



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

12th January 2024

Dear Parents,


School has been really purposeful this week. Clubs have started and it is great to see so many children getting involved. Over the week, we have 127 children taking part in clubs with many going to multiple clubs. There are over 250 attendances in clubs over the week. It is great that so many children are getting the opportunity to develop their interests and God given talents. I want to thank all the staff who give up an hour of time to make this possible. This doesn't happen in many schools.

As well as the children attending the extra-curricular clubs, there are also a lot of children who attend after school and breakfast club. Please can I encourage parents to book these. Although we always try and be accommodating, we are getting to the point where we are going to have to turn children away.

The final big news from this week was a great day at The Verulamium museum in St Albans. Year 3 came back absolutely enthused and buzzing about all they had seen and learned. There is nothing like a real hands-on experience to inspire children.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

God bless,

M. Hold 



Curriculum

This week is a good time to think about vocabulary. Research clearly indicates that children with larger vocabularies have higher school achievement in general (Smith, 1941, cited in Beck, McKeown, and Kucan, 2002) and higher reading achievement in particular (Anderson and Freebody, 1981; Graves, 1986; Stahl, 1998).

We are lucky at Our Lady's to have so many very eloquent children. You can however always develop your vocabulary further. My favourite word of the term **scurryfunge**.

This term, I have been sharing on Microsoft Teams a word of the week with the children.

Word of the Week

Pang-Wangle

This weeks word of the week was suggested by Mr Weatherill. **Pang-Wangle** is a 19th century word. It means remaining cheerful in spite of minor setbacks. Are you a pang-wangler?



If you want some ideas of things you can do at home, then there is some information in the article below. The earlier ones are more suitable for home with the later ideas being the sort of things we might do in school.

<https://teacher.scholastic.com/products/readingline/pdfs/ProfessionalPaper.pdf>

Measles

Before sharing this with you, I just want to emphasise that we **DO NOT** have any cases of measles in school. However, I was listening today about the consequence of a drop in vaccination rates partly due to some previous misinformation about the MMR vaccine.

There is clearly some concern amongst medical professionals which is in the news today:

Get measles jab to avoid rapid spread, says UK health boss

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The head of the Health Security Agency has issued a call to action across the country

[Get measles jab to avoid rapid spread, says UK health boss - BBC News](#)

Clearly, as parents, this is your choice but it is important to make the decision based on good information. If your child hasn't had the vaccine, I would really urge you to consider getting it. Measles is a horrible disease.

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 \(olschesham.co.uk\)](https://olschesham.co.uk)

Ten-Ten PSRE

You should have received a letter about PSRE this week. All of the resources can be found on the Ten-Ten website:

[Life to the Full Plus - Ten Ten Resources](#)

The username and password are as follows:

Username: our-ladys-hp6

Password: queen-peace

If you have any questions, then please feel free to ask your teacher or arrange to see Mr Holdsworth.

Thank you

Good News Certificates




Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

	Good News
Year 1	Antonio, Cian
Year 2	Juno, Olivia
Year 3	Annie, Isabelle
Year 4	Thomas, Karo
Year 5	Michael M, Finn, Charlie F
Year 6	Alaia, Jordan

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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Reception are writing some amazing postcards as part of their literacy. Amazing!!!! #OLSLiteracy

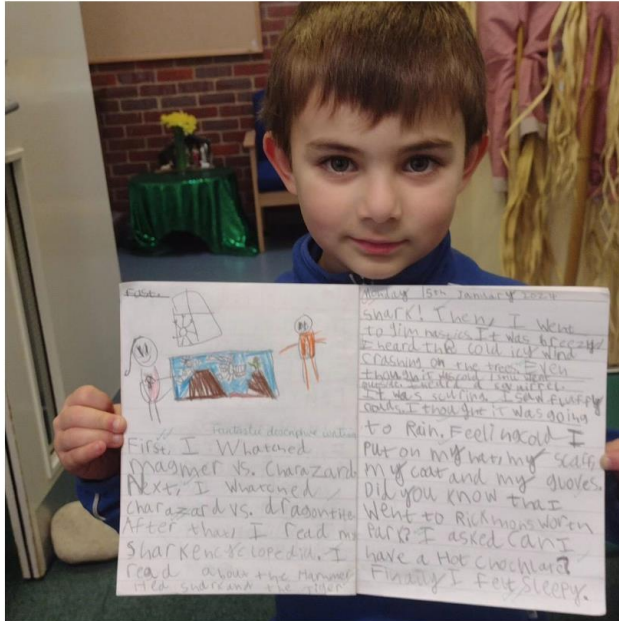
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all about the Romans 🥰 thanks for
inspiring our little ones!

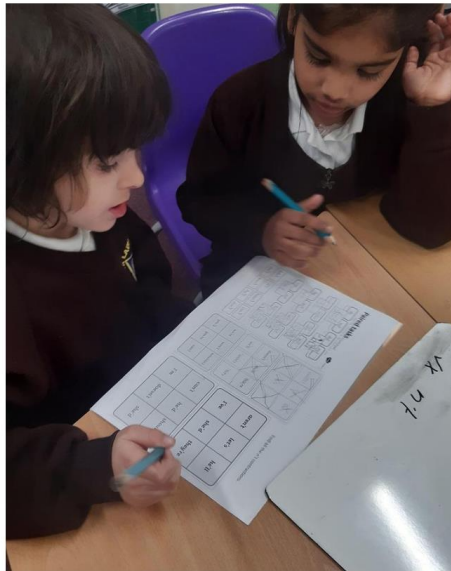
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Year 1 had a great time at the Dance Festival yesterday #OLSSport

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January 2024

The new year has arrived and some of you may have already taken your Christmas tree and decorations, but it's not yet time to put away all signs of Christmas. Some families like to leave the crib on display until the wise men have visited and delivered their gifts to Jesus, the newborn King.

The 6th of January is the Feast of the Epiphany and is celebrated in many churches on the Sunday of that week. We have created a special assembly that may be used in schools, and which explores the Epiphany through children's experience of giving gifts.

This is a perfect opportunity to reflect on what we can give to Jesus as we start afresh in 2024 with the reminder that Jesus is the most perfect gift of love from God to all of us!

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout January and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray that the new year brings peace and blessings for you and your family.

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

Accelerated Reader

The children who are already above their target and are higher than 85% in their quizzes are:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Amelie	Elizabeth	Archie	Pierce
Aoife	Simeon	Rio	Shaun
Renske	Jude	Ralph	Matilda
Misha	Karo	Spike	Grace
Xavier	Jaeda	Michael	Jordan
	Nathan	Dominik	Stella
	Florence	Curtis	Jake
	Erin	Zuzzana	

Immaculate Heart of Mary – Youth Mass

Please note there is a Youth Mass this Sunday at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Great Missenden at 11.00 am

Everyone is welcome!!!!

