



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 am delighted to announce that Miss Lorna Wilby has been appointed Assistant Headteacher from September 2022. The school will now start a recruitment process for new class teachers for next year.

During the week beginning 23rd May, the school will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with various activities in school. This will culminate on Friday with a garden party lunch. For this we would like children to dress up as if they were going to have tea with the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

School dinners for that day will be a picnic lunch. We are asking that you book the packed lunch option (P) on Scopay for that day. Alternatively you can contact the school office. In order that we have enough time to order the food, please can you place your order by Friday 20th May.

Some dates for your diary:

- Friday 20th May—Last day for booking a school packed lunch
- Friday 27th May—Garden Party Lunch
- Friday 27th May - last day of the half-term.
- Monday 6th June - Non-Pupil day.
- Friday 15th July—Reports out to parents
- Thursday 21st July—1.30pm—Y6 production to school.
- Thursday 21st July at 6.15pm—Y6 Production to parents and carers.
- Monday 25th July - 10am—Sports Day at Pilton Community College.
- Tuesday 26th July - 10am—Leaver's Mass at St Mary's Church (last day of the school year).

I would like to express how proud I am of the Y6 children. They faced the SATs with determination and enthusiasm. A big thank you to Miss Newcombe and the entire team who supported the children this week and in the build up to the tests.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend.

Mr Meech
Executive Headteacher

Owl Class Clothes Collection

Owl class are having a second hand clothes collection so that they can then donate clothes bundles to families in need. We will be collecting up until half term. Donations to come straight to Owl class. Thank you.

Class Pages on School Website

The class pages on the School Website have been updated for the Summer Term. You will find your Class/Parent Newsletter and Topic Information. Please visit <https://ourladyscatholicpri.eschools.co.uk/website/children/>

Reminder that the last day of the half term for both Our Lady's and Barn A Bs Pre-School is Friday 27th May. School re-opens to pupils for the last half of the Summer Term on Tuesday 7th June 2022.



Host families wanted

Do you have a spare room?

We will pay you an allowance of £441 per student, if you are able to host a student for 3 weeks in July.

Email hostfamilyenquiries@gmail.com message or call 07496 824817 after 6pm.

Students ages ranging from 11-18 will be arriving from Spain on 5th July and require host families. You can select a preference of gender and age.

IB-EX LearnPlus has been bringing students from the North of Spain to North Devon since 1986. We offer a high standard of service and support. Our students will be educated at Kingsley and Petroc with all transport provided.



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

This half term we are looking forward to celebrating the Queens Jubilee, we will learn about London, palaces and parties. Look on the school website for more information.

We will also be visiting St Mary's church this half term. We will need some parent helpers to get there and back. We will let the know the time and date on tapestry soon.



**National
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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-school>

- **KIMMIE-MARIE PHOTOGRAPHY-** BABY/CHILDREN/FAMILY PICS TAKEN ON THE DAY.

- **Fizzog Face Painting,** glitter tattoos and hairbraids!

- **New stall: The baby bay Barnstaple:** Moses baskets, toys, prams etc.

- **Made by Lisa:** Handmade children's clothing.

- **Hartbeeps-North Devon** will be doing some fun play taster sessions.

- **All the Cuddles carrying consultancy:** Pre loved & new slings.

CHANGES: Please note NO market at Woolsery.



Little Munchkin's Baby and Children's market

NEW & PRE LOVED BABY & CHILDREN'S ITEMS

Roundswell community centre
25th June 2-4pm
Stalls: £6
Entry £1.50 (CHILDREN FREE)

To book a stall contact Steph Jenn:
07811890045

GRAB YOURSELF A BARGAIN!
FIND US ON FB: LITTLE MUNCHKIN'S BABY & CHILDREN'S MARKET

- **Laura Price:** Pregnancy & Birth support.
- **11+ pre loved stalls** to browse.....



Kimmie-Marie



Made by Lisa
Handmade children's clothes



• **Refreshments & Raffle**

ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for, it also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.

PARENT CODE:

6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.

2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.

7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.

3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.

8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that their rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.

4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.

9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.

5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.

10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement; dance and sing along to songs your child loves; and follow step-by-step crafting videos.

Meet Our Expert

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MED Theatre's NEW Tarka Drama Clubs for creative creatures

16th
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SESSION

FREE

Curious about Tarka clubs?

Join MED Theatre on Monday nights for fun activities and games
as we use our local history, mythology and ecology to inspire
story-telling and story-making!

Starts after June half-term but don't miss the taster session!

**Drama - Creative writing - Movement
Film making - Music - Poetry**

Kits
5-7yrs
4-4:45pm

Otters
8-12yrs
5-6pm

**Tarka Young
Company**
13-19yrs
6:15-7:15pm

**Braunton Academy
Issac Hall**



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