



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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

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4th February 2022

Dear Parents,


We have had a very busy week this week. We started with a violin assembly. What a lovely way to get the week going. The children all played brilliantly and it is lovely to see the progression they make with Mrs Miller. If you want to get an idea about the sorts of things they play, there is a video of them playing as a group on Instagram.

Also, this week we have had lots of children improving their skills on a bicycle. Reception and Year 1 have been balance biking and Year 3 and Year 4 have been doing their Level 1 Bikeability. It is great to see so many children taking part, as I know as they get older riding a bike gives them so much more freedom. As parents, I'm sure you'll reap the rewards once they go to secondary school. You might only be driving them round for half of your life!

On Wednesday, I took a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children to Stowe School to compete in the Buckinghamshire Schools Cross Country Championship. It was a long journey but a great experience. All the children competed fantastically, but a special mention must go to Albert and Jack in Year 5 who both qualified for the county team. They will be representing Buckinghamshire in the National Cross Country finals in March.

This is probably a good time to promote the Kudos athletics club on a Monday, as I know both Albert and Jack have been going to their clubs for the last few years. It has made a massive difference. Cross country running is so important no matter what sport you want to play in the future.

God bless,

M. Hold 



## **Key Stage 1 – Reading Book Helpers**

We would really appreciate some help changing the reading books in Key Stage 1. As you can imagine it is a bit of a mammoth task and we are very limited on the number of staff we have available to do this. Ideally, we want the teaching assistants working with the children rather than changing books, so if you can offer a few hours a week then please let Mrs Lally or Mrs Copley know.

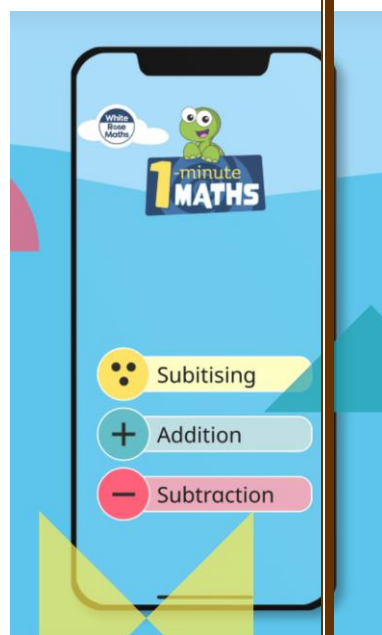
## **White Rose – Maths App for Reception and Key Stage 1**

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:



**olscheshambois** ...

**olscheshambois** Need inspiration of what to read? Come and have a look at this week's recommendations on display in the Year 5 class library - some classic children's literature is featured this week. #OLSliteracy

17 h

**sharondodd** 🍌

15 h Reply

**teresawatson7** Looking good, love a good read. 🍌💙

16 h Reply

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17 HOURS AGO

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**olscheshambois** ...

**olscheshambois** The Year Five weekly marble winners enjoying their 'luxury experience' prize- lunch on the stage with Mrs Cid-Fuentes. Thank you to Mrs Burke for setting up such a lovely table for us. Well done marble winners! You deserve this after all your hard work and great attitude to learning.

17 h

**shemsdelight** Well done

13 h Reply

**sharondodd** ❤️

15 h Reply

**marine.q** 🍌🍌🍌

16 h Reply

**teresawatson7** 🍌💙

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Ready for the Buckinghamshire Schools Cross Country at @stoweschool #OLSsport

22 h

 **teresawatson7** What a team! 🙌💙❤️

16 h Reply

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Year 1 are having a great time learning to ride on the balance bikes #OLSsports

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 **teresawatson7** 🙌💙

16 h Reply

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1 DAY AGO


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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Year 5 are looking at different solids to see how hard they are #OLSScience

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 **teresawatson7** 🍌💙


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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** We've just been treated to a fabulous violin concert #OLSMusic

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 **teresawatson7** 🍌💙

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## Safeguarding

Parenting Smart is a new website giving practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour. It is run by a charity Place2Be who specialise in children's mental health.



## [Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Articles](#)

## Good News Certificates

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

Year 1	Klara, James
Year 2	Theo, Thomas
Year 3	Behtin, Louie
Year 4	Pierce, Lena
Year 5	Nuala, Albert
Year 6	Kacper, Mylee

Head Teacher's Award - Kester Yr 6

Well done everyone.



## Accelerated Reader

<b>Words Read</b>	
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>13,219,518</b> words
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>10,183,930</b> words
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>7,842,679</b> words
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>2,100,560</b> 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)  
Wiktor (Year 5)

### Year 2

Tamsin  
Jude  
Erin

### Year 3

Ben  
Charlie F  
Robert  
Zuzanna

### Year 4

Leo  
Pierce  
Nathan  
Karamo  
Xavier  
Ellie  
Jordan  
Alaia  
Ava  
Stella  
Sabrina  
Emilio

Luna  
Alasdair

### Year 5

Wiktor  
Lucy  
Sukanth  
Alina  
Matthew  
Ula

### Year 6

Clara  
Buddy  
Bella  
Ruby  
Jessica J  
Jessica L  
Zara  
Kester  
Robert  
Callen  
Mirella  
Jacob