



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

26th January 2024


Dear Parents,

I had an impromptu walk round school on Tuesday with Al Nicol from St Joseph's High School in Slough. As we went from class to class we asked all of the children about their learning and how it linked to Catholic Social Teaching. Al was incredibly impressed with the way the children were working, but even more impressed with the links the children could make with Catholic Social Teaching. He is used to working with much older children who he says couldn't make those links quite so well yet. It is always a pleasure taking visitors around school. I never know what the children will be doing but the one thing I can guarantee is that the behaviour will be really impressive and that there will be a general buzz of positivity.

Yesterday was the day we celebrate the conversion of St Paul. It was Year 3's chance to join in with the parish Mass and learn a bit about St Paul. He is a great Saint who gives hope to us all. He did some truly awful things but God still forgave him. The children were brilliant in Mass. The readings were particularly difficult but they read beautifully. The parishioners really enjoy seeing the children at Mass and it is a lovely way to keep building links.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

God bless,

M. Hold 



Curriculum

This week, we are focussing on maths, and in particular, fluency in number facts. I was teaching long multiplication in Year 5 this week which was great fun. The children were all doing really well and almost every child mastered the method. For some children though, the added complication of working out their multiplication table each time made the whole process so much more difficult. It was just an extra thing for them to have to do in their working memory.

There is no magic solution to learning number facts off by heart. It is just repetition – in school the teachers call it “treading the wheat field”. The first time you walk along the wheat field you get a faint path but the more times you do it the clearer the path becomes.

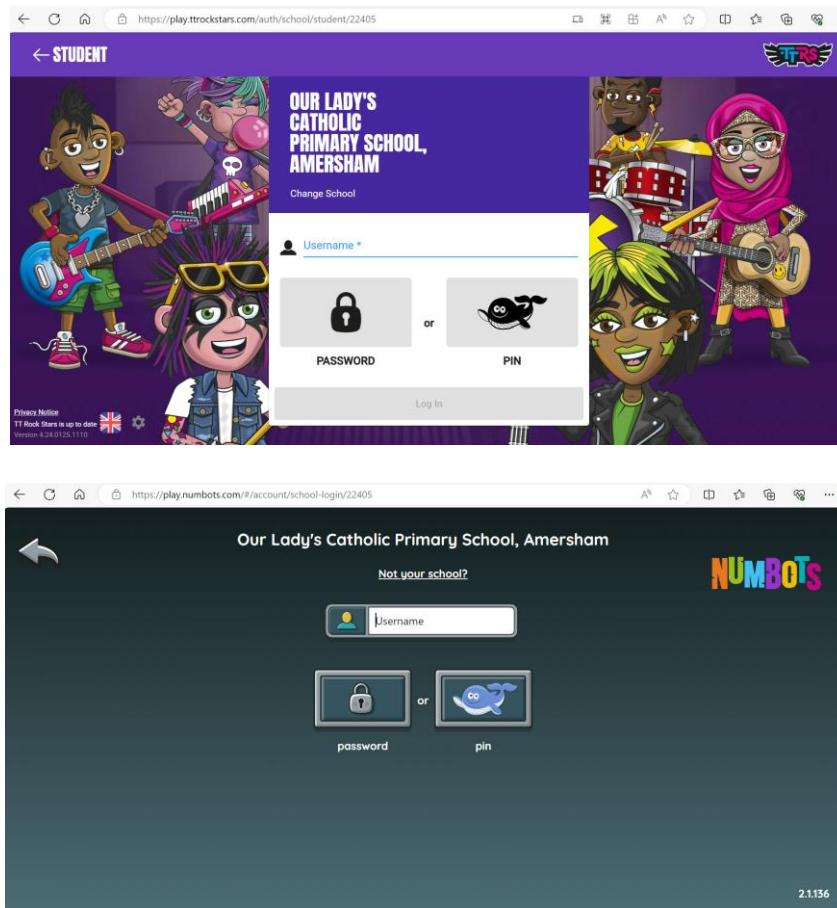
Unfortunately, some children have to tread the wheat field more times than others. Luckily though we have two apps in school which if used regularly (3 to 4 times a week) really help. These apps are timestable rockstars and number bots. The links are:

[Times Tables Rock Stars: Play \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://play.ttrockstars.com/)

and

[Numbots Game](https://play.numbots.com/)

If your child can't remember their password then please let us know



Ignite

I was very fortunate to spend the day with Ignite Youth last Tuesday, a faith-based charity based in Harrow, who work with young people aged 11-25 to help them re-engage with education, find employment or move away from anti-social behaviour, gang involvement and exploitative relationships. Many of the young people I met had been helped out of gangs by Ignite and have now become mentors and youth workers themselves, working full time to help other young people turn their lives around. Their testimonies were difficult to comprehend and their courage immense. We are going to be involved in fundraising over the coming months and I look forward to telling you more about it.

