



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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

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27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents,

This week has been quite sportastic. Year 2 have been to two sports festivals, a dance festival and a multi skills festival. Year 4 have been to a benchball festival and Year 5 have been to a handball festival. The children have had a great time and it is so good that they all get the chance to take part in some sort of competitive sport. The school netball team also got a chance to compete in the end of season netball tournament which helps to decide where they finally come in the Chiltern League netball league. They did really well in the tournament, winning four out of five matches, which meant they came fifth overall in the league. They have got stronger as the season has gone on. Well done everyone!

Also this week, we had our annual review from St Thomas Catholic Academy Trust. I am sure it won't be a surprise to you that it went very well. In fact, Mark McLaughlin who led the review described it as an extraordinary school. The thing that came to the forefront was the love that is shown for every child, not only from the staff but also from the children towards each other. The children are immensely proud of the school; in fact, they are quite protective. I'd like to thank all the staff and the children for their hard work.

God bless,

M. Howarth

## PTA NEWS



The poster features a bright yellow background. In the top left, there is a circular graphic with the words 'REDUCE', 'REUSE', and 'RECYCLE' in a stylized, overlapping font. In the top right, a string of colorful triangular bunting flags hangs diagonally. The main title 'Jumble Sale' is written in large, bold, purple letters with a yellow outline and a drop shadow. To the right of the title, the text 'OUR LADYS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL' is written in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font. Below this, the date and time '26TH FEBRUARY 1-3PM' are written in large, bold, pink letters. A central message in black text reads: 'Help us in our mission to reduce, re-use and recycle!'. Below this, a line of text says 'We are looking for donations of:'. A list of donation items follows, each preceded by a colorful starburst icon: a purple star for 'Clothes and shoes you or your children no longer wear or have grown out of (no underwear or socks please, unless unworn and in packaging).', a pink star for 'Complete toys, games and puzzles.', an orange star for 'Unwanted gifts and unopened toiletries.', a green star for 'Good quality household goods, crockery, bric-a-brac (no electronics please).', and a yellow star for 'Books.'. A final item, 'We will also have a cake and refreshments stall, so any donations of cake on the day would be fantastic.', is preceded by a blue starburst. At the bottom left, text in black states: 'Donations will be collected every Monday before and after school under the shelter. Last collection Monday 20th February.' At the bottom right, there is a graphic with the words 'CHOOSE TO REUSE' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, with 'TO' in a smaller font size and a green starburst behind the word 'REUSE'.

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REUSE  
RECYCLE**

**Jumble Sale**

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## **NEU Teachers Strike**

I am sure you will be aware of the result of the NEU ballot of teachers which has been in the news this week. I am not expecting it to affect Our Lady's so please don't make alternative arrangements. I will expect all the children to be in school as usual.

Thank you  
Mr Holdsworth

## **Uniform**

We have a number of children coming into school in the wrong uniform at the moment. We have a few children who need to wear trainers for medical reasons but quite a few other children seem to have taken advantage of this. Please make sure your child comes into school in the correct uniform. That is how you show your child that it is important for them to follow the school rules. Unfortunately, if you don't reinforce this now, the problems will come later on as they become teenagers and you try and enforce your own rules at home but by then it will be too late.

## **Good News Certificates**



Last week's Good News certificates were:

Year 1	Maria, Rory
Year 2	Hansini, Isabelle
Year 3	Nathan, Sean
Year 4	Mia, Rio
Year 5	Igor, Nathan
Year 6	Albert, Wiktor

## **A Message from Ten Ten Resources January 2023**

With the arrival of the new year, we start to put away signs of our Christmas celebrations: we finish off festive food, box up decorations, maybe recycling Christmas cards (and Christmas trees!) and perhaps generally breathe a sigh of relief about the return to normality. As we busy ourselves discarding all things of the festive season and look ahead to what 2023 might have in store, it's good to pause and remember that we are still in the season of Christmastide, which officially ends at Candlemas on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. We can leave many things behind, but hopefully the image of Jesus, God's gift of joy, hope and peace for the world remains.

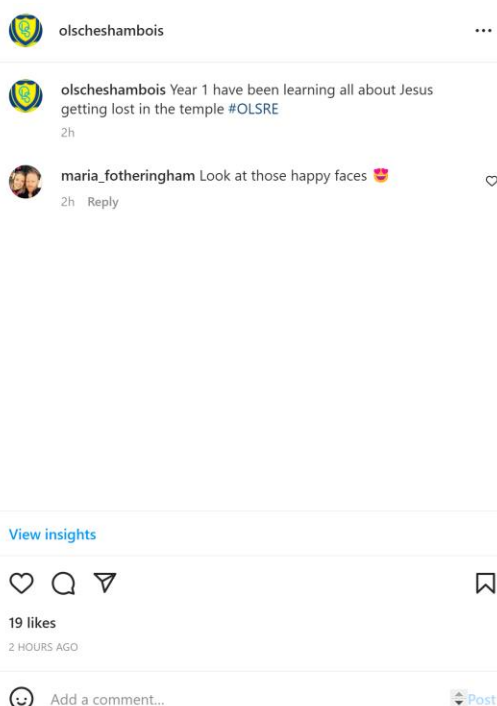
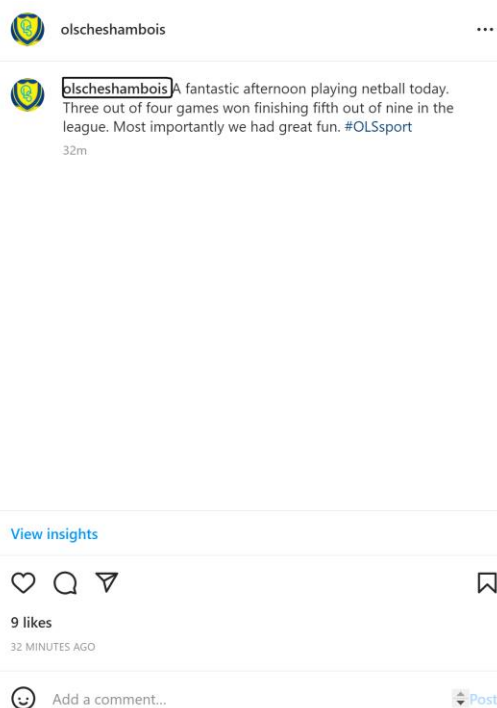
This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout January and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray that the new year brings peace and blessings for you and your family.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>



## @OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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olscheshambois Year 5 reenact the story of Zacchaeus, when learning about Jesus' love for the marginalised #OLSRE

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1 DAY AGO



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olscheshambois It is lovely to have so many children from Year 5 at Mass this evening helping with the celebration #OLSbuildingthekingdom

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## **Accelerated Reader**

	Words Read
Year 6	8,655,828 words
Year 5	8,464,918 words
Year 4	4,679,174 words
Year 3	1,595,239 words

### **Millionaire Readers**

Dominik (Year 4)  
Ula (Year 6)

### **Double Millionaire Readers**

Sherlyn (Year 5)

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

#### **Year 3**

Dominik  
Sean  
Eleanor  
Jude

#### **Year 6**

Kenandra  
Thomas  
Shrikar

#### **Year 4**

Leo  
Mark  
Ralph  
Elodie  
Finley H  
Charlie K  
Finlay M-S  
Michael M  
Robert  
Hannah  
Louie

#### **Year 5**

Isabella  
Xavier  
Ellie  
Ben  
Lena  
Grace  
Matylda  
Emilio