



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

13th May 2022

Dear Parents,


Last weekend, I had the privilege of witnessing some of the children in Year 3 and Year 4 receiving their First Holy Communion. It was a very special occasion in fact the most important day of their lives. Hopefully, our wonderful choir will have made the day even more special. A really big thank you to the staff and children who gave some of their time on Saturday to volunteer. It was so lovely to be able to be part of that celebration again after two years.

This week has also been the week the Year 6 children have done their Key Stage 2 SATs tests. They have worked incredibly hard particularly after all the disruption over the past two years; we couldn't ask for any more of them. I know they will be relieved to have it done and now the fun really begins.

I look forward to seeing many of you at my favourite evening of the year, International Evening next Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,

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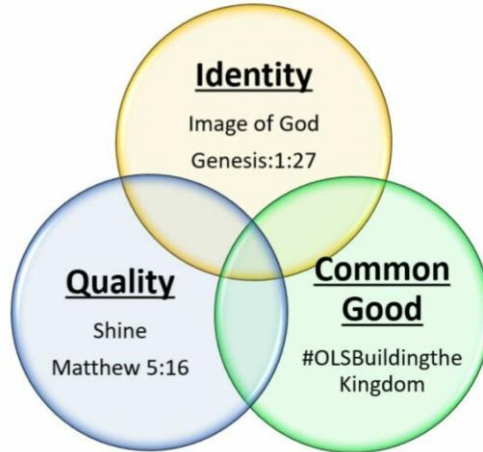
Good News Certificates

Congratulations to the children who received certificates from their teachers last week. They were:

Year 1	Amelie & Steve
Year 2	Rory & Simeon
Year 3	Mark & Ralph
Year 4	Ellie & Karamo
Year 5	Connie & Finlay
Year 6	All of Year 6

Curriculum

“Identity, Quality and Care for the Common Good”



Here is the Parent Newsletter for May.

www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/

Phonics

It is coming up to the time of year when Year 1 do their phonics screening. This is a good time to let parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 know about some websites that may help. These websites have a mixture of free and subscription games which I am sure your children will enjoy.

[Phonics Games for the Classroom and Home - Phonics Bloom](#)

[PhonicsPlay](#)


[Phonics Games for Kids Online - SplashLearn](#)


[Letters and Sounds - Free phonics resources for the Letters and Sounds programme \(letters-and-sounds.com\)](#)

@OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:







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 **olscheshambois** Year 1 have been learning all about Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit #OLSbuildingthekingdom #OISRE

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 **olscheshambois** ...





 **olscheshambois** In Year 5 we have been practising asking for and giving directions in French. We also challenged ourselves by considering the challenges faced by people with visual impairment. #olsfrench #olsbuildingthekingdom

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Year 1 have been learning about their 2 times tables. Great work year 1 #OLSmaths

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Our Lady's school choir singing at today's First Holy Communion Mass at St Aidan's #OLSmusic #OLSbuildingthekingdom

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Congratulations to all the children who have received Jesus today #OLSbuildingthekingdom #averyspecialday ❤️
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 **piedpiper2762** 🇬🇧 what a wonderfully joyous mass it was ❤️
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 **teresawatson7** 🙏❤️
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Nut Free School

Please can I remind parents that they shouldn't be sending things in their children's packed lunches which contain nuts. On the whole people are really good about this. However, every now and then we do find things such as shop bought pesto or hummus coming in. I know people aren't being flippant about it; it is just that if you don't have someone at home with an allergy you probably don't even consider some items as having nuts in them.

Thank you

Safeguarding

This week's poster is around children using YouTube. I am interested in whether parents like these guides as the company who makes them provide other services which we can purchase.

[WUW 064 YouTube Guide \(olschesham.co.uk\)](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

At National Online Safety, we believe it is needed. This guide focuses on the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

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Accelerated Reader

Words Read	
Year 6	21,601,227 words
Year 5	18,238,783 words
Year 4	13,882,443 words
Year 3	4,018,694 words

Millionaire Readers

Thomas (Year 5)
Abigail (Year 6)
Wiktor (Year 5)
Ula (Year 5)
Constance (Year 5)
Robert (Year 6)

Charlie (Year 6)
Michael (Year 6)
Mirella (Year 6)
Bella (Year 6)
Harry (Year 5)
Lucy (Year 5)

Double Millionaire Readers

Harry (Year 4)
Kaitlyn (Year 6)
Ben (Year 6)
Alex (Year 5)

Triple Millionaire Readers - Wow

Matilda (Year 4) Kenandra (Year 5)

Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

Year 2

Eleanor
Arthur
Jacob
Erin

Year 3

Leo
Archie
Spike
Alma
Evelyn
Dominik
Robert
Zuzanna

Year 4

Pierce
Karamo
Ellie
Lena
Jordan
Alaia
Ethan
Emilio
Harry
Jake
Luna
Alasdair

Year 5

Lucy
Esther