



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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

**Faith . Hope . Love**

20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents,

Last Friday, we had our annual Christmas Fayre. After a very wet week, we were lucky to have a really nice evening. It was a great event with live music from Federica, Kate some guest parents and finishing with the children singing Christmas Carols. The highlight for me was winning my first ever hamper although after eating some Hula Hoops and After Eights, I found out it was actually my mother and father in-law who bought the tickets. Nevermind, maybe I'll finally get to win one next year.

The highlight this week was definitely the Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance. It was absolutely fantastic especially considering that quite a lot of the cast were ill at the last minute and other children had to step in. I can't think of a nicer Christmas present for parents than seeing their beautiful children on stage performing with such great confidence.

During our Christmas concerts and on Break the Rules day today we have raised £910 for CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis appeal. Thank you for your generosity at this time where our message really needs to be one of peace.

Next term starts on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January and I look forward to seeing you all then. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas. Just remember Jesus in amongst all that fun!!!!

God bless,

M. Holden

## **The OLS Times**

### **It's the most wonderful time of the year!**

It's here! The OLS Times Team are at it again – this time at Christmas! We hope to bring you some festive fun with our second issue, jam-packed with information, school news and Christmas joy. We hope you enjoy it and have a very Merry Christmas.

The OLS Time team.

Hopefully your children came home with the OLS Times yesterday.

## **Christmas in our Pastoral Area**

Here are the Mass times for Christmas. Please remember to make time for Jesus this Christmas.

### **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

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Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Advent Reconciliation Service at 7:30pm**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**    *Advent Mini Retreat from 3pm until 4:30pm  
(finishing with tea/coffee and light refreshments)*

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**    *Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Vigil Mass Saturday at 6pm  
Mass at 11am*

*Christmas Eve  
Mass at 5pm*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**    *Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity  
Mass at 10am*

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December**    *No Mass*

***Normal Mass times for the rest of the Christmas Season***

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## ST COLUMBA

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- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December**    *An Evening of Reflection, Adoration and  
Contemplative Music at 7:30pm*
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**    *Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Mass at 9am  
No 6pm Mass  
  
*Christmas Eve  
Carols at 7:30pm, Christmas Mass at 8pm**
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**    *Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity  
Mass at 10am*
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**    *New Year's Eve – Feast of the Holy Family  
Masses at 9am and 6pm*
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January**    *New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Mass at 10am*
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**    *The Epiphany of the Lord  
Masses at 9am and 6pm*
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## OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

*Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Church*  
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Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Advent Reconciliation Service at 7pm</b>
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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**    *Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
Vigil Mass Saturday at 5pm  
**Mass at 10:30am at St Aidan's**  
*(Joint Mass for Our Lady's and St Aidan's Parishes)*  
No 9am Mass

*Christmas Eve*  
Carols at 7pm; Christmas Mass at 7:30pm

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**    *Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity*  
Christmas Mass at 9am

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December**    No Mass

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December**    Mass at 9:30am

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December**    Adoration at 6:30pm; Mass at 7pm

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**    *New Year's Eve – Feast of the Holy Family*  
Vigil Mass Saturday at 5pm  
Parish Mass at 9am

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January**    *New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*  
Mass at 9:30am

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**    Mass at 9:30am

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January**    Mass at 9:30am

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January**    Adoration at 6:30pm; Mass at 7pm

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**    *The Epiphany of the Lord*  
Vigil Mass Saturday at 5pm  
Parish Mass at 9am

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## ST AIDAN

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Vigil Mass Saturday at 6:15pm  
**Mass at 10:30am** (*Joint Mass for Our Lady's and  
St Aidan's Parishes at St Aidan's*)  
  
*Christmas Eve*  
Family (Nativity) Mass at 5pm  
Carols at 11:30pm *followed by*  
Midnight Mass
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December**     *Christmas Day – Feast of the Nativity*  
Christmas Mass at 11am
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Parish Mass at 11am
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## **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 then 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 also 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 half termly report which will go to every parent every half term so that you can stay informed more regularly.

Thank you



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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



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It was lovely to have 3 generations of staff in school yesterday. It was a pleasure to have Sheila Haines (teacher and 3... more

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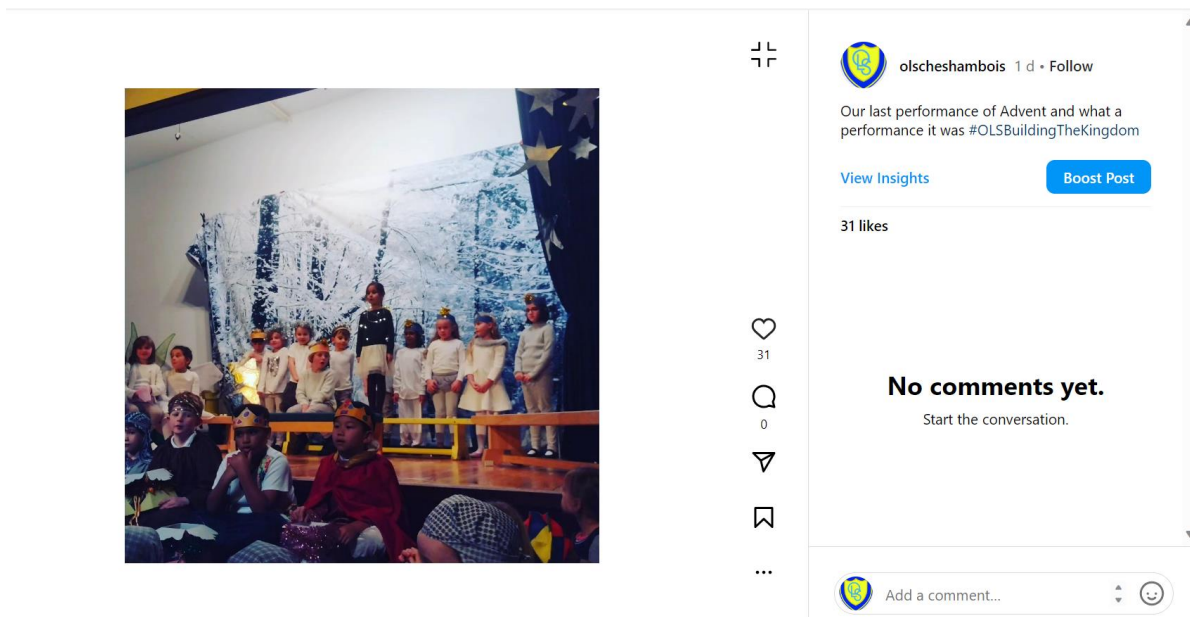


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## December 2023

**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/>**



## **Accelerated Reader**

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

#### **Year 3**

Logan  
Malwina  
Renske  
Michael F  
Mason  
Misha  
Hansini  
Cat Cat  
Xavier  
Steve  
Maja

#### **Year 4**

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

#### **Year 5**

Ivor

Archie  
Ralph  
Spike  
Wanda  
Finley H  
Charlie K  
Michael M  
Robert  
Zuzanna

#### **Year 6**

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