



Newsletter

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In Our Lady's Catholic Primary School we learn about God and try to follow his footsteps by showing care and respect for one another.

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Dates

The dates for the Summer Term are detailed on the last page of this newsletter.

These dates may be subject to change and parents are encouraged to check the fortnightly newsletter for up to date information.

A reminder that Prayer and Praise takes place every Thursday morning from 9.15am. All parents, carers and friends are welcome.

Attendance

Congratulations to **OWL** who have the highest attendance so far this year at **97.0%** closely followed by **EAGLE** at **96.62%** and **KINGFISHER** at **96.61%**.



Class Photos



The proofs of the class photos have been sent home. If you would like to order any of these please complete the Tempest Photography order form and return to the school office, with the relevant payment, in the envelope provided. Thank you.

Congratulations

Very well done to the following children who have recently achieved Headteacher Awards:

Reece Day
Amelie Lear
Dolton Parkhouse
Hallie James
Oscar Meech
Tia Philpotts
Christy Raji



We are very proud of you

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back from maternity leave to Mrs Harding, who has returned to teach Robin Class on a Thursday and Friday.

In particular we welcome back our Barn a Bs friends who are now officially part of the Our Lady's School Team.

Star Learners

Very well done to the following children who were our Star Learners for the week before Easter. They all attended afternoon tea with Mr Meech on Thursday 30th March.



Immanuel Matthew
Alysha Stribling
Kori Skinner
Janice Jithesh
Hayden Rigler
Chase Spencer
Angel Raji



Barn-a-b's at Our Lady's

We hope you have had a lovely break. Thank you for all the updates on Tapestry, we are always delighted to see the wonderful things the children do at home. We have had great feedback from you about the 'ways you can help at home' information. Your child's key person added important information about ways to help at home, through Tapestry, so thanks again for your support.

Our garden areas has had a revamp in the holidays, with lots of new plants and a new play surface. We have improved the fencing, added mirrors and cushions, to make a lovely, quiet space for children to enjoy.

We would like to thank our committees and the school governors for their support in helping us to move forward in our goal to become an ever improving setting, delivering the best support and education that we can. We are now led and managed by Our Lady's Catholic Primary School. Please see the notes from Emma about payments; you will need to make payments to Plymouth CAST trading as Our Lady's Catholic Primary School.

Finally, welcome to all our new families. It's great to see how welcoming and loving our current children are to new starters; they are really helping settle the children in. All children have a key person (barnabuddy), but all staff are here to help you with any questions you may have.

PTFA Easter Events

Thank you to everyone that generously supported our Easter events. Our chocolate raffle, non uniform day and decorate an egg competition raised an incredible £450.00. This will help to provide more Chromebooks in each classroom.

The PTFA are committed to raising funds for the school and your children.

**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 5th May 2017**

Dyslexia Session for Parents

Geraldine Herage, School Governor and Naomi Jefferies, SENCO will be holding a session for parents for supporting children with dyslexia from 3pm until 3.30pm on Tuesday 2nd May, in the staff room. Please could you let Claire Silverlock in the school office know if you are interested in attending.

School Clubs

Below are the start dates for the clubs that are running this term.

Monday	Football (Yr5&6) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee) Commences Monday 8th May
Tuesday	Homework (Yr 3&4) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff Commences Tuesday 25th April Gardening Club (4.15pm) (by invitation) Miss Mitchell Commences Tuesday 25th April Netball (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mrs Houle Commences Tuesday 25th April
Wednesday	Homework (Yr 5&6) (4.15pm) Mr Meech and Staff Commences Wednesday 26th April Karate (4.10pm) Mike Leverton (Fee) Commences Wednesday 26th April
Thursday	School Choir (4pm) Mrs Hynes Commences Thursday 27th April
Friday	Tennis (Y1,2&3) (4.15pm) Miss Sloman (Fee) Commences Friday 12th May Play and Pray (Y3-Y6) (4.15pm) Mrs Cohen Commences Friday 28th April

Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at club finishing time. Thank you.



