



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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

**Faith . Hope . Love**

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17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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. We have moved to new suite of tests (GL Assessments) in line with the other schools in St Thomas Catholic Academy Trust. This gives us the opportunity to analyse how our children are achieving and attaining in line with the other schools. Although it is a one-off snapshot of how the children are doing, I hope the reports you were given at parents evening give you ideas of practical things you can do at home to help your child.

This week, we also had a visit from Nicola from Radio Christmas. Well, with the mention of Christmas, you can imagine how excited the children were. This is a fantastic local charity raising money for children in Guatemala. We will be taking a few children, later on in the term, to be involved in one of the shows but if you would like to book for one of your children to take part after school there is more information on their website. If you would like to donate to Street Kids then please scan the QR code over the page. There is more information about the charity and Radio Christmas on their websites.

<https://streetkidsdirect.org.uk/>

<https://radiochristmas.co.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

M. Holden



## **Cross Country**

Last weekend was the second cross country race of the season. It was an absolutely beautiful morning and great to see so many children from all over the area competing. We had the most children ever taking part with a special mention going to Year 4 who had great numbers running.

Special mention goes to Elodie who got a medal in the Year 5 race and Keera and Zoe who got medals in the Year 2 race. Finally, a really big mention must go to the Year 3 girls' team who came second overall. It is lovely that, after last year's Year 6 (our most successful team ever), moving on we have another team with a bright future ahead!



## **Radio Christmas**

If you would like to donate to Streetkids then follow the QR code below:



## **Telling the Time**

One thing that the new GL Assessments have identified for us is that our children aren't as good at telling the time using a traditional clock as they should be. This is something you can really help with. Do you have any clocks in your house? If you don't I really recommend you get one and then every now and then just read the time with your child. It is one of those things where a little bit and often will really help. Start with o'clock and half past; then move onto quarter past and quarter to and so on. Thank you for all your help.



## **Prayers for Israel and Gaza**

As I am sure you will be aware, it is very difficult to shield children from what is going on in the world. In school, we make sure we talk to the children about current affairs as part of their education but also as a way of ensuring we address any anxiety. This is a prayer that we will be using over the next few weeks.

**God of love,  
You care for us all.  
Shine your light of love and hope to our  
brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.**

**Wrap your loving arms around  
those who mourn.  
Bring comfort to those who are  
hurting in body and mind.  
Fill the hearts of all people with  
your love and compassion.  
Give courage to those who help others  
and work for the good of all.  
May your peace, love and understanding  
be with the people who are making  
important decisions.**

**Let us be united in our prayer for peace in the world.  
We pray for hope and healing and an end to violence.  
Amen**



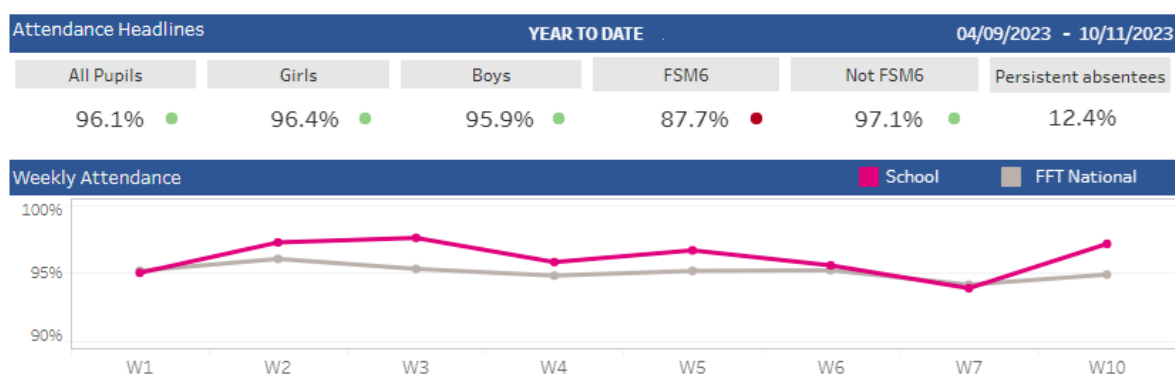
## **November 2023**

The feasts of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> along with Remembrance Day on 11<sup>th</sup> November highlight that this is traditionally the month when we remember and pray for the dead and ask God to bring them to their eternal rest in heaven. At the end of the month, we mark the end of the Liturgical Year with the great Solemnity of Christ the King. It's a busy month in the Church calendar and no doubt in the school calendar too!

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.

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

## Attendance and Punctuality



We are still quite a way from our target of 98%. Remember every day missed, results in missed learning and more misconceptions. The good news is that we had excellent attendance last week so keep it up everyone.

