

# OUR LADY & ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**We grow together with kind hearts and curious minds, living out our  
faith in all we do**

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# HEAD TEACHER UPDATE AND HALF TERM HIGHLIGHTS

It has been another busy and successful half term at school, with lots to celebrate across all year groups.

We have enjoyed several football matches against other local schools recently, and the children represented the school brilliantly with their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. In particular, our girls' football team demonstrated some very impressive skills — well done to everyone who took part.

A huge congratulations also goes to all of our Year 6 pupils, who will now have completed their SATs week. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for the hard work, resilience and positive attitude they have shown throughout the year.

We are also delighted to share that we have been successful in applying for a couple of grants. One grant has enabled us to purchase a class set of glockenspiels, which will provide exciting new opportunities within our music curriculum. The second grant will support improvements to our school environment by helping us turn grey spaces into green spaces. We are hoping that, in the near future, we will be in a position to grow our own vegetables. This will support curriculum work across the school and also help provide food for our guinea pigs!

To help us continue improving our outdoor areas, we would be extremely grateful for any support from parents or carers who may have half an hour to spare for a little bit of weeding, particularly at the front of the school. Any help would be very much appreciated.

Well done also to our Pupil Leadership Team, who have identified the need for a bike shelter within school and are already finding creative ways to raise funds towards it. Thank you to everyone who has supported events so far, including our recent Crazy Hair Day.

Over the next few weeks, many of our Year 6 children will also be pulling together evidence to complete their portfolios for the Civic Award challenge. As part of this, you may notice activities being promoted within school or at the school gates to support charitable causes. We thank you in advance for your encouragement and support with these projects.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish everyone a lovely half term break. Please remember that Monday 1st June is an INSET day, so children will return to school on Tuesday 2nd June.

God Bless from Cathy Blatchford and the OLSP Team

# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Thank you to those who supported with our consultation on our new mission statement. Our new statement is

***“We grow together with kind hearts and curious minds, living out our faith in all we do.”***



## Grow Together

**Meaning:**

We grow in learning, friendships, confidence, and faith. Nobody grows alone.



## Kind Hearts

**Meaning:**

Making people feel valued, safe, and loved.



## Curious Minds

**Meaning:**

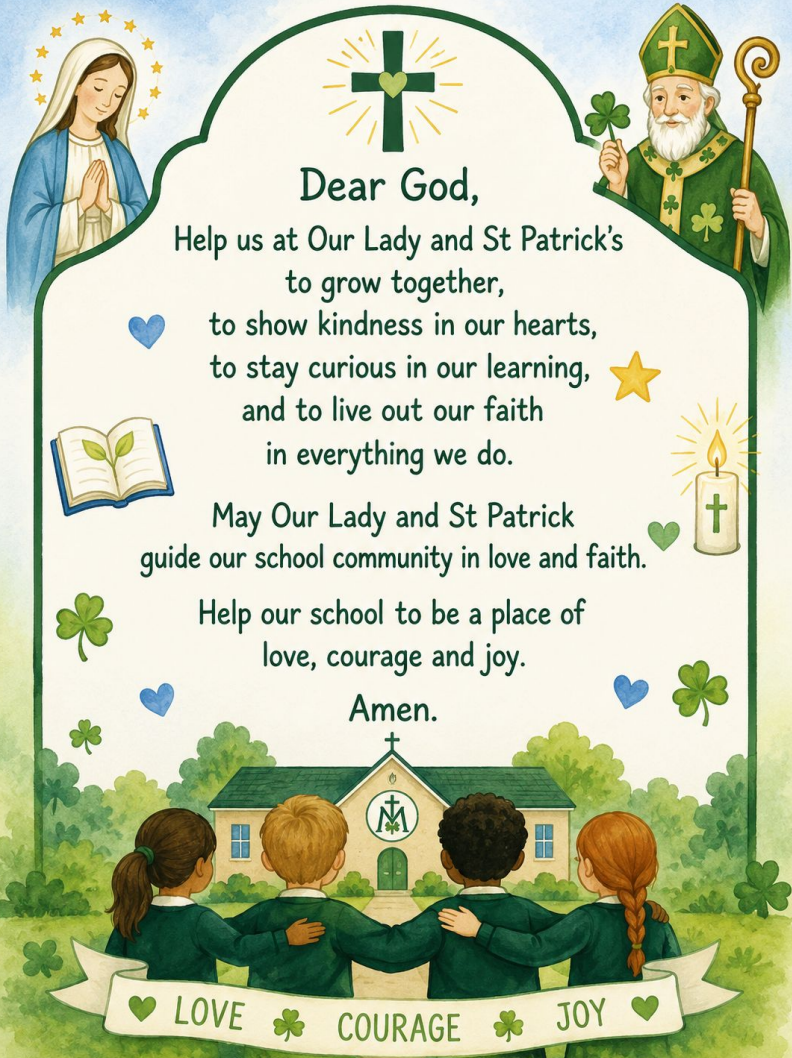
Wondering, exploring, questioning, and discovering.