Friday 28th April is the last chance to collect your Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's. Please bring in your vouchers to school as we will be placing an order for lunchtime play equipment with these shortly. The more vouchers we get the more we can order for the children.

**Father, I pray
my child's heart
and mind is filled
with Your peace.**

Philippians 4:13

All Stars Cricket

The ECB today launched All Stars Cricket, a brand new participation programme for girls and boys aged five to eight, with parents able to register their children to take part in centres across England and Wales. All Stars Cricket will be delivered at local cricket clubs and centres across England and Wales throughout the summer, giving five to eight-year-olds their first experience of the game.



They will then start an eight-week programme at their local participating centre, with the emphasis placed firmly on learning how to play the game in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.

Local courses run at:-

Barnstaple Cricket Club Monday 6.30-7.30pm or
Filleigh Cricket Club Friday 6-6.45pm

Please visit:- <https://www.ecb.co.uk/news/353698>
for further information.



Come and find out more about school life here at Shebbear. Enjoy a tour of the school and speak to teachers and pupils. Refreshments will be available.

You are welcome to drop in, but we recommend booking an appointment to ensure you will meet the Headmaster.

To book or for more information please contact:
registrar@shebbearcollege.co.uk or call 01409 282 001

WEEKLY BOARDING OFFER - £4945 per term (from Sept '17)
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Trim Trail

A reminder that children should not be on the trim trail before or after school.

Please be aware that Our Lady's is used as a polling station so we will be closed to pupils on both Thursday 4th May and Thursday 8th June 2017.

Thank you.

Our Lady's School takes incidents of Bullying, including E-Safety seriously. For further information the school's policy is available on our website or please see your child's class teacher if you have any concerns. www.safer.internet.org.uk

Summer Term 2017

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Homework Dates

W/b: 14th April – 10th July (Half term week is not included)

18 th April	Summer term starts
19 th April	Last OWL Swimming
26 th April	Karate Club Starts 3.15pm
26 th April	Sports Premium swimming starts OWL & EAGLE Class (Invitation Only)
1 st May	Bank Holiday
2nd May	Dyslexia Parent Support Group 3-3.30pm
3 rd May	RNLI Talks for KS1 and KS2
3 rd May	Tennis Festival PUFFIN Class —Tarka Tennis
4 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED—Polling Station for Local Elections
8 th May	OWL Class visit to Eden Project
8 th May	KS2 SAT Week
8 th May	Football Club Starts 3.15pm KINGFISHER and SWALLOW
11 th May	Outdoor Adventurous Activities KINGFISHER Class - Pilton Community College
12 th May	Tennis Club Starts 3.15pm HERON, PUFFIN and OWL
24 th May	Last Sports Premium Swimming for OWL & EAGLE Class
26 th May	Last Day of Half-term

Half Term (Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June)

5 th June	Return to school
7 th June	Sports Premium swimming starts KINGFISHER & SWALLOW Class (Invitation Only)
8 th June	SCHOOL CLOSED – Polling Station for General Election
12 th June	Phonics Check Week
15 th June	Year 6 Intake Morning at Pilton Community College
16 th June	SWALLOW Class – Oceanfest
20 th June	Athletics SWALLOW Class—Pilton Community College
22 nd June	EAGLE Class Act of Worship 9.15am
23 rd June	Year 6 Intake Day at Pilton Community College
25 th June	First Holy Communion—St Mary's Church
3 rd July	Cricket EAGLE Class— Barnstaple Cricket Club
5 th July	Last Sports Premium Swimming for KINGFISHER & SWALLOW Class
13 th July	Whole School Topic Open Evening – 6pm-7.45pm
14 th July	Reports and Class Arrangements for 2017/18 to go home to Parents
18 th July	Parents' meeting for annual reports
19 th July	SWALLOW Class end of Year Performance to parents 6pm
24 th July	End of Year Mass—St Mary's Church—10am
25 th July	Sports Day – Pilton Community College Sports Fields
26 th July	Last day for staff and pupils