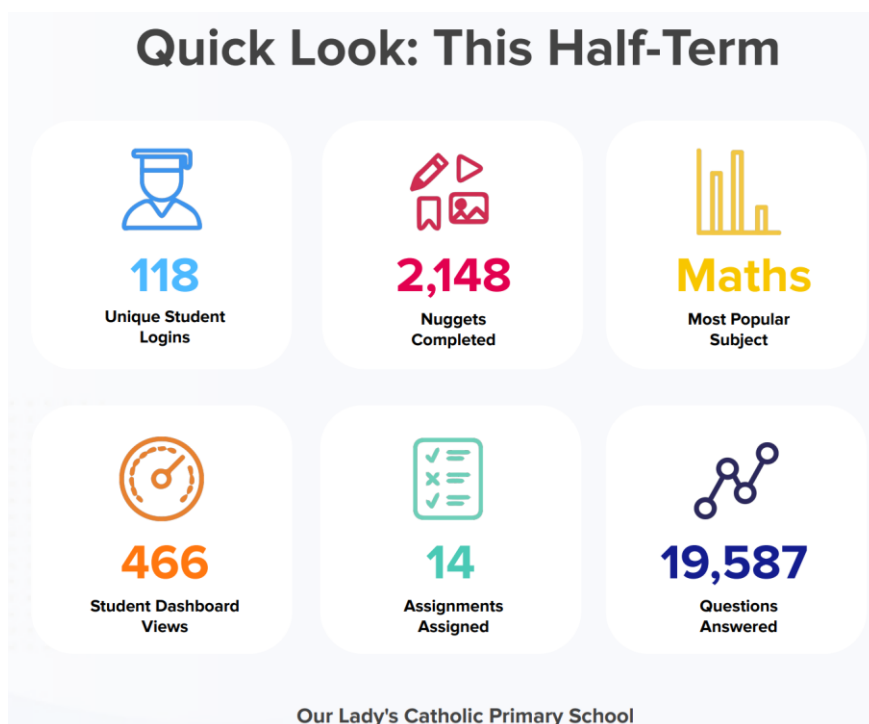
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## Century

Century are now giving us a half termly report on the children's usage. This is only Key Stage 2 but it gives us a good idea of the amount of learning that is going on. Here is a snapshot.



As you can imagine, there is a lot more information which helps us to target children. I will share this data with you termly as I think it could be a good motivator for the children.



## **Accelerated Reader**

<b>Words Read</b>	
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>4,312,759</b> words
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>4,955,935</b> words
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>2,040,758</b> words
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>548,283</b> words

## **Millionaire**

### **Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes**

#### **Year 3**

Tamsin  
Sienna-Rose  
Giovanni  
Dominik  
Simeon  
Jude  
Arthur  
Jacob  
Lorcan  
Thomas  
Florence

Curtis  
Zuzanna

#### **Year 5**

Bella  
Karamo  
Igor  
Lena  
Matylda  
Stella  
Ethan  
Sabrina  
Emilio

#### **Year 4**

Leo  
Behtin  
Spike  
Wanda  
Elodie  
Charlie  
Lola  
Michael M  
Evelyn  
Joseph  
Dominik  
Hannah  
Emily

#### **Year 6**

Wiktor  
Finlay  
Louis  
Blazej  
Ewan  
Molly  
Florence  
Lucy  
Cliff  
Esther  
Pranav