



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

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15th December 2023

Dear Parents,

What a week. It has felt long but it has been packed with lots of great things. The highlight for me though were the two Advent Carol Services and the Reception Nativity this morning. It really feels like Christmas has started now.

The children sang and read absolutely beautifully at the Carol Service. It is lovely to have traditional readings and carols mixed in with some of the more modern twists.

This morning, we had our Reception Nativity and were very honoured to have the legendary Mrs Haines and Mrs Beckworth as special guests. They were both teachers here at Our Lady's over twenty years ago and between them they taught over 50 years here. I know this definitely added a bit of extra pressure for Mrs Simpson as Mrs Haines was her Reception teacher. Well, I know no one was disappointed as the children were fabulous. There is nothing more special than the youngest children retelling the story of Jesus' birth.

I hope you all have a great time this evening at the Hollyberry Fayre.

God bless,

M. Howarth

Celebrating Advent At School

Some dates for your diary:

18 th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance	
20 th December	Break the Rules Day	Cost £2 per child Details below



Car Park and Lateness

Once again, I am asking people not to park in the car park without permission. After Christmas, I have asked the office to add a £5 charge to your parent pay account if you park in the car park between 8.15 am and 9.15 am or 3.00 pm and 5.00 pm. If you are charged and think it is incorrect, you can phone us and have it reversed but clearly, we will then have a record of repeat offenders and how often they have put the children at risk.

Also, please can parents remember that if they are late, they should park in the local streets and must bring their child in to the office. Please don't send your child up on their own as they are not responsible for being late.

Thank you
Mr Holdsworth

Term Dates

I know many of you will be thinking about next Christmas, especially if you have family who live abroad. Next Year's term dates are now on the website. Please make sure you look at them before booking any holiday. Unfortunately, for the first time ever this year I have had to make referrals to the local authority, who have issued fines.

[Term Dates - Our Lady's Catholic Primary School \(olschesham.co.uk\)](http://olschesham.co.uk)

Unfortunately, since the pandemic some parents seem to think that their children can afford to miss school. However, the one thing which the pandemic taught us was how damaging school absence is. A child whose attendance is below 90%, misses 100 lessons in a year. They never get those lessons back and they find the following lessons harder.

I am currently working on a report which will go to every parent every half term so that you can stay informed more regularly.

Thank you

December 2023

This year, the season of Advent falls wholly in the month of December. It's a time of busyness at home and at school with plenty to enjoy; nativity plays and carol services, lights and decorations, plans to visit friends and family... It can sometimes be easy amongst all the fun and excitement to forget what Advent is really about - a time to pause, reflect, and get ready to welcome Jesus into our hearts.

This newsletter shares a glimpse of some of the prayer and liturgy resources that children will experience at school during this month. We hope you find this resource to be a useful addition to your family prayer time.

Last year we released the Jesse Tree resource which is a bit like an Advent calendar and based on the Advent tradition of spiritual preparation through tracing Jesus' ancestry. This beautiful resource will once again be made available for families to use at home, and we hope that parents will take the opportunity to share children's excitement in discovering the daily stories about Jesus' family tree. You can access The Jesse Tree through the Parent Portal.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

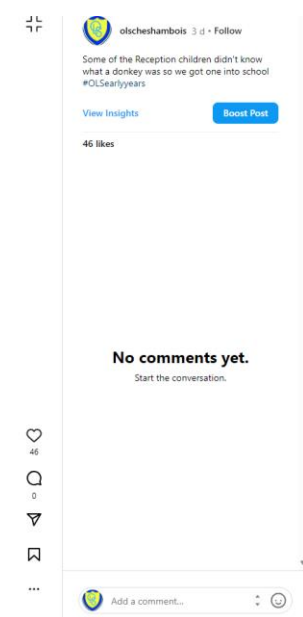
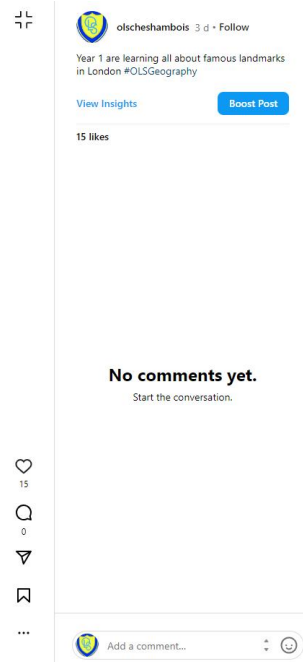
Midday Supervisors

We are currently looking for midday supervisors at school. If you know of anybody who is interested please pass on the link to our mynewterm advert. These are really difficult positions to fill and I know all of the schools in the MAT are currently advertising, any help you can give through word of mouth would be really helpful. Thank you


[Job Adverts & Applicants \(mynewterm.com\)](#)

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:











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Year Two learning about Victorian Schools and toys at Chiltern Open Air Museum today!
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


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Year 1 are having great fun at Elgiva watching the panto #OLYear1

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Some more great writing. Explanations based on Until I met Dudley by Roger McGough @theliteracytree #CLSiteracy

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Brilliant!



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Ready for our first evening of our carol service #OLSBuidingthekingdom #OLSYear3 #OLSYear5

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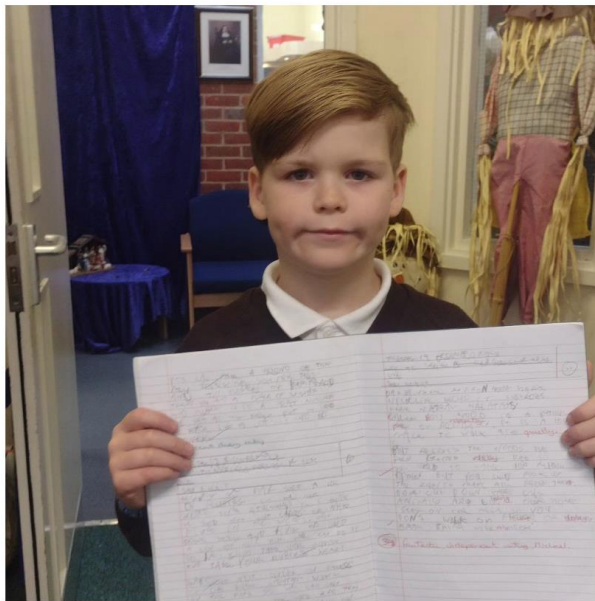
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#OLSYear1 helping out on stage at the panto today

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Some lovely writing all about how we could look after Chesham Boos Wood a bit better #OLSCatholicSocialTeaching... more

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Runners up in the Chiltern League Netball Finals. A great performance this afternoon #OLSSport

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STEM Christmas Challenge! Can I create a snowball catapult? #OLScience #OLSdt

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Year 3

Logan
Malwina
Renske
Michael F
Mason
Misha
Hansini
Xavier
Steve
Maja

Ralph
Spike
Wanda
Finley H
Charlie K
Michael M
Robert
Zuzanna

Year 4

Tamsin
Sienna-Rose
Dominik
Elizabeth
Andrew
Eleanor
Jacob
Karo
Thomas
Bianca
Florence

Year 6

Bella
Nathan
Sherlyn
Freya
Karamo
Xavier
Ellie
Matilda
Eliza
Kome
Lena
Jordan
Matylda
Sabrina
Hannah
Franek

Year 5

Archie
Ivor