

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**

Head Teacher: Mrs Cathy Blatchford



As we come to the end of another busy and successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. It has been wonderful to see the progress our children have made, both academically and personally, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

A special farewell goes to our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their education. They have been fantastic role models within our school community, and whilst they will be greatly missed, we know they are ready for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. We wish each and every one of them every success and happiness in their new schools.

This year we also say goodbye to two much-valued members of staff. Mrs O'Sullivan and Mr Stamp and we would like to thank them for the care, dedication and commitment they have shown to our children and our school community. They have each made a lasting contribution to the life of our school, and we wish them every success and happiness in the future.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to all of our volunteers who have generously given their time to support the school throughout the year. Whether helping in classrooms, accompanying trips, reading with children or supporting events, your contribution is invaluable and greatly appreciated. A particular thank you goes to our wonderful Friends of the School. Their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment have enabled us to provide so many additional opportunities for our children. The recent Summer Barbecue was a fantastic event, bringing our school community together for a wonderful afternoon, and we are extremely grateful to everyone who helped organise, volunteer at and support it.

As we continue to review our safeguarding procedures and respond to developments in technology, I would like to make parents aware of a change to how we share photographs. Due to increasing concerns nationally regarding the use of artificial intelligence to manipulate images, we are currently not sharing front-facing photographs of children on our website or social media platforms. We appreciate your understanding as we take this precautionary approach to protecting our pupils' privacy and safety.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated staff team for their unwavering commitment throughout the year. Their care, professionalism and enthusiasm make our school such a special place for children to learn and thrive.

I hope you all enjoy a happy, safe and restful summer break. We look forward to welcoming our children back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning.

Best wishes, **Cathy Blatchford**

A Gentle Plea

from all of us

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The child who never thought they'd see the seaside, eyes wide with wonder on a school trip.

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The curious mind who discovers a passion in science because we had the equipment to try.

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THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

Thank You to Our Year 6 School Chaplains

As the school year comes to an end, we would like to offer our sincere thanks to our Year 6 School Chaplains for the wonderful contribution they have made to our school community.

Throughout the year, our chaplains have led by example, demonstrating kindness, compassion and a willingness to serve others. Whether leading prayer, supporting liturgies and Masses, welcoming visitors or simply being a caring presence for others, they have embraced their role with enthusiasm, faith and dedication.

As they prepare to leave our school and begin an exciting new chapter in secondary school, they hand over the role of School Chaplain to our Year 5 pupils. We know they leave behind a legacy of service and leadership that will inspire our new chaplains to continue their excellent work next year.

We thank our outgoing chaplains for all they have done to enrich the life of our school and wish them every success and God's blessing as they move on. We are proud of each one of them and know they will continue to be wonderful ambassadors for our school wherever they go.

NURSERY - WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN SUMMER 2

In nursery this term we have been learning about Under the sea and the seaside because the weather has been fab we have had lots of outside water play, which has been great fun. On behalf of myself, Mary and Eloise we would like to say what a pleasure it has been looking after your children they have been such a joy to teach. We wish them all the best and hope you all have a fab summer!



RECEPTION - WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN SUMMER 2

What a lovely half term we are having here in reception before we transition into year 1! We have spent a lot of time outside enjoying the weather and playing with the sand and water. In English we have loved reading 'Supertato' and hearing about the naughty peas! We have even made our own fruit and veg with the paints, ready to take home at the end of term. In maths we have been cementing our number knowledge and learning to add and subtract. We are currently looking at the words empty/full and using this in our everyday lives. We loved sports day and the school barbecue and hope you did too!



RECEPTION STARS AND DISCIPLES FOR HALF TERM

SUMMER 2	Stars 	Value	Disciples 
5.6.26	Tabitha	Following our mission statement	Monty
12.6.26	Thaddeus	Kind heart	Zhiyu
19.6.26	Arlo	Curious mind	Emilia
26.6.26	Henry	Faith	Audrey
3.7.26	Arthur	Growing together	Emerson
10.7.26	Andrii	Compassion	Audrey
17.7.26- of the term	Mia	Disciple of the term	Ricky 

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



The children thoroughly enjoyed our 'Glow in the dark dodgeball' session. It was so much fun playing in the dark with our friends.

To finish our African art unit of work, the children created African sunset pictures with silhouettes.



Another super trip to TCS for our Athletics festival. The children took part in several different activities ran by the older children.

YEAR 1 AND 2 STARS AND DISCIPLES FOR HALF TERM

SUMMER 2	Stars 	Value	Disciples 
5.6.26	Hughie	Following our mission statement	Rune
12.6.26	Lumen	Kind heart	Gypsie
19.6.26	Reuel	Curious mind	Beloved
26.6.26	Emily	Faith	Poppy
3.7.26	Rowan	Growing together	Max
10.7.26	Dora	Compassion	Polly
17.7.26- star of the term	Ivy	Disciple of the term	Angel 

YEAR 3 - WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN SUMMER 2

At the start of the term, the children took part in 'Glow in the dark dodgeball' which was taken by Premier Sports. The children absolutely loved it.



We had a great time participating in different activities on Sports day. We all had great fun and showed great sportsmanship towards others. Some of the children did not stop cheering for others.

The children loved visiting Exeter Museum and Exeter Library for their school trip. The children took to the train to Exeter and even had a play in Northernhay Gardens. A massive thank you to the parent volunteers who were able to help on the day!