Well done to Year 2 and Year 4 who are currently in prime position to get ice creams at the end of the year as they have the best attendance

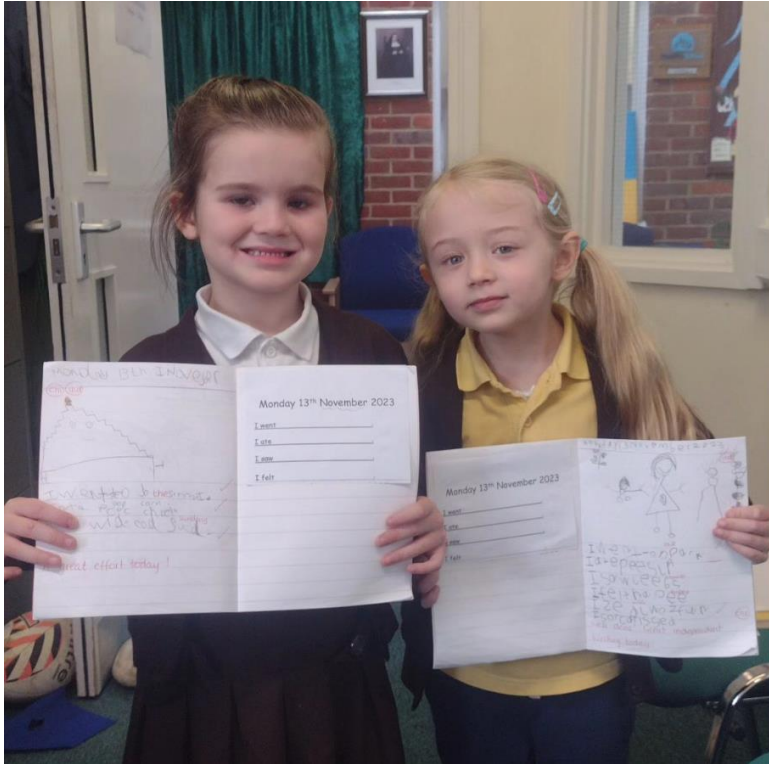
Reception	95.7
Year 1	94.6
Year 2	98.5
Year 3	97.3
Year 4	97.8
Year 5	94.5
Year 6	94.7



## @OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





olscheshambois

olscheshambois It is lovely hearing about the children's weekend  
#OLSliteracy #OLSdiarywriting  
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olscheshambois

olscheshambois Back on the horse 🐾 #OLSresilience  
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teresawatson7 That's my boy. 🐾 🐾 🐾  
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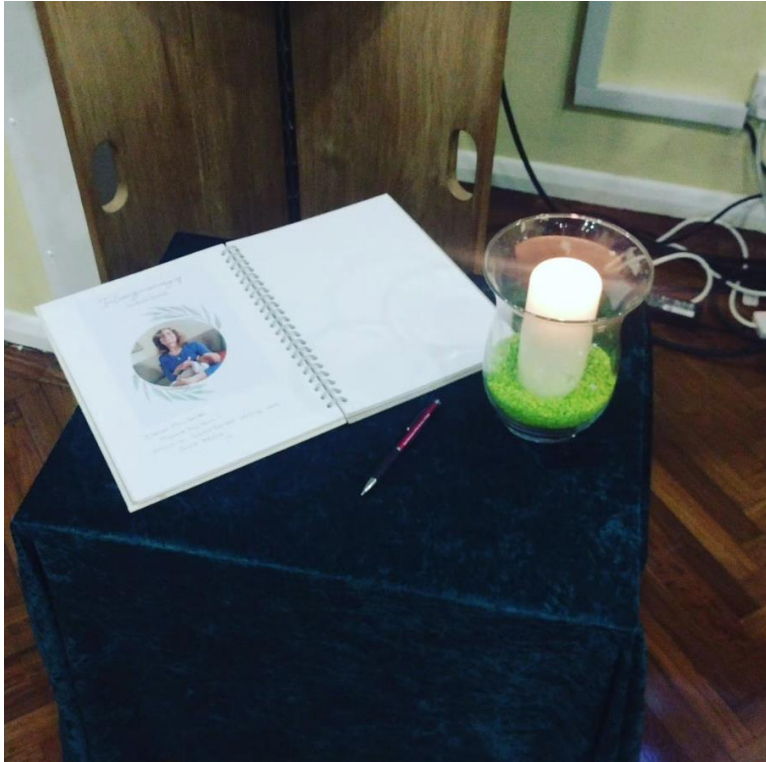
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- **olscheshambois** ...
- **olscheshambois** We have our Remembrance book out at Parent's Evening - Please feel free to add to it if you wish #OLSBUILDingTheKingdom 2 d
- **teresawatson7** Dear Nicki, a wonderful human being, who is missed very much. ❤️ 2 d 1 like Reply

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- **olscheshambois** ...
- **olscheshambois** 3 games, 2 wins so far this season for the yellow submarines #OLSSport 1 h
- **yucononmoon** 🏀🏀🏀 59 m Reply
- **teresawatson7** 🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀🍀 1 h Reply

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## Good News Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

	Good News
Year 1	Ilyana, Noella
Year 2	Megan, Zach
Year 3	Malwina, Xavier
Year 4	Nathan, Giovanni
Year 5	Hannah, Finley H

## R.E. Certificates

We have recently introduced Religious Education certificates to celebrate the children's R.E. work. These will be presented during the Gratitude Assemblies. Staff are choosing two pieces of work each half term for a certificate. One certificate will be for the best piece of R.E. work, based on content. The other will be awarded for the best presentation of R.E. work.

## **Accelerated Reader**

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

#### **Year 3**

Logan  
Renske  
Michael F  
Mason  
Misha  
Hansini  
Xavier  
Maja

Ralph  
Wanda  
Finley H  
Charlie K  
Michael M  
Robert  
Zuzanna

#### **Year 6**

#### **Year 4**

Tamsin  
Sienna-Rose  
Andrew  
Eleanor  
Jacob  
Thomas  
Olive

Bella  
Nathan  
Sherlyn  
Karamo  
Ellie  
Kome  
Grace  
Jordan  
Alaia  
Matylda  
Hannah  
Franek

#### **Year 5**

Mia  
Archie  
Ivor