



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

28th January 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy week. We had a drama workshop on Monday for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and then Year 3 went on a trip to the Verulamium museum on Wednesday, as part of their Roman topic. They had an absolutely fantastic time and it is just lovely for the children to get out on these trips again. They've told me all about trying on tunics, visiting a Roman theatre and market, and seeing lots of artefacts in the museum. It sounds like they had a great time.

We also had a review from the MAT this week. These are reviews that they do every year to ensure that our self-evaluation is effective. I am sure you won't be surprised that it went incredibly well. Just a few comments from the reviewers:


"The Ambition you have for every child is simply inspirational and rooted in love for each one of them" Joe Richardson (Strategic Executive Leader)

"What a beautiful school! Your students are a huge credit to you and your team and all that you are seeking to achieve" Al Nichols (Deputy Head, St Joseph's Slough)

"The school feels like a very calm environment with enthusiastic, motivated and eager to learn children" Patricia O'Kane (Deputy Head, St Joseph's Chalfont St Peter)

I'm not sure we needed a review to know what an amazing community we have and how fantastic our children are, but it is always nice to hear it from visitors.

God bless,

M. Hold 



Cross Country

Well done to all the children who ran cross country last Saturday. It was a great turnout on a lovely morning. It was also our most successful cross country yet. We got 3 medals for top 10 finishes:

Elodie Y3
Alasdair Y4
Albert Y5

For the second race in a row we also came third overall in the Year 5 boys' event. Congratulations not only to the people who won medals but to everyone who took part.



RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 28 – 30 Jan 2022

This weekend the RSPB are running their annual Big Garden Birdwatch. This is an important annual event as it helps them monitor the populations of our native birds. They can then give us advice on how to attract and help these birds.

Did you know that, since the 1970s, the house sparrow population has declined by 60% in towns and cities?

This is a great way to help your children identify our native birds and to learn how they can help them.

What you need to do

Firstly sign up here:

[Take part | Big Garden Birdwatch 2022 - The RSPB](#)

1. Watch the birds around you for one hour.
2. Count how many of each species of bird **lands** on your patch.
3. Go online and tell the RSPB what you saw.

For more info:

[Taking Part in Big Garden Birdwatch - RSPB](#)

We have uploaded the RSPB poster onto the children's Microsoft Team to help you identify the birds. We will also send them home via the app.

We would love to collect some data for the whole school so we can do some work in school. I've put together a Microsoft Form which I will also put onto the children's Microsoft Team. **You only need to do it once for each family.** As an incentive there will be a packet of haribos for children whose family have taken part.

[OLS Big Birdwatch 2022](#)



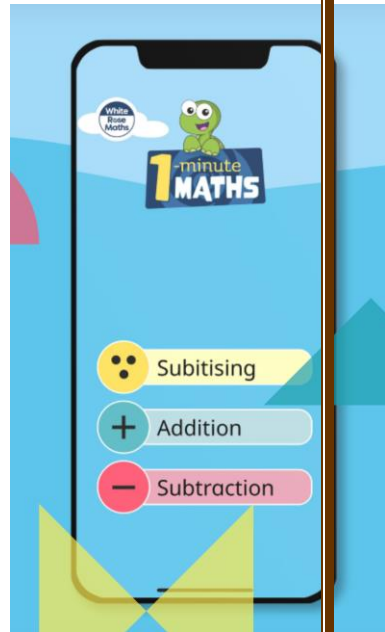
White Rose – Maths App for Reception and Key Stage 1

White Rose have released a new app which can be used by children in Key Stage 1 or Reception, or children in Key Stage 2 who are struggling with some basic number work.

1-Minute Maths offers children engaging and easily accessible practice in basic number. There's no specific route or starting point. Having chosen a topic, each user answers a series of randomly generated questions (a different set of questions every time means they learn the concept, not a sequence of answers).

When the one minute's up, the questions are automatically marked and presented on a breakdown screen, giving instant feedback on how they've done. If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button reformats the question as a familiar manipulative display that mirrors the approaches used in the White Rose Maths schemes of learning.

Follow this link and give it a try. [1-Minute Maths | White Rose Maths](#)



Knife and Fork – We need your help

We are hoping to get people into school who can talk to the children about the process of food production and healthy eating. If your job involves food in any way at all (field to fork!!!) and you think you would be able to talk to a class, or maybe a couple of classes, then please contact us. The talk can be aimed at children of any age so don't worry if you think it will be too advanced or too easy. We think this will be a great way to teach the children about where their food comes from. Also, if your job involves understanding about a healthy eating – maybe you are a scientist or doctor – then we would love to hear from you. Please can you contact Mr Holdsworth or Mrs Cid-Fuentes via the school office.

Thank you

@OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of all our learning this week:



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olscheshambois Mrs Watts very kindly came to year five today to be interviewed about her legal career. What a fascinating and inspiring afternoon! Thank you so much Mrs Watts. You are a hero! #OLSBTK #OlsHistory #OlsPSHRE

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9 h Reply

4redcherries S loved it and has come home telling me she is going to learn law at university 😊 ♡

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30 likes
17 HOURS AGO

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olscheshambois ...

olscheshambois Year 6 are making burglar alarms for my wallet in #OLScience

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 **olscheshambois** ...


 **olscheshambois** Year 3 had a great day at the Verulamium museum today #OLShistory

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 **olscheshambois** ...


 **olscheshambois** Chess club #OLSextracurricular

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 olscheshambois ...

 olscheshambois Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all took part in a drama workshop today #OLSdrama #OLSliteracy
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 olscheshambois And another medal and a team 3rd place #OLSsport
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Safeguarding

If you are looking for activities to teach your child about staying safe and how to speak out then you can sign up with the NSPCC who will send you lots of great home activities.

[Activities for kids at home | NSPCC](#)

Good News Certificates

Last week's Good News certificates of the Lent Term:

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| Year 1 | Maja, Joseph |
| Year 2 | Erin, Jaeda |
| Year 3 | Emily, Charlie K |
| Year 4 | Jordan, Hannah |
| Year 5 | Tue Nhi, Esther, Amelia |
| Year 6 | Jessie, Kacper |

Well done everyone.



Accelerated Reader

| Words Read | |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Year 6 | 12,163,234 words |
| Year 5 | 9,385,336 words |
| Year 4 | 7,458,718 words |
| Year 3 | 1,996,724 words |

Millionaire Readers

Kaitlyn (Year 6)
Matilda (Year 4)
Harry (Year 4)
Thomas (Year 5)
Ben (Year 6)
Abigail (Year 6)
Kenandra (Year 5)
Alex (Year 5)

Year 3

Leo
Ben
Charlie F
Robert
Adam
Zuzanna

Year 4

Leo
Nathan
Xavier
Ellie
Lena
Jordan
Ava
Stella
Sabrina
Emilio
Jake
Alasdair

Year 5

Wiktor
Lucy
Sukanth
Alina
Jack
Ula

Year 6

Clara
Bella
Jessica J
Jessica L
Zara
Kester
Callen
Mirella
Jacob