YEAR 3 STARS AND DISCIPLES FOR HALF TERM

SUMMER 2	Stars 	Value	Disciples 
5.6.26	Ronnie	Following our mission statement	Noah
12.6.26	Samuel	Kind heart	Isla
19.6.26	Tiffany	Curious mind	Theo
26.6.26	Scarlett	Faith	Jayden
3.7.26	Arthur	Growing together	Nela
10.7.26	Evelyn	Compassion	Patrick
17.7.26- of the term	Issac	Disciple of the term	Ellie 

YEAR 4 AND 5 - WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN SUMMER 2

The children had a **wonderful morning making their own salads**. They created lots of different varieties, and the classroom smelled absolutely fabulous with all the fresh ingredients. Everyone got fully involved, carefully cutting, preparing and assembling their salads with great focus and enthusiasm. It was a brilliant hands-on session and they should all feel very proud of their efforts.



Visits from PC Dave – Safety Education

Class 4 and 5 have been fortunate to welcome **PC Dave** into school for three engaging sessions. He has spoken to the children about **online safety**, **water safety**, and keeping themselves safe in our **local community**. The children asked thoughtful questions and really enjoyed listening to him. His visits have given them clear, practical guidance and a deeper understanding of how to stay safe in different situations.

Sports day -was enjoyed by all. A lovely day full of fun, excitement and competition.



YEAR 4 AND 5 STARS AND DISCIPLES FOR HALF TERM

SUMMER 2	Stars 	Value	Disciples 
5.6.26	Muno	Following our mission statement	Daisy
12.6.26	Albie	Kind heart	Nathel
19.6.26	Ryan	Curious mind	Josh
26.6.26	Max	Faith	Raffy
3.7.26	Eva	Growing together	Florence
10.7.26	Paddy	Compassion	Sophie
17.7.26- of the term	Jake	Disciple of the term	Estrella 

YEAR 6 - WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN SUMMER 2

What a fantastic way for our Year 6 children to finish their time at our school! We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved this year.

A huge congratulations goes to every member of the cast for their outstanding performances in ***The Wrong Way Round***. The children threw themselves into their roles with confidence, enthusiasm and humour, entertaining audiences with a truly memorable production. Their hard work and dedication shone through, and they should all be extremely proud of themselves.

Over the past few weeks, Year 6 have also enjoyed several special trips and experiences to celebrate the end of their primary school journey. One highlight was joining other Plymouth CAST schools for the Year 6 Leavers' Mass, followed by a picnic and time to play together in the park. The day took an unexpected but exciting turn when an air ambulance landed nearby. The crew kindly took the time to speak with the children, who were fascinated to see the helicopter up close and ask questions about the vital work the service carries out.

As they prepare to move on to secondary school, we wish all of our Year 6 pupils every success for the future. We know they will embrace the next chapter with the same kindness, resilience and enthusiasm they have shown throughout their time with us. Good luck, Year 6 – we will miss you all!



YEAR 6 STARS AND DISCIPLES FOR HALF TERM

SUMMER 2	Stars 	Value	Disciples 
5.6.26	Oscar F	Following our mission statement	Hrishwin
12.6.26	Flynn	Kind heart	Praise
19.6.26	Grace	Curious mind	Lyra
26.6.26	Iris	Faith	Olivia
3.7.26	Caitlyn	Growing together	Joey
10.7.26	Ossie	Compassion	Hollie
17.7.26- of the term	Ivie-Beau	Disciple of the term	Marylou



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TIMETABLE

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Saturday 18th July - Monday 31st August



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Lane Swim 9:00-11:00	Lane Swim 7:00-9:00	Lane Swim 9:00-11:00	Lane Swim 7:00-9:00	Lane Swim 9:00-11:00	Lane Swim 8:00-9:00	Lane Swim 8:00-10:00
Fun Swim 11:00-13:00	General Swim + Lane 9:00-11:00	Fun Swim 11:00-13:00	General Swim + Lane 9:00-11:00	Fun Swim 11:00-13:00	Aqua Fit 9:00-10:00	Fun Swim 10:00-12:00
General Swim + Lane 13:00-15:00	Fun Swim 11:00-13:00	General Swim + Lane 13:00-15:00	Fun Swim 11:00-13:00	General Swim + Lane 13:00-15:00	Fun Swim 10:00-12:00	General Swim + Lane 12:00-14:00
Fun Swim 15:00-17:00	General Swim + Lane 13:00-15:00	Fun Swim 15:00-17:00	General Swim + Lane 13:00-15:00	Fun Swim 15:00-17:00	General Swim + Lane 12:00-14:00	General Swim + Lane 14:00-16:00
Lane Swim 17:00-19:00	Fun Swim 15:00-17:00	Lane Swim (Half Pool) 17:00-19:00	Fun Swim 15:00-17:00	Lane Swim 17:00-19:00	General Swim + Lane 14:00-16:00	Lane Swim 16:00-18:00
	Lane Swim 17:00-19:00		Lane Swim 17:00-17:45		Lane Swim 16:00-18:00	
			Condition Swim 17:45-18:30			

Pool supervision

A responsible adult 16+ may bring 2 children under the age of 8 but only 1 of those children can be under 5. The adult must be in the water with the children at all times.

Swimming Sessions

Lane swims and classes can be booked up to 10 days in advance for members and up to 7 days in advance for Pay-As-You-Go users. Fun swims and general swims cannot be booked in advance—simply pay on arrival. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Teignmouth Pavillions Events Flier

[Summer Family Events Flyer 2026.pdf](#)



August 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm



September Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

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Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm



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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.

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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.

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