



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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

**Faith . Hope . Love**

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24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,


It is getting to a very busy time of year particularly for the PTA. I want to say a massive thank you to the whole team for organising a fabulous disco last Sunday. The children had a great time. The younger children in particular loved telling me all about it on Monday. If one event wasn't enough for Laura and her team, they decided to organise a wreath making evening on Wednesday. I have to say the results were very impressive indeed.

For me, the next highlight was the first ever University Challenge as part of the Chiltern League. A massive thank you to Waterside school for organising a very professional and fun event. Mr Weatherill went over with a pretty strong team so was quietly confident. Apparently, it was quite close but when we got to the geography round we really came in to our own. It must be all the work we have done since our last inspection. I am delighted to say that, in the end, we came out on top! Well done to the whole team.

Finally, it was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Year 6's Bread Roll Bake off this week. This is the start of a two-day DT experience. This week they learned to bake bread whilst next week they will be designing their own recipes in the Showstopper. I can't wait to judge it!

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,

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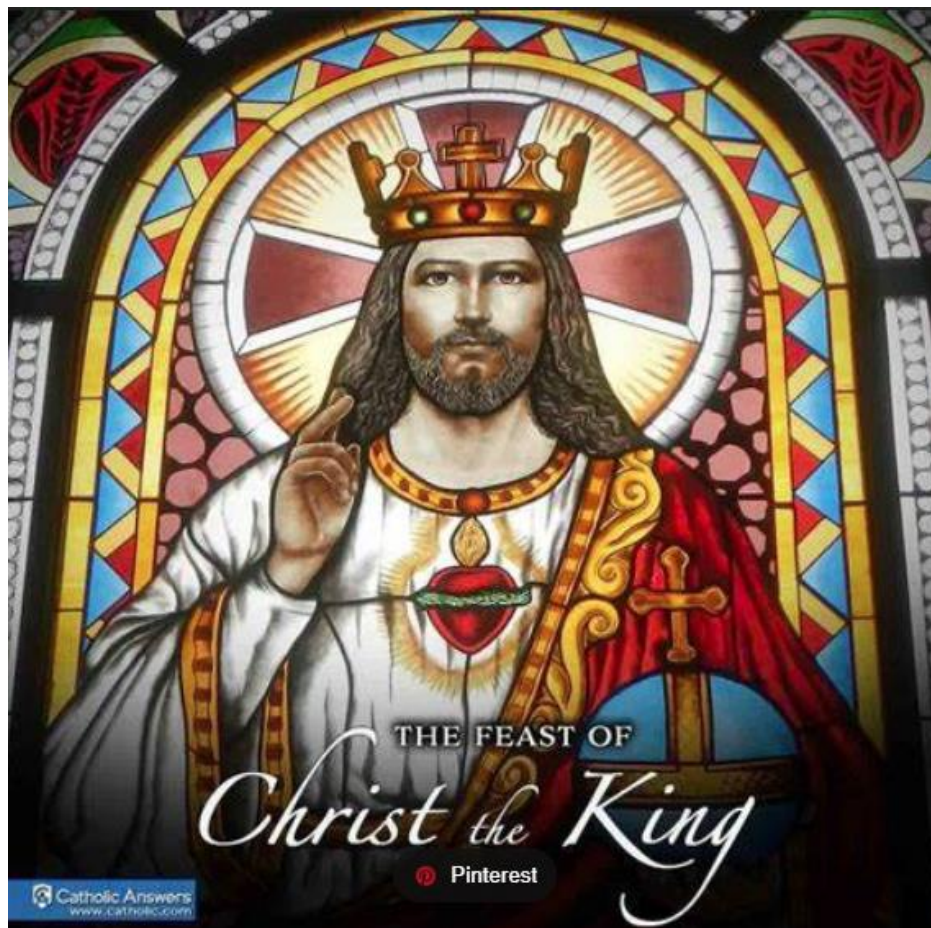
## **Car Park**

Thank you everyone for being so patient with regards to the footpaths and car park. This work has been completed today so, hopefully, that is the end of the disruption. The car park is open now again for people with a permit from the office.

Once again, can I remind other parents not to use the car park. If there are too many people, it is dangerous. Everybody is busy and it sets a really bad example to your children if you don't make sure you leave enough time in the morning to follow the rules.

## **Youth Mass**

This weekend is the Feast of Christ the King. There are Youth Masses at 6pm at St Columba's and 11am at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Federica is involved in both Masses and some of our Year 3 children are reading. Christ the King is the Sunday we celebrate the youth of our church so it would be lovely to see lots of children at any of the Masses available.



