



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.

Welcome

It has been an absolute pleasure to see all the children return to school, looking extra smart in their uniform and with smiles on their faces.

We extend an extra warm welcome to our new families in Reception class and across the school and especially our new class Teachers Miss Sobey and Mrs Fryers. We are sure you will join with us in giving them a warm welcome to our school community.

Our new academic year has started with us taking on our new roles, we are both looking forward to leading the school in our new way of working. We wish you, all our staff and children an enjoyable and successful year.



Rob Meech, Executive Headteacher and Lorna Wilby, Head of School



National
Online
Safety

As a school we have signed up to access the National on-line Safety software.

They provide regular updates and access to short videos that will help you stay informed on the latest online safety news, quickly gain practical tips and advice, and access free online resources.

Please can you register via the link below to allow you to start accessing these useful and important resources:-

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/our-lady-s-school>

School Website

Please keep a check on the school website as this will be updated regularly. The class pages will be updated with class newsletters, photos, areas of topic etc. You will find details on all our key documents and policies together with the current school dinner menu.

Please visit:- www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk

Autumn Term Dates

Mon 12th Sep	Y6 Parents Cake and a Chat with Miss Newcombe 3.15-3.45
Tue 13th Sep	Y6 Homework club - 3:15-4 every Tue
Fri 30th Sep	Y6 Read with your child morning 8:45-9.15
Wed 19th Oct	Y6 Parent Book Look 3:45-4:30.
Fri 21st Oct	Read with your child morning 8:45-9:15
Fri 21st Oct	Last day of half term
Mon 25th Oct	Half Term Holiday
Mon 31st Nov	Non Pupil Day
Tue 1st Nov	Pupils Return to School
Thu 15th Dec	Last day of term
Wed 4th Jan	Pupils Return to School



Mrs Tucker would like to set up a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) club but would like to see if this is something that children would

be interested in. She is going to put a weekly STEM activity in the foyer for families to collect. Families are encouraged to do the activity and share photos with their class teacher through class dojo. If there is enough support then a club will be set up.

Special Educational Needs

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself to new parents; I am the school's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator. I would like to make sure all parents are aware of the SEND section of the school website which gives information about our school's provision for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities as well as support for families who may be experiencing difficulties at home. There are lots of helpful information sheets and links to other sites too, so please take a look in the Parents' section labelled 'SEND'.



I hope you find the resources useful. Please get in touch, via the school office, if you need further advice or support.

Eve Daunton
SENDCO (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator)

PE Days

When your child has PE they should be coming into school in their PE kits and remaining in them all day.

Robin	Tuesday and Friday
Heron	Tuesday and Thursday
Puffin	Monday and Thursday
Owl	Wednesday and Friday
Eagle	Wednesday and Friday
Kingfisher	Monday and Thursday
Swallow	Monday and Tuesday

PE lessons will continue to be held outside even in the rain so please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat, they may even need gloves and hats as we progress into the winter months.

As the weather gets colder, if you have not done so already, you can purchase, for £15, a PE Hoodie with the school logo for children to wear for PE. Alternatively children can wear their school jumper for PE. Please order these via Scopay.

Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that all Key Stage 1 children receive a free healthy snack for morning break. You are welcome to send Key Stage 2 children into school with a healthy snack (not chocolate or crisps). Children who would like to eat a healthy snack during afternoon break are more than welcome to bring this in from home.

Breakfast and After School Club

Sessions for our Breakfast and After School Clubs can now be booked on line via SCOPAY. Breakfast sessions are from 7.45am until 8.45am at £4.50 without breakfast and £5.00 with breakfast. Afterschool Club sessions are from 3.15-4.15 with a snack for £4.50, or 3.15-5.15pm for £8.50. You can pay for these sessions and book in advance via Scopay. Please see a member of the Admin Team if you need log in details.

**The next newsletter will go home on:
Friday 23rd September 2022**

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our
being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and
staff.
Give them strength and grace as their
bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Amen.

School Dinners

We have a wide variety of hot, freshly cooked, school dinners on offer on a 3 weekly cycle. As well as the healthy main choice there is always a vegetarian option and a jacket potato with cheese and/or beans available. The meals are all prepared on-site in our school kitchen. School dinners are free to all children from Robins to Puffin class and are a very competitive £2.34 per day for children in Owl class upwards.



School dinners can now be paid via the school's on line cash system SCOPAY. You should have received individual log in details for your child/children. If you need any assistance with registering to use this facility please see the School Office. The choice of meal for the day can be booked with the class teacher at registration in the morning.

Parents can select meals in advance for their children if they prefer (although the selection for the current day can only be done in school).

If your child has any food allergies please make the admin team aware as our catering team can usually adapt the menu accordingly for your child's needs.

Y6 Brew and Babble



I am thrilled to invite you to join me for an informal chat about Year 6 and all that it entails.

A chance to ask any questions and discuss any queries you may have.
(Or just come for the free cake)

Monday 12th September 2022
3:15pm-3:45pm.
Swallow Class

Mrs James will be available on the top playground so children can play some games whilst we natter.

Our Lady's Catholic Primary school proudly present..... The OLCS School Chaplains 2022/23

Introducing: **Nathan Pavitt, Gavin Joby, Dakota Skinner, Rainie-Rae Hawkins, Scarlett Rudge, Milita Stancic, and Immanuel Mathew**

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. Our first meeting this year is today! They look forward to working with you all and sharing many special moments with you all. God Bless. Mrs Cohen



ParentMail

This newsletter will be sent to you via parentMail once a fortnight. We use parent mail on a very regular basis to advise you of events and notices of things happening in school. It is our main form of communication with you as parents. Please ensure that the school has an up to date email address for you and that you have registered to receive parent mails.

Keep an eye on our school website www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk for tweets, photos, termly class updates, school diary of events etc.