Mrs Cid Fuentes



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)

Ten-Ten PSRE

You should have received a letter about PSRE. 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

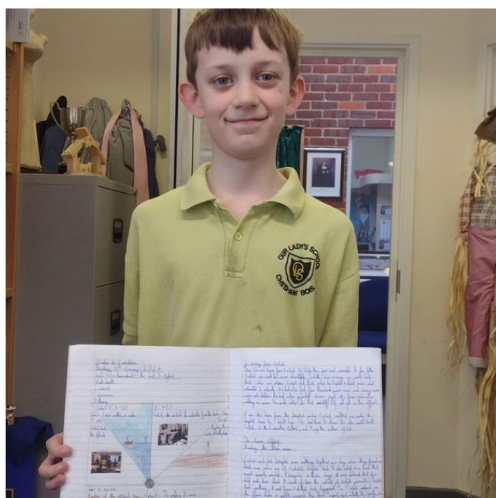


Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

	Good News
Year 1	Jessica, Pola
Year 2	Jan, Alex
Year 3	Alyssa, Michael
Year 4	Hansika, Theo
Year 5	Ivor, Liam
Year 6	Bella, Alaia

@OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



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We love to see a bit of school inspired home learning posted on Teams #OLSScience #OLSYear4

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Year 6 are learning about the 7 signs that Jesus was the Messiah. Lots of great knowledge of scripture #OLSRE #OLSYear6

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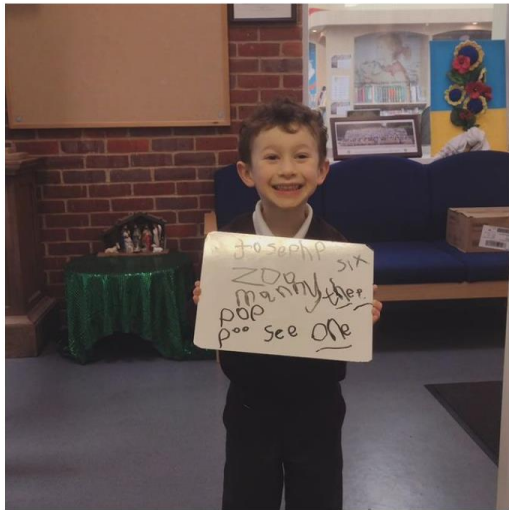


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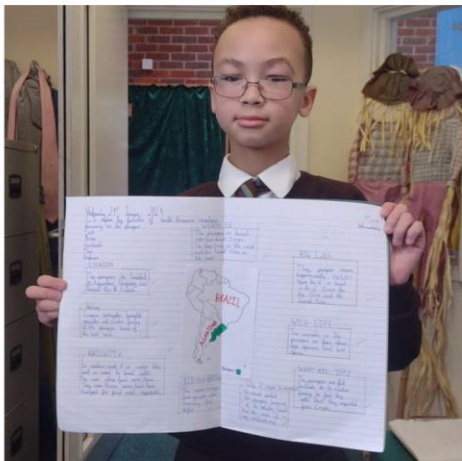
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This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout January and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray that the new year brings peace and blessings for you and your family.

<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	Dominik	Rio	Pierce
Aoife	Elizabeth	Ralph	Nathan
Renske	Simeon	Spike	Shaun
Mason	Jude	Wanda	Marieke
Misha	Karo	Charlie K	Matilda
Xavier	Jaeda	Michael L	Grace
	Nathan	Michael M	Jordan
	Florence	Dominik	Stella
	Erin	Curtis	Sabrina
		Zuzzana	Hannah

Millionaire Readers

Arthur – Year 4
Matilda – Year 6

Double Millionaire Readers

Harry – Year 6