



# 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

Welcome back to 2023! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break with family and friends. The children have settled into the new term with fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. All classes are now following our new Good Behaviour and Relationships Policy and collecting bronze, silver and gold dojo points.

As you are aware there have been many cases of Strep A and Flu, particular in the run up to the end of last term. Although cases seem to be dropping we must remain vigilant. We will continue to monitor the cases and work with health agencies where necessary.

What to do if your child is unwell:  
If you think your child may have any symptoms from Strep A then you should speak with your doctor.

Tell them if you have been in contact with someone who has had Strep A recently.

**Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:**

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

If you have any concerns around whether your child

should attend school then please contact the office. A reminder that if your child is going to be off school for any reason then please contact the office before 9.15am on each day of the absence. If you arrive in school later than 9.10am this is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

A reminder that on non PE days, children should be wearing black shoes and grey or black socks (Blue socks for girls) and not be wearing colourful trainers with their school uniform.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr Meech & Miss Wilby

## PE Days

Just a reminder that classes have PE on the following days each week:-

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

Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the school PE kit and trainers on these days.

**IMPORTANT—Please could all earrings be removed on PE Days.**

## Photos

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 17th January to take class photos. Order forms will be sent home for all those that wish to purchase these.



## Spring Term Dates

Wed 11th Jan	Eagle Class Swimming
<b>Thu 12th Jan</b>	<b>Dodgeball After School Y3 &amp; Y4</b>
Sun 15th Jan	Last date to apply for Primary School Place for Sep 2023
<b>Tue 17th Jan</b>	<b>Class Photos</b>
Wed 18th Jan	Eagle Class Swimming
<b>Thu 19th Jan</b>	<b>Dodgeball After School Y3 &amp; Y4</b>
Thu 19th Jan	Change to dinner menu—Burger
<b>Wed 25th Jan</b>	<b>Eagle Class Swimming</b>
Thu 26th Jan	Dodgeball After School Y3 & Y4
<b>Wed 1st Feb</b>	<b>Eagle Class Swimming</b>
Thu 2nd Feb	Dodgeball After School Y3 & Y4
<b>Wed 8th Feb</b>	<b>Eagle Class Swimming</b>
Thu 9th Feb	Last Dodgeball After School Y3 & Y4
<b>Fri 10th Feb</b>	<b>Last day of Half Term</b>
Mon 13th Feb	Half Term Holiday
<b>Mon 20th Feb</b>	<b>Non Pupil Day</b>
Wed 22nd Feb	Eagle Class Last Swimming
<b>Tue 21st Feb</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
Thu 2nd Mar	World Book Day
<b>Thu 9th Mar</b>	<b>Swallow Class Parents SATs Meeting</b>
Fri 31st Mar	Last day of Spring Term
<b>Mon 3rd Apr</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
Mon 17th Apr	Children return to school
<b>Mon 1st May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday—School Closed</b>
Mon 8th May	Kings Coronation—School Closed
<b>Tue 9th May</b>	<b>SATs Week for Swallow Class</b>

**Any future dates will be shared via parentpay.**

### Parent Autism Workshop Opportunities

The 'Autism & Us' programme and themed workshops delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the Spring term for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis.

These workshops are for Children & Young People who are currently on the autism assessment pathway or who have received an autism diagnosis. Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs.

Full programme details and application process below:

- Communication—Prog 1 Weds 18th Jan 4.30pm-6.30pm      Prog 2—Mon 13th Mar 10am-12noon
- Understanding and supporting Behaviour—Prog 1 Weds 1st Feb 4.30pm-6.30pm  
Prog 2 Mon 20th Mar 10am-12noon
- Sensory—Prog 1 Weds 8th Feb 4.30pm-6.30pm      Prog 2—Mon 27th Mar 10am-12noon

### Topic based workshops:

The following topic based workshops, are also available for parents/carers of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis. You can choose from these based on the relevance to you and your family.

- Autism – Sensory processing + integration - Tues 17 Jan 10am - 12noon
- Autism and Girls - Thurs 26 Jan 9.30am - 12noon
- Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA - Tues 23 Feb 10am - 12noon
- Autism – Communication (verbal – support strategies) - Tues 2 Mar 10am-12noon
- Autism – Managing stress + anxiety - Tues 14 Mar 10am - 12noon
- Autism – Vulnerability + online safety - Thurs 23 Mar 10am - 12noon
- Autism – Communication (pre/non verbal – support strategies - Tues 28 Mar 10am - 12noon

To secure a place on any of the above programmes, please apply direct by email  
to: [educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk](mailto:educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk)

The next newsletter will go home on: Friday 27th January 2023

### Scopay/Invoice Payments

Invoices will be sent out shortly for monies due for Breakfast and After School Clubs and Pre-School fees from 15th December to 15th January. Please could these be settled via Scopay (ideally) or cash to the school office. Some of these are for small amounts that continue to be issued each month without being settled. To keep our administration costs down it is important that these are paid on time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

“...our love is not to be  
just words or mere talk,  
but something real and  
active...” 1 John 3:18



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

**IMPORTANT REMINDER** apply for your place at school by 15th January 2023. This is for children starting school in

September. It is very important that you do this. Please come and see us if you haven't done this yet. If you are late you will be given the nearest available school.