## Living Faith

**Meaning:**

Showing our faith through everyday actions, not just words.



Dear God,

Help us at Our Lady and St Patrick's  
to grow together,  
to show kindness in our hearts,  
to stay curious in our learning,  
and to live out our faith  
in everything we do.

May Our Lady and St Patrick  
guide our school community in love and faith.

Help our school to be a place of  
love, courage and joy.

Amen.

LOVE

COURAGE

JOY

IN LINE WITH OUR NEW MISSION,  
WE WILL ALSO BE TEACHING OUR  
CHILDREN THIS SCHOOL PRAYER

# SUMMER 2 CLUBS:



These are the clubs that are running during the second half of the Summer term.

Please copy and paste the google form link below to sign your child up.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGCfArLx8iY0AsoetfpWZlXHdgFkBC3SLQx-kmnYTjUSBFEQ/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScGCfArLx8iY0AsoetfpWZlXHdgFkBC3SLQx-kmnYTjUSBFEQ/viewform?usp=pp_url)

- Teignmouth Carnival Club Tuesdays KS2 only 3:15pm - 4.30pm (20 max)
- Dartmoor 3 Ball Wednesdays 3.15-4.15pm KS2 (Max 20 spaces)
- Girls Football with Mr Stamp Thursdays KS2 only 3:15pm - 4:30pm (FROM 12TH JUNE) Max 20 - Own Shin Pads Essential!
- Athletics with Premier Sports Fridays 3.15pm - 4.30pm (Max 20 spaces - AUTOMATIC RETURN TO WAITING LIST IF 2 SESSIONS ARE MISSED)



# NURSERY - WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN SUMMER 1

THIS TERM WE HAVE BEEN EXPLORING MINIBEASTS. WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT WHERE THEY LIVE, WHAT THEY LIKE TO EAT, HOW THEY MOVE, AND HOW THEY GROW. WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THE STORY OF THE HUNGRY CATERPILLAR AND TALKING ABOUT OUR FAVOURITE FOODS. WE ALSO PAINTED PICTURES OF OUR FAVOURITE BUGS FOR OUR DISPLAY. WE HAD GREAT FUN LOOKING FOR BUGS IN OUR FOREST AREA.



# RECEPTION - WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN SUMMER 1?



We have been looking at lifecycles and watching our very own caterpillars transform into cocoons and (hopefully) butterflies. We have been on bug hunts and made observations. We have been making butterflies by using symmetrical patterns on the wings and creating our own insects out of salt dough.

We have also been learning about dinosaurs and have thoroughly enjoyed our class story 'Gigantosaurus'.

# RECEPTION STARS AND DISCIPLES FOR HALF TERM

SUMMER 1	Stars 	Value	Disciples 
24.4.26	Monty	Compassion	Mia
1.5.26	Akshay	Humility	Alfie
8.5.26	Billy	Love	Mahira
15.5.26	Ricky	Peace	Bobby
22.5.26	Sam	Charity	Chloe



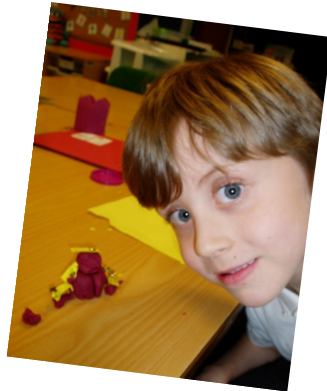
# YEAR 1 AND 2 - WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN SUMMER

1?



In Art, Class 1/2 have been learning about African art. So far, they have enjoyed making African patterns and headdresses. What colours and patterns can you see?

In Science, the children have been learning about the parts of the human body and their senses. Here are their play-doh models with labels.

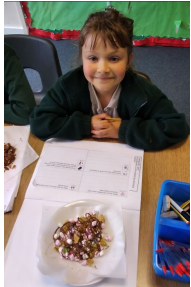


# YEAR 1 AND 2 STARS AND DISCIPLES FOR HALF TERM

SUMMER 1	Stars 	Value	Disciples 
24.4.26	Seb	Compassion	Ivy
1.5.26	Billy	Humility	Hughie
8.5.26	Florence	Love	Nate
15.5.26	Chloe	Peace	Noah
22.5.26	Kaleb	Charity	Great 

# YEAR 3 - WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN SUMMER 1

What a busy term it has been. The children have packed in so much this term. From the Striking + Fielding at TCS, participating in 'No Pens day' as well as making chocolate bark in D+T.



The children recreated the ascension story using in RE using different resources in the classroom.