## Nancy Cawte

We are delighted that an artist is in residence – Nancy Cawte – has started working with the children today. Over the year, every child in the school will get the opportunity to work on an art project called **Faith, Hope and Love**. Nancy is a fantastic artist who is passionate about teaching children not to be artists but also letting them know how many careers you can get into through art. We are looking forward to sharing the results with you at the end of the year.



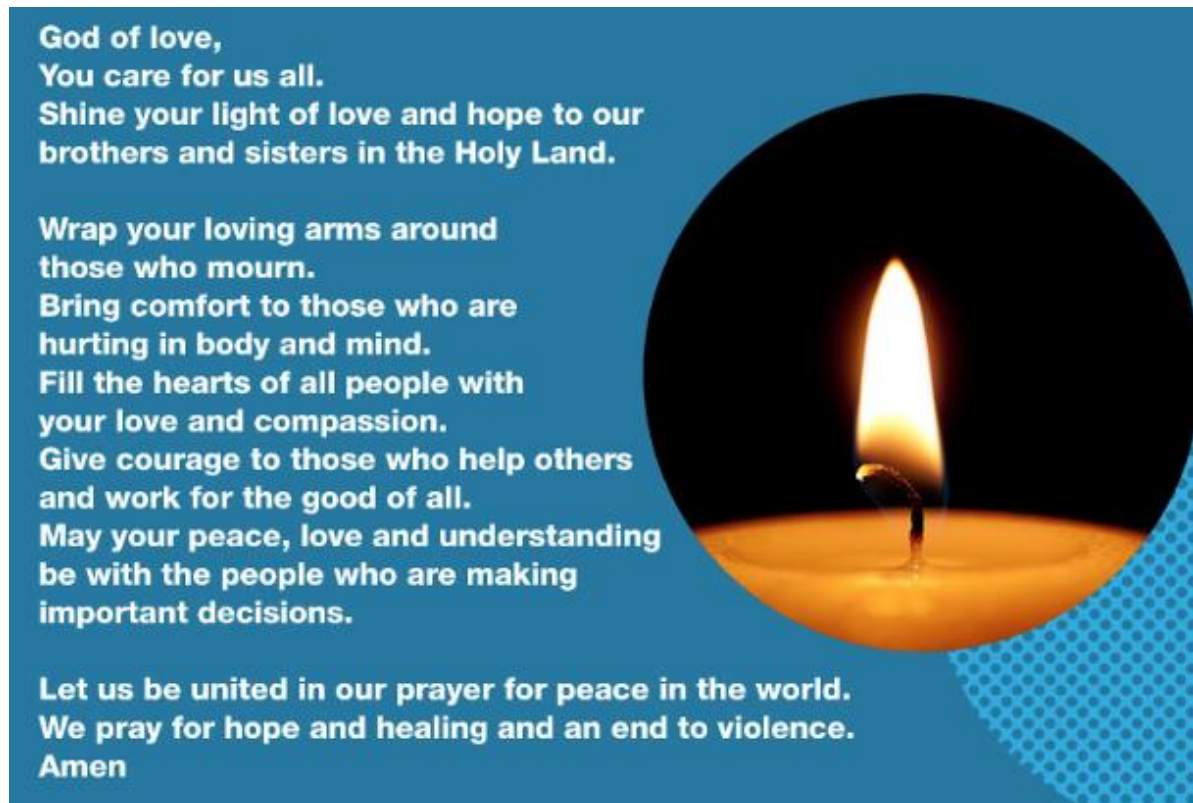
## Telling the Time

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/>

## @OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



**olscheshambois** The very first visit today from our artist in resident Nancy Cawte, and her assistant, George. Every child at OLS will take part in this year long project which will culminate in an exhibition called Faith, Hope and Love. #OLSart #OLSbuildingthekingdom 19 m

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**olscheshambois** olscheshambois Year 2s science at the moment is Growing Up. It was lovely to see Mrs Lally and Florence today #OLScience #OLSyear2 17 h

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Federica has been #OLSchaplaincy  
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olscheshambois We've been doing this for 10 years now  
#OLSBreadrollbakeoff #OLSdt #OLSyear6  
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 **olscheshambois** ...

olscheshambois And some brilliant history work all about what our grandparents might have eaten #OLShistory

