



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.

Dear parents and carers

I hope you have all been enjoying the glorious weather and it looks like it is here to stay for the half-term holiday.

It is always a pleasure to send the newsletters out as they celebrate the wonderful things that have happened in school. This newsletter is no exception and we hope you enjoy reading about the recent events.

We have been really impressed with how hard the children have been working over the past few weeks, especially those children in Y2 and Y6 who have been taking their SATS. We are very proud of you.

Thank you to those parents who joined us to celebrate our special mass yesterday to celebrate Mary. It was a lovely service. Thank you to Father Peter for leading us and for Mrs Cohen for her hard-work in organising the mass.

We would like to wish parents, children and staff a relaxing half - term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 6th June for what promises to be a wonderful end to the school year.

God Bless

Mr Meech, Executive Headteacher and Miss Wilby, Head of School

Monday 5th June 2023

Please be reminded that Monday 5th June is a non pupil day and both school and pre-school will be closed. Children return after the half term break on Tuesday 6th June. Thank you.



School Chaplains

Introducing: Ivy, Charlie, Darcie, Jessica, Gabi, Aaron and Siobhan

These chaplains are the Guardians of the 'Gift of Great Price' which is faith. They will do this in many ways such as supporting younger students in all areas of school life, supporting prayer times in church, the hall or in classrooms, leading assemblies, charity work, outreach to families helping celebrate occasions and offer support, being a helpful support to all on parents evenings and many other things. If you have any questions, suggestions or contributions please let us know. We usually meet every other Wednesday.

They meet most Friday afternoons to plan our activities. They look forward to working with you all and sharing many special moments with you all.

God bless.

Mrs Cohen



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

We hope you have a great half term. We are enjoying this lovely weather and we get the children outside as much as possible during the day. Thank you for putting on the first layer of sun cream on your children before they get to pre-school, this really helps.

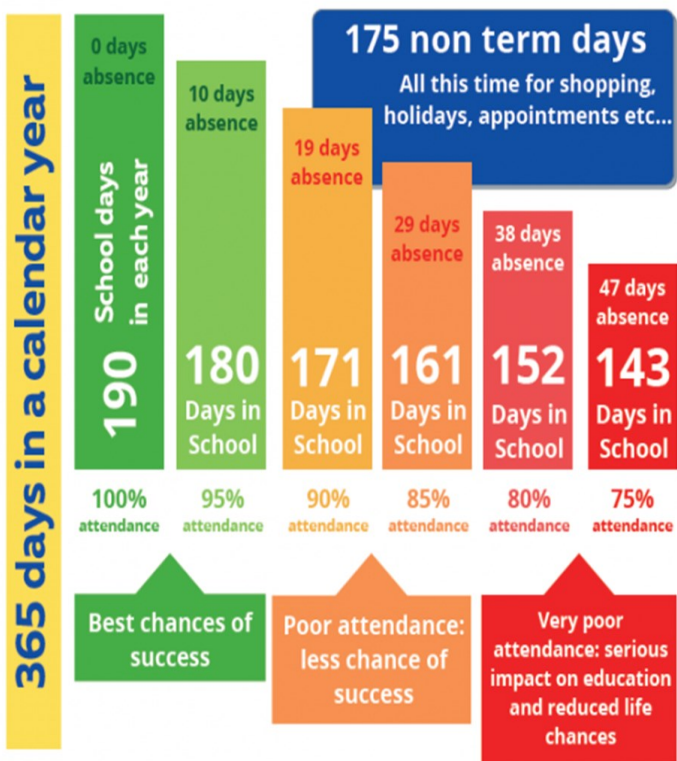
We will be running a class trip next half term where we will be visiting a working farm. It is in beautiful, peaceful surroundings. The children will be able to see some animals up close and explore the grounds and orchard. This is a great way of supporting farmers and to teach our children about nature and food production. You will be advised of the date of this trip as soon as possible. We want to include as many children as possible but we are limited on numbers for the coach, you will be able to make your own way there if it is not your child's normal day in pre-school.

Mrs Silverlock will be issuing letters shortly, where you will be able to let us know the days and sessions that you would like your child to attend in September. With some of our older children moving up to school we will have some spare hours available.

Pre-school will return on Tuesday 6th June. We will be having a busy half term. Dates of any activities will be published soon.