Our toddler group has started up again Wednesdays from 2-3pm. Come along for a play, chat and snack. All babies and under school age children welcome. Bring friends or family. There is no charge for the group. Action for children has given us a grant to buy toys, which is fabulous.

Our prices are £4 for 3 year olds and £4.25 for 2 year olds. We have kept our prices low, so low that the funding we receive from Devon is more that we charge privately. With that in mind, please make sure you are getting all the funding you are entitled to - 30 hours funding, EYPP, disability access fund, free school meals. Please ask if you want to find out more.

Tempest are in to take class photos on 17th January.

**Cathy Jeffery, Pre-School Nursery Manager**

### Safeguarding

Please note that if you need to come into the school for any reason, please report to Reception rather than walking through the school. Thank you.

Mrs Daunton, Designated Safeguarding Lead

### Piano and Guitar Lessons

We can offer individual piano and guitar lessons to children during school hours. These are £10 per lesson (half price if you are pupil premium). Please contact [admin@olcs.uk](mailto:admin@olcs.uk) if you are interested.

### Attendance



Congratulations to **OWL** class who have the highest attendance for the Autumn term so far at **97.19%** closely followed by **PUFFIN** class at **96.64%** and **SWALLOW** class at **96.59%**.

### Headteacher's Awards



**Very well done to the following children who have a been earned Headteacher's Awards over the last few weeks:-**

Mason Y6	Lucy Y5	Abel Recep
Ted Y5	Gabi Y5	Emily Recep
Romany Y5	Nate Y6	Amelia Recep
Joey Y5	Liam Recep	
Jessica Y5	Jackson Recep	

**We are very proud of you.**



## AST Swimschool

Where the love of water begins

**Classes available at:**  
**West Buckland School Pool, Pathfields School Pool (Barnstaple), Torrington Pool and Hill Farm Cottages (Torrington)**

- Swimming classes across North Devon
- Teaching lifesaving skills from birth to advanced swimmers.
- Low pupil to teacher ratio.
- Fun, structured classes incorporating Aqua Sensory.
- Working towards nationally recognised qualifications.
- Highly trained in supporting those with additional needs.
- Regular, weekly lessons

**If you are interested please send us an email:**  
[astswimschool@yahoo.com](mailto:astswimschool@yahoo.com)



### Eagle Class Swimming

Eagle class will be commencing swimming every Wednesday afternoon from Wednesday 11th January to Wednesday 22nd February. Children will need to bring swimming kit into school with them and ensure they have a warm coat as they will be walking to and from the leisure centre. Children should come into school in their PE kit on a Wednesday whilst they are going swimming.

## Primary Admissions 2023/24

### Was your child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019?

Applications can be made from 15th November for a primary school place for September 2023. You must apply for your child's school place by 15th January 2023 for primary school admissions in September 2023.

You can apply for a school place online at: [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)

Or

If you cannot access the school admissions website you can get more information by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 or by emailing :-[primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:primaryschooladmissions@devon.gov.uk).

If you need help applying online or haven't got internet access at home please contact the school, we would be more than happy to help you. You can view your offer on-line from 16th April 2023.

**Please ensure that the 2023 Supplementary Form for this school is returned to the school office by 15th January 2023. This form is available from the school office, Barn a B's Pre-School or via the school's website:- [www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk](http://www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk) under 'Key Documents' and in the 'Admissions' section.**

**Without this form your child may be lower in the priorities for admission and risk not getting a place at Our Lady's School.**

### Pro-Active Parenting

We are delighted to be able to offer parents the opportunity to attend some parenting support sessions. Dates and times to be confirmed for the Spring Term. These will be run by an experienced practitioner, Sarah Watts, who has previously run the Patchwork Parenting group.

We are able to provide two, half day, group sessions, based on a specific theme that is helpful for you.

There are a range of themes that can be covered:

- wellbeing of the parent/carer
- needs/wants and routines
- effective communication and praise
- boundary setting and responsibility
- behaviour we don't like and consequences
- anxiety and attachment
- bereavement and loss
- technology and the family

If you would like to attend any of these sessions, please contact Mrs Silverlock by emailing [csilverlock@olcs.uk](mailto:csilverlock@olcs.uk), stating which themes you are interested in.

### Half Term Netball Camp



**Carol Anne  
Netball Club**

Website: <https://carolannenetballclub.co.uk>

Tuesday 14th February 2023 10-12pm at The Park School for U9s in Year 3/4 Suitable for new and experienced players

A fun filled session led by qualified Netball Coaches.

Email: [carolannejuniors@gmail.com](mailto:carolannejuniors@gmail.com)

Price as follows: £6.50 for non CA Netball Club members £5 for current CA Club members

Closing date: 7th Feb Please use the link below to book and for further details.

<https://forms.gle/KmGxUvdnYsQkJQ6u5>

Please note—there is no more Year 6 Homework Club after school. Tutoring sessions for SATs preparation will commence shortly. Children will be advised if there are required to attend these sessions soon.

**School Website** The class pages on the school website are being updated for the Spring Term. Please visit [www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk](http://www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk).



# STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!