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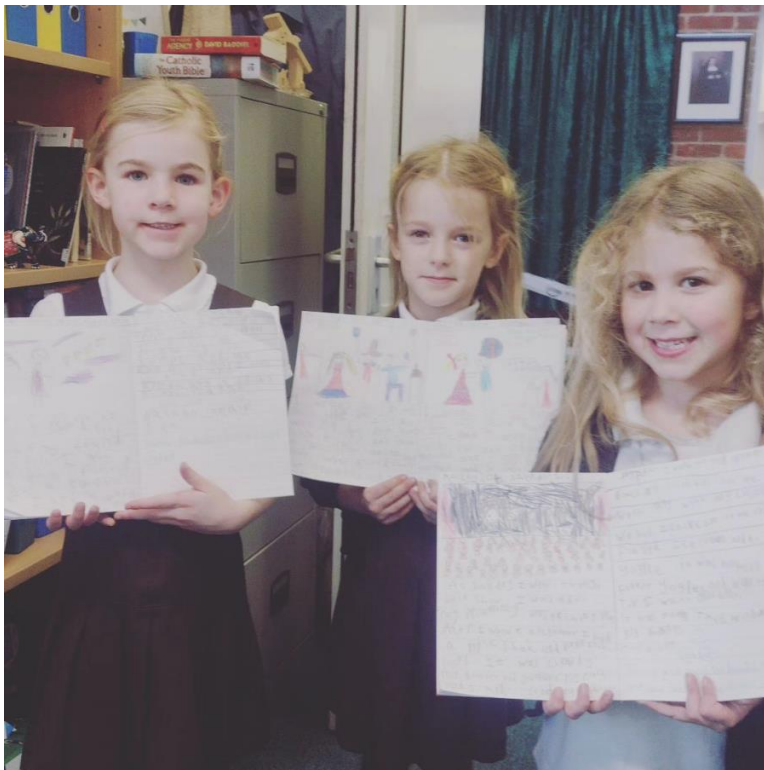


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 **olscheshambois** ...

olscheshambois Look at this amazing diary writing from #OLYear1 #OLSliteracy

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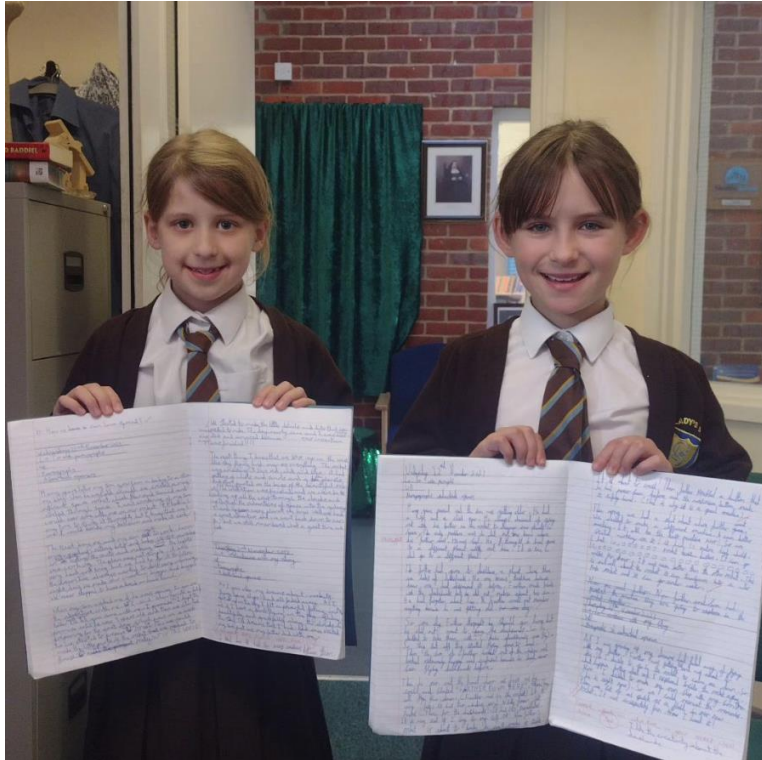


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 We just seen some lovely writing based on the book Farther by Grahame Baker-Smith @OLSLiteracy

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 Thank you to the PTA for hosting a great wreath making evening yesterday evening #OLSpta

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Well done to the school netball team. A tough game but honours even 2 - 2 #OLSport  
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 **olscheshambois** ...


 **olscheshambois** OLS University Challenge team competing in the Chiltern League tonight #OLSknowledge  
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 **julezvern10** Brilliant team effort and a great evening!  
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 **readyformenopause** 🍀 Well done everyone!  
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## Good News Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

	Good News
Year 1	Eoin, Robyn
Year 2	Ann, Zoe
Year 3	Alyssa, Szymon
Year 4	Jaeda, Lorcan
Year 5	Elodie, Spike
Year 6	Freya, Stella

## **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