



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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

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20th October 2023

Dear Parents,


The summer holidays seem to be a long time ago and the staff and children are definitely ready for half term with the added bonus this year that it is two weeks long.

This week really started on Sunday with many of our children taking part in the St Columba's Youth Mass. Unfortunately, I couldn't be there but Mrs Cid-Fuentes tells me that there were more children than ever and from many more different classes. This is a testament to the work Federica is already doing in school.

Also this week, we have taken part in the NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe assembly and workshops. Keeping children safe is the most important thing we do so this is a really important programme to take part in. All of the children took part in age appropriate assemblies and then Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 had a workshop run by NSPCC volunteers. The most important message for the children is to talk to a safe adult if they are worried about anything, which is hopefully something you can reinforce at home. The nicest thing for me though was the positive feedback we got from the volunteers about how engaged and well behaved our children were. We wouldn't expect anything less but sometimes it is easy to forget how lucky we are.

Have a lovely half term and a great rest.

God bless,

M. Hold 

## Key Stage 2 SATs

Well done to last year's Year 6 whose provisional progress results have been released this week. They are absolutely exceptional:

### Key stage 2

This is provisional data for 2022/23.

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### Progress in reading, writing and maths ?

#### Reading ?

Number of pupils = 32

Pupils with adjusted scores = 0

**Well above average 4.13**

Confidence interval ?  
1.9 to 6.3

#### Writing ?

Number of pupils = 32

Pupils with adjusted scores = 0

**Well above average 3.56**

Confidence interval ?  
1.5 to 5.7

#### Maths ?

Number of pupils = 32

Pupils with adjusted scores = 0

**Well above average 3.17**

Confidence interval ?  
1.1 to 5.2

The score means that the children's average scaled score is, for example 4.13 in reading, above that of other children in England. Overall attainment and achievement is really impressive being in the top 10% in every measure and the top 5% in most.

	2023 cohort/ entries	Performance in 2023	2023 value	2023 nat value
Reading KS2 progress	32	Sig above national and 96th percentile	4.1	0.0
Writing KS2 progress	32	Sig above national and 95th percentile	3.6	0.0
Mathematics KS2 progress	32	Sig above national and 90th percentile	3.2	0.0
RWM KS2 expected standard %	32	Sig above national and 96th percentile	84	59
Reading KS2 expected standard %	32	Sig above national and 96th percentile	94	73
Writing KS2 expected standard %	32	Sig above national and 96th percentile	91	71
Reading KS2 high standard %	32	Sig above national and 95th percentile	53	29
Mathematics KS2 high standard %	32	Sig above national and 93rd percentile	44	24
EGPS KS2 expected standard %	32	Sig above national and 97th percentile	94	72

These results really are outstanding and testament to the hard work of all of the children and staff. Well done everyone.

## **Reading**

Following on from thinking about Key Stage 1 reading last week, we are talking a lot to Year 5 and Year 6 children about their stamina for reading. As I am sure you are all aware, we use a system in school called Accelerated Reader which means we know all the children are reading. However, ensuring the children are reading quality books which build up their reading stamina can be really difficult if parents aren't taking an interest in what their children are reading. It is really important that the children build up their reading stamina as, when they start doing English exams, they are going to need to read novels which they wouldn't always choose themselves. Having the stamina to just read for their learning is really important. Children must be able to sit down and persevere with a novel over a few weeks. Sometimes parents find it difficult to know whether their children are reading the right books so just a reminder that we have book lists for each year group on our website:

### **[Reading & Phonics - Our Lady's Catholic Primary School \(olschesham.co.uk\)](https://www.olschesham.co.uk)**

Each year group has three lists with list A being the easiest and list C being the hardest. However, even the easier lists will build up the children's stamina.

There is a direct correlation in how well the children do in their tests and how many words they are reading. The children reading the most words aren't always doing the most quizzes. It is also down to the types of books they are reading, which is where you as parents come in. This is the most important thing that you do, and the one that is often forgotten, once children can read independently.

