



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

3rd March 2023

Dear Parents,


It was lovely seeing you all this week at Parent's Evening. I hope you are pleased with your children's progress but also have a few things to work on with them. I would like to thank the teaching staff as it is a very long week for them. Not only have they got the late evenings but also all of the preparation beforehand.

Also, this week, Year 4 have been out working on Butterfly Habitats with the Chiltern Forest Rangers. Two groups went out to two different habitats helping the Black Hairstreak Butterfly one day and the Duke of Burgundy Butterfly the next. This summer, we are going to use butterflies as our theme for Science week and it will be lovely to find out a bit more about the rare butterflies that we have been helping.

Finally, yesterday was World Book Day. Thank you to everyone for making such a big effort. There were some great costumes that I know both parents and, in some cases, children spent a long time making. I know it can seem a bit daunting but just imagine being my wife and having to make costumes for 4 children, herself and her husband. We had a great day! Thank you.

Have a great weekend

God bless,

M. How 

PTA

Last weekend was the PTA Jumble Sale. It was a really successful afternoon and it is great that we are making sure things get reused rather than thrown away. Thank you to the PTA for the work they put into this and thank you to everyone who came along to support.

Our Lady's Trust Fund

Thank you so much to everyone who donates to the Trust Fund. This week, we were given a cheque for just over £8000 which paid for the groundworks connected with the Key Stage 1 and Reception Playgrounds as well as the 10% contribution for some work we did over the summer. This money is invaluable to the school and the children. We are really grateful for your kind donations.

The trust have also been able to claim back about £2000 in Gift Aid over a two year period and that is with only a third of the donors having filled in a Gift Aid declaration. If you do donate to the trust, and pay tax, then please consider making a declaration with the form on our website. If everybody claimed, we would get about another £1000 a year. Just fill the form in and hand it into the office. It doesn't cost you anything!

Thank you

[Our Lady's Trust - Our Lady's Catholic Primary School \(olschesham.co.uk\)](http://olschesham.co.uk)

Car Park

I am appealing once again to parents not to park in the car park without permission. It is lazy, selfish and dangerous. It also sets a really bad example to your children about following rules. On Wednesday, we had a couple of members of staff who had to abandon their cars blocking people in because there wasn't enough space in the car park. This isn't fair and not at all helpful.

Thank you
Mr Holdsworth

A Message from Ten Ten Resources March 2023

Have you ever noticed how we like to characterise different months and seasons? For example, January is painted as the longest, bluest month of the year – so much so that ‘Blue Monday’ is a term coined to refer to the third Monday in January. Other months and seasons similarly characterised include February – romance and playfulness due to Valentine’s Day and being the shortest, quirkiest month; and October – pumpkin-spice and all things nice! But these characterisations don’t leave much room for nuance. Even the bluest Januarys will have some light, and the most playful of Februarys will have harder moments. And for most people, October doesn’t consist of endless pumpkin-spice lattes!

This year, the month of March is taken up wholly with the Liturgical Season of Lent. In the Church, Lent is represented by the colour purple, worn by priests and seen on the altar. Purple, like the season of Lent, symbolises a time of prayer, penance and preparation for Jesus’ death on the cross and Resurrection at Easter. It offers a chance for us to reflect on our relationship with God and make a fresh start as the Church focuses on the three pillars of Lent, almsgiving, fasting and prayer – or as children in school will know them, GIVE, ACT, PRAY:

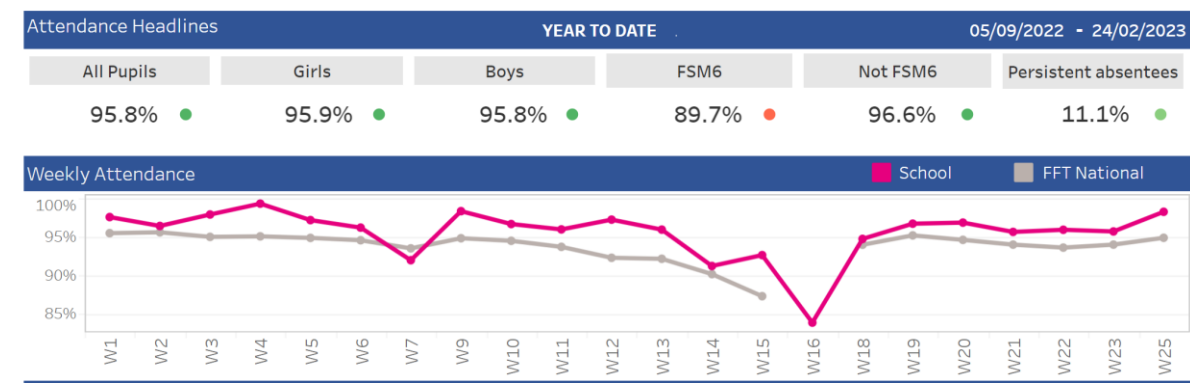
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