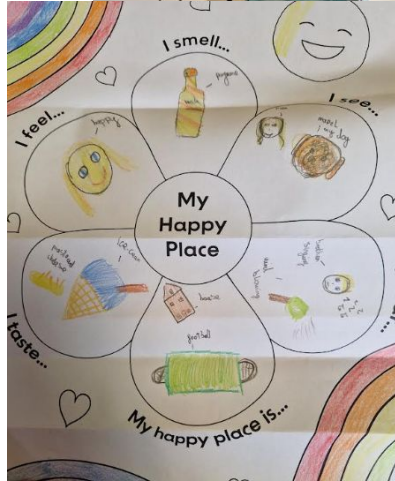
# YEAR 3 STARS AND DISCIPLES FOR HALF TERM

SUMMER 1	Stars	Value	Disciples
24.4.26	Jayden	<b>Compassion</b>	Theo
1.5.26	Patrick	<b>Humility</b>	Oliver
8.5.26	Steffan	<b>Love</b>	Alby
15.5.26	Ellie	<b>Peace</b>	Patrick
22.5.26	Hattie	<b>Charity</b>	Tyler



# YEAR 4 AND 5 - WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN SUMMER 1

The children enjoyed exploring mental health awareness week. We completed some different tasks throughout the week to ensure they understand the important of looking after their own mental health.



We also spent some time celebrating David Attenborough's 100th birthday.



# YEAR 4 AND 5 STARS AND DISCIPLES FOR HALF TERM

<b>SUMMER 1</b>	<b>Stars</b> 	<b>Value</b>	<b>Disciples</b> 
24.4.26	<b>Hal</b>	<b>Compassion</b>	<b>Sophie</b>
1.5.26	<b>Albie</b>	<b>Humility</b>	<b>Max C</b>
8.5.26	<b>Arthur</b>	<b>Love</b>	<b>Josh</b>
15.5.26	<b>Eva</b>	<b>Peace</b>	<b>Paddy</b>
22.5.26	<b>Raffy</b>	<b>Charity</b>	<b>Isla Rose</b>



# YEAR 6 - WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN SUMMER 1

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our Year 6 children. They approached their SATs assessments with determination, resilience and positivity, and truly gave them their very best shot.

Throughout the week, the children enjoyed a special SATs breakfast each morning, along with plenty of extra breaks between tests to help them relax and recharge. They handled the week brilliantly and supported one another every step of the way.

It's just a shame that these statutory assessments don't measure their kindness, creativity, humour and all-round awesomeness!

To celebrate all of their hard work, we decided that an afternoon at Teignmouth Park was thoroughly deserved — especially with an ice cream thrown in too!



# YEAR 6 STARS AND DISCIPLES FOR HALF TERM

SUMMER 1	Stars 	Value	Disciples 
24.4.26	Indya	Compassion	Joy
1.5.26	Marylou	Humility	Stephanie
8.5.26	Ethan	Love	Praise
15.5.26	Joey	Peace	Taylor
22.5.26	Ossie	Charity	Tara





# Diary Dates

		<b>1st July</b>	Plymouth CAST leavers mass
<b>2nd June</b>	<b>Glow in the Dark Dodgeball</b> 1pm - 2:30pm Magistrates in the Community workshop with Y6	<b>6th July</b>	Year 6 Dress rehearsal
<b>10th June</b>	Non uniform - tombola donations for school BBQ	<b>8th July</b>	Moving up day (TCS transition day)
<b>15th June</b>	<b>3:45pm - 5pm</b> OLSP Girls Game vs Hazeldown AWAY	<b>13th July</b>	Year 6 Dress rehearsal Y6 enterprise week
<b>16th June</b>	Junior Speaks Heats	<b>14th July</b>	2pm - 3pm Y6 performance to parents 5:30pm - 6:30pm Y6 performance to parents
<b>17th June</b>	Sports Day	<b>15th July</b>	Dojo Afternoon Y6 Attendance Award to Splashdown
<b>18th June</b>	Fathers Day gift shop	<b>20th July</b>	2pm - 3:30pm Y6 enterprise selling event Ice-cream with the HT for 100% and (99% attendance)
<b>19th June</b>	4pm - 6pm School BBQ - times TBC	<b>21st July</b>	9am - 10am Leavers mass - whole school to attend
<b>29th June</b>	9:45am - 10:45am St Peter and St Paul's mass - whole school	<b>22nd July</b>	9am - 10am Year 6 Leavers assembly Last day of the year
<b>30th June</b>	Recycle Devon Waste Workshops Y1/2, Y3 and Y6	<b>Mon 28th September - Fri 2nd October</b>	Year 6 Residential - Barton Hall

# News from the Friends



**SUMMER BBQ**

**OLESP FRIENDS**

**FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
4-7pm

Bar, BBQ, Inflatables,  
Ice-creams, Face Painting,  
Games, Raffle, Displays from  
Community Groups and  
Lots More!