Cathy Jeffery, Pre-School Nursery Manager

ABSENCE



Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.
EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Owl Class has been learning about light this half term. This week we investigated materials that are transparent, translucent and opaque. Wednesday's sunny weather meant that we were also able to explore how shadows change during the day by drawing around our shadows a few times and taking measurements.



Summer Term Dates

Mon 29th May	Bank Holiday—School closed
Tue 30th May	Half Term Break
Mon 5th June	Non pupil day—school closed
Tues 6th June	Pupils return to school
Weds 7th June	Pro-active Parenting Course 12-3
Wed 7th June	Exmoor Zoo Trip (Recep and Y1)
Thu 8th June	Olympic Legacy
Mon 12th June	Y6 Residential all week
Fri 16th June	Newsletter to go home
Wed 28th June	Pro-active Parenting Course 12-3
Tue 25th July	End of Year Mass at Church 10am
Tue 25th July	Last Day of Term

Any future dates will be shared via parentpay.

Proactive Parenting Workshops

Just a reminder that there will be two workshops taking place in school on Wednesday 7th June and Wednesday 28th June (both from 12-3pm). These cover a variety of subjects:-

Session 1: Parental Well-being, Needs v's wants, effective praise and communication, boundary setting and responsibilities, behaviour we don't like and the consequences.

Session 2: Anxiety and attachment, Bereavement and loss, technology and the family.

Please email csilverlock@olcs.uk to let us know if you would like to attend.

Tea and coffee provided.

Spaghetti Challenge

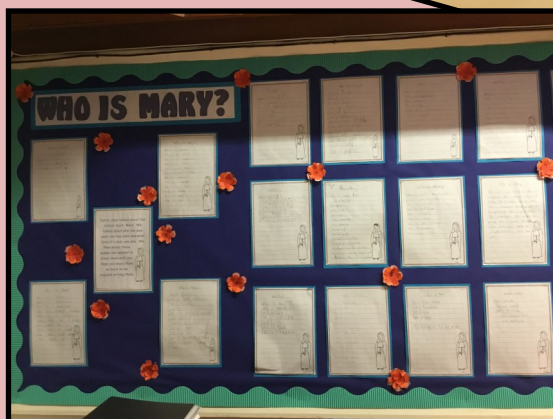
Some wonderful photos of our recent STEM Science spaghetti challenge. All classes took part in this activity to build a structure out of spaghetti and marshmallows and see how many eggs the structure would take. Here are some photos from our Heron and Kingfisher classes. Some architects in the making!



Celebrations for our Marian Month

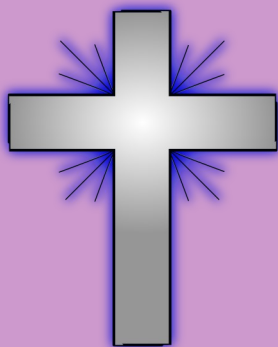
Our Lady's have had a wonderful time this month celebrating their Patron Saint Mary in many ways. They began by making displays in the class to share in the hall.

Puffin class suggested we created prayer, made flowers and thank you cards so we all did. It was beautiful. We shared these prayers, flowers and thank you cards at school on our Community display board, Our prayer table and at church when we celebrated our Feast day together and crowned Our Lady. It has been such a special month and the community have really enjoyed saying thank you to Mary in all these special ways.



Heron Class Multi Skills Event

This week Heron class enjoyed taking part in a multi skills event at Pilton Community college. The children showed excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and perseverance with the different skills. We enjoyed jumping over the hurdles, moving the balls through the obstacles and using our dribbling skills. We had so much fun together in the sunshine!



May the Lord bless us.

May his promise to be with us warm our hearts.

May we take his message to all that we meet.

Amen

Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.



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Parenting Smart



We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. We've all been there.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a new site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour.

All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families.

Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.



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Parenting Smart – Online Course

Parents and Carers of 4-11 year olds can now access our free online course providing you with extra tools to deal with **everyday parenting challenges**.

The course aims to help you **strengthen your relationship with your child** and **respond helpfully to challenging behaviour**. You can also join discussions with other parents in your group from across the UK.

Designed to fit around busy family lives, the 6-week course can be **broken down into short 15-minute sections** and you can access it from your mobile phone, tablet or any other device.

All of the content is based on the latest evidence and experience from Place2Be's Parenting Team, in partnership with South London and Maudsley-NHS Foundation Trust.

- ✓ Free
- ✓ No fixed times
- ✓ Accessible from any device
- ✓ Hear from other parents around the UK
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