## **Ten-Ten Resources**

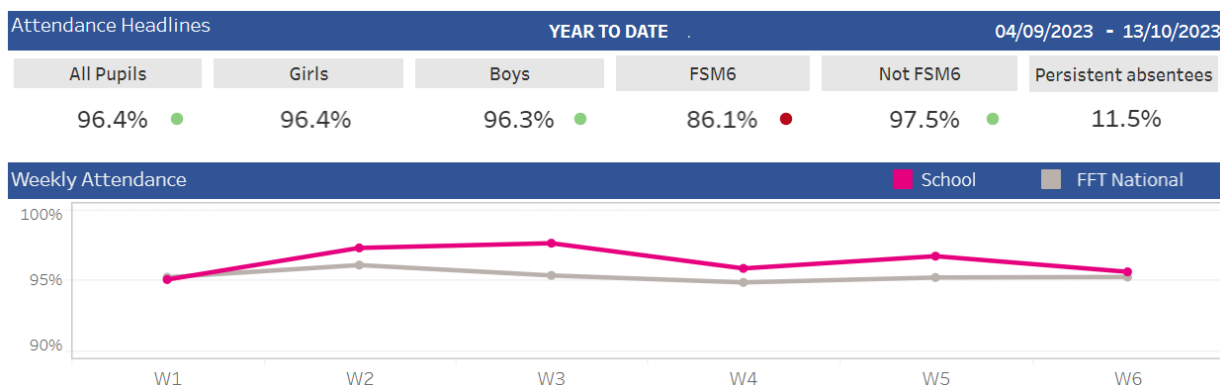
### **October 2023**

**The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary with the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7<sup>th</sup>. As an important feast in the Church calendar, it's a great opportunity for schools to pray the Rosary. We'd like to support and encourage families to pray the Rosary together too, and therefore, we have made available a simple Rosary resource which can be accessed through the Collective Worship Parent Portal.**

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

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

## Attendance and Punctuality



## School Magazine

The children will be taking home the first copy of 'The OLS Times' today. 'The OLS Times' is written *four kids for kids*. Thank you to Sherlyn, Matylda, Harry and Xavier for your hard work and dedication; giving up your Monday lunch times to produce such a fantastic first edition. Thank you for also to Mrs. Cammidge for giving up your time, sharing your expertise and inspiring the children. We're already looking forward to the second edition!

## @OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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#OLSafechildren #OLShappychildren  
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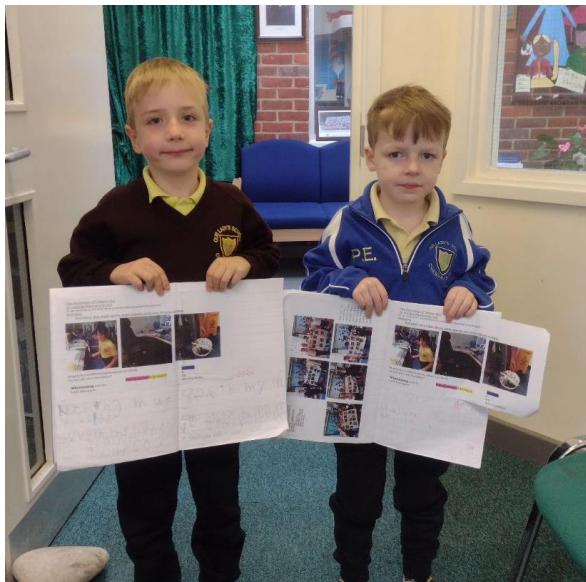


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olscheshambois I've seen some lovely writing in Year 1 today  
using our new Literacy Scheme @OLSLiteracy #OLYear1  
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olscheshambois Using pastels to create critters for our stories  
#OLSart #OLSLiteracy #OLYear6  
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olscheshambois It was a bit cold today but at least the sun was shining #OLSyear2

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olscheshambois Final day with Coach Jenner and Basketball #OLSSport

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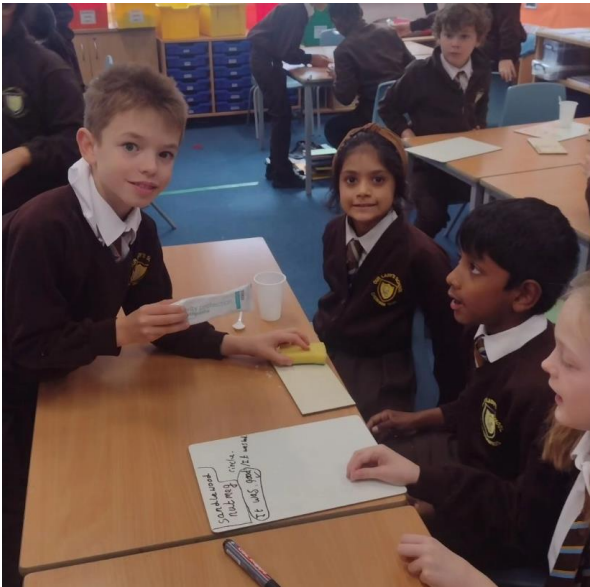
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olscheshambois Year 4 had their end of RE topic liturgy this morning #OLSBUILDINGTHEKINGDOM

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olscheshambois A really fun #OLSdt lesson in year 5. "It's so fun," the children have just told me #OLSyear5

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## Good News Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Joseph, Harry
Year 2	Eugenie, Roberto
Year 3	Hansini, Mason
Year 4	Sienna-Rose, Stash
Year 5	Charlie K, Robert
Year 6	Lena, Nathan

## **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