**ENTRY:** ADULTS £1  
CHILDREN FREE

The poster features a vibrant yellow background with colorful bunting at the top. It includes illustrations of a castle, a smiling sun wearing sunglasses, a barbecue with food, a drink on a table, and an ice cream cone. The OLESP Friends logo is prominently displayed in the center.

## Non uniform Days

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

**Tombola Donations**



A purple cloud-shaped graphic contains the date. To the right, a red and white tombola wheel is shown with numbers 25, 37, and 12 on its base.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

**Bottle Donations**



A green cloud-shaped graphic contains the date. To the right, several bottles of water and soft drinks are illustrated.

Thank you for your support

**UNLIMITED PLAY!**  
with an  
**INFLATABLES WRISTBAND**



Get yours now via PTA Events  
and enjoy **UNLIMITED FUN**  
at this year's **SUMMER BBQ!**



Smaller inflatable  
for the little ones

...\*...  
**WANTED**

THE FRIENDS OF OLSP ARE  
SEEKING DONATIONS OF SOFT  
TOYS FOR OUR TEDDY TOMBOLA  
AT THE UPCOMING SUMMER  
BBQ



NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS TO  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE

**RAFFLE  
TICKETS**

**£1**  
A TICKET

**TOKENS**  
FOR THE STALLS  
ARE AVAILABLE TO  
**PRE ORDER**  
VIA PTA EVENTS

**FATHER'S  
DAY**

*Gift Shop*



DATE: Thursday 18th June

BOOKINGS VIA PTA EVENTS

Drum Lessons  
Now offered  
at school.

For more info contact Ben at:  
devondrumschool@gmail.com  
Tel:  
07966-488481



## CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

This school is proud to be a

# Music Mark School

In recognition of a commitment to  
providing a high-quality music education  
for all children and young people

2024 - 2025

Bridget Whyte  
CEO of Music Mark

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A REHEARSAL**



Music Mark's campaign  
on sustainability in  
music education

# Guitar Lessons

Individual and group  
lessons now being  
offered in school  
with Mr Hopkins

To sign up or  
for more  
information  
contact Mr  
Hopkins on  
07979 148929  
or  
[shopkins2112@  
gmail.com](mailto:shopkins2112@gmail.com)



## School Website Free App

Parents and Carers have access to a free app, linking you to our School Website. If you download the app, you will receive a notification every time information is added or updated on our website. This is a very useful tool that we are hoping as many Parents and Carers will make use of as possible. Please use the qr code below to access the download. Or search for "eSchools Lite" in the **App Store**

(**Apple**) or **Google Play (Android)**



### Free behaviour support resources for schools and families

Have you heard of **My Family Coach**? It's an incredible free platform for schools and families for help and support with all areas of behaviour, school and family life.

The platform includes **over 50 hours of free support content** from the experienced team here at Team Teach. There's **articles, podcasts, videos, ebooks and quarterly online parent classes** that you and the families you support can attend and watch on-demand as well.

The resources and support cover a huge variety of topics and we're always adding more: Relationships, Communication, Mental wellbeing, Friendships, Bullying, Calming down, School life, Healthy living, At risk behaviour, Screen time.

And for this time of year, families might find articles on **understanding behaviour, managing changes to routines, how to enjoy a family Christmas, using family support for childcare in the holidays, supporting your child through the holidays** or **why self care isn't selfish** helpful.

It's all available 24/7 and completely free! To access the platform as a parent or a school, simply visit the **My Family Coach website** and create an account.

# Are you missing out?

More money for your school!



Nutritious meal every day!



Access to free holiday clubs!



More teachers, trips, and activities!



Check your eligibility today for Free School Meals

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE)



## SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding at OLSP is always a priority. Should you have any enquiries or concerns, please contact our Designated Senior Lead for Child Protection: Miss Wathen, or Deputies: Mrs Blatchford or Mrs Emmerton on 01626 773905 Our named governor for child protection is Mrs Lorraine Coulter

### WELFARE

Our Family Support Worker is Rachel Ripley. Please let us know if you would like her to contact you for ANY support. Everyone needs a Rachel in their lives!



### ATTENDANCE

*Hi, my name is Steph, I'm the Attendance and Welfare Officer here at OLSP. I monitor attendance regularly to ensure that, where possible, every child is in school on time every day. If you have any concerns around your child's attendance, please leave a message with the office and I will contact you.*



## CPOMS and Operation encompass

At OLSP we use CPOMs as our system for recording information that we consider to be safeguarding information. As a parent you are entitled to see this information and may request to do so.

Further information about the programme can be found [here](#) -

<https://www.cpoms.co.uk/privacy-statement/>

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.