But even in this somewhat austere season, there is room for nuance! On the fourth Sunday of Lent, called Laetare Sunday, Catholics are invited to celebrate! ‘Laetare’ is the Latin word for ‘rejoice’ and on this day only, the purple of Lent is swapped for rose pink, symbolising hope and a reminder of what is to come on Easter Sunday. This Sunday is also Mothering Sunday, where historically believers would return to the mother church where they received the Sacrament of Baptism.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout March and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray that your Lent will be a time of prayer, penance and preparation, but with lots of opportunities for rejoicing too!

Absence

Well done everyone. An excellent week's attendance last week with improvement in all areas/groups. Keep up the good work. Hopefully the winter bugs are behind us!!!!



Good News Certificates

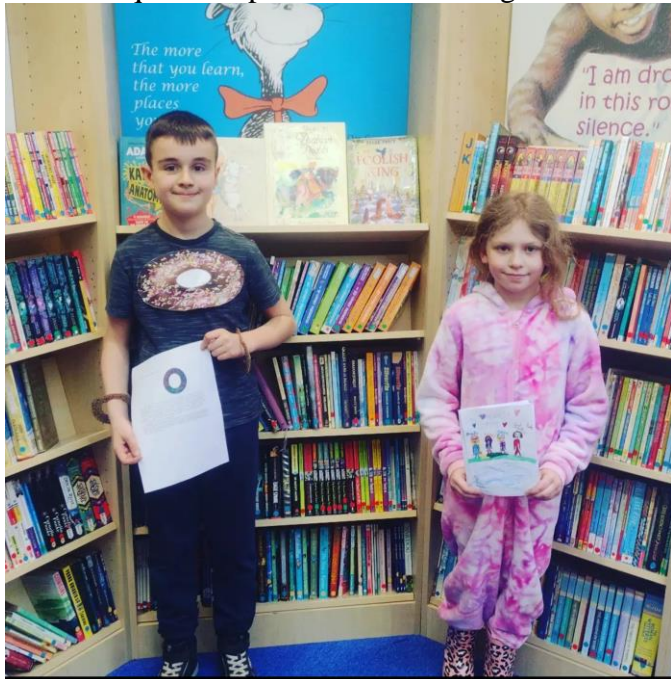


Last week's Good News certificates were:

Year 2	Seraphina, Steve
Year 3	Shanaya, Simeon
Year 4	Adam, Finley
Year 5	Lena, Sherlyn
Year 6	Alina, Jack

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



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olscheshambois What a great idea. Write a story and come dressed as one of the characters. Here we have the Runaway Doughnut and Maya. #worldbookday #OLSliteracy

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olscheshambois Happy World Book Day. Thank you everyone for making such a big effort #OLSliteracy

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olscheshambois Year 4 have been painting The Iron Man inspired by the illustrations of Chris Mould #OLSart @chrissmould

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olscheshambois Hot chocolate break while looking after the environment of the Duke of Burgundy butterfly #OLScience #OLSEnvironment #BOLSBUILDINGTHEKINGDOM

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Accelerated Reader

Words Read	
Year 6	13,539,720 words
Year 5	10,669,855 words
Year 4	6,353,037 words
Year 3	2,191,457 words

Millionaire Readers

Kenandra (Year 6)

Ula (Year 6)

Harry (Year 5)

Pranav (Year 6)

Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

Year 2

Malwina

Hanisini

Cat Cat

Year 3

Evie

Dominik

Rory

Sean

Stash

Eleanor

Jude

Arthur

Jacob

Erica

Theo

Thomas

Florence

Chanuga

Year 4

Leo

Mark

Mia

Archie

Ivor

Ralph

Wanda

Double Millionaire Readers

Dominik (Year 4)

Sherlyn (Year 5)

Elodie

Liam

Charlie F

Finley H

Charlie K

Michael L

Finlay M-S

Michael M

Dominik

Robert

Hannah

Louie

Joseph

Emily

Curtis

Year 5

Bella

Xavier

Igor

Ellie

Lena

Sabrina

Emilio

Franek

Year 6

Kenandra

Wiktor

Finlay

Autumn

Sophia

Lucy
Cliff
Thomas
Jack
Esther
Pranav