

#### Newsletter—Friday 18th July

Volume 35

Dear Parents,

And just like that, the school year comes to an end! I can't quite believe where that year has gone. It has certainly been a busy one with lots that has happened this year.

There have been many exciting opportunities for the children throughout the year, from trips linked to topics, visitors into school, plenty of musical events and our treat days from Friends of OLOP. The children have worked incredibly hard this year and I couldn't be any prouder of each and everyone of them. We have seen outstanding results this year and that is down to the hard work of the children, staff and support from parents.

We also finally received our Ofsted Inspection earlier this year and again a fantastic report was received following this. The school has been on a journey of improvement for the past few years and I'm really pleased that the inspection recognised this. We are looking forward to continuing to make improvements.

Our Friends of OLOP have worked incredibly hard during this year raising a staggering £14,480. £9517 of this money has already been put into providing the children with new resources and experiences. My thanks go to all the parents who volunteer on the PTA to help raise this money. Without this hard work, we simply couldn't provide the children with the additional items. My thanks also go to the whole parent community who come and support the events. Without your generosity, again we wouldn't be able to raise such a large amount.

When we return in September, we will all be in on one site. I will be writing to parents separately about the plans for this and where children will be based.

Thank you for you ongoing support. It is with the great partnership between home and school that allows Our Lady of Peace to continue to thrive.

Wishing you all a very peaceful and relaxing summer holiday with your children. With all my best wishes,

**Mr Stopps** 

#### PLEASE SEE FULL CALENDAR OVERLEAF

Important September dates:

#### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

#### **Class Attendance:**

- RHA—St Valentine 91.5%
- RHC—St Joseph 92.4%
- Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska 93.1%
- Yr1—St Bernadette 95.8%
- Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta 95.6%
- Yr2—St Mary Magdalene 95.9%
- Yr3—St Paul 94.8%
- Yr3—St Martin de Porres 94.3%
- Yr4—St Peter 95.9%
- Yr4—St John-Bosco 95.2%
- Yr5—St Thomas More 95.3%
- Yr5—St Clare of Assisi 95.2%
- Yr6—St Maximilian 96.3%
- Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita 94.7%

#### Whole School—95.2%



**Important September dates:** 

# Wednesday 3rd September

#### **INSET DAY**

## **Thursday 4th September**

**Term starts** 

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS**

# This week's pupils who received the Headteachers Award:

- NURSERY Mya & Julia
- RHA—St Valentine—Fraser
- RHC—St Joseph—Timizo
- Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—Liliana
- Yr1—St Bernadette—Scott
- Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—Acacia
- Yr2—St Mary Magadelene—Boris
- Yr3—St Paul—Victoria
- Yr3—St Martin de Porres—Aliza
- Yr4—St Peter—Erin
- Yr4—St John-Bosco—Karolina
- Yr5—St Thomas More—Natalia
- Yr5—St Clare of Assisi—Haider
- Yr6—St Maximilian—Lee'Anna
- Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—Joseph

Congratulations to all of our pupils of the week for your hard work and achievements





## WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Whether it's sunny days at the beach or fun in the paddling pool, children are naturally drawn to water. But with excitement comes risk. This guide brings together 10 clear, practical tips to help parents and educators protect children around water – whether that's at home, on school trips or on holiday.

Backed by the Royal Life Saving Society UK, the advice includes knowing what beach flags mean, avoiding inflatables in open water, and learning to 'float and call' in an emergency. With a focus on prevention and supervision, this guide is a must-read for summer safety and beyond.





## NURSERY

As we come to the end of a wonderful year in Nursery, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a joy it has been to watch your children learn, grow, and flourish.

From their very first day, the children have amazed us with their curiosity, creativity, and kindness. One of our favourite moments this year was welcoming ducklings into our classroom — watching them hatch and grow sparked so much wonder and excitement, and it was a truly unforgettable experience for everyone!

Throughout the year, we've enjoyed exploring so many new things together. We've been busy developing our understanding of numbers up to 5, building strong early maths foundations through songs, games, and hands-on activities.

Story time has also been a magical part of our days. The children loved delving into traditional tales like *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, learning about characters, settings, and story structure. One standout favourite was *The Colour Monster*, which helped us explore and understand different emotions in a way that really connected with the children.

We are incredibly proud of all that your children have achieved this year. Thank you for your continued support — it has been a pleasure to be part of your child's early learning journey.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer break!

With warmest wishes,

**Miss Petford** 

















#### RECEPTION



In English, the Reception children have been enjoying the story *Penguin on Holiday*, which sparked exciting discussions about going on holiday to a variety of places. They explored destinations such as the Polar Regions, as well as the African savannah, the beach, and the rainforest, learning about the different animals that live there. The children wrote imaginative packing lists for the characters in our story, thinking carefully about what each character might need in these different environments. They also had fun changing the main characters and settings of the original story before writing their own versions in their English books. Using a story mountain, the children created fantastic five-sentence stories, choosing characters, settings, a problem, a solution, and an ending. It was wonderful to see their creativity shine through as they developed their own story ideas. The quality of their written work shows just how hard they have worked throughout the year.

In Maths, the children have made fantastic progress as they explored a wide range of mathematical concepts through hands-on, practical activities. They learned about sharing and grouping by dividing objects equally and solving real-life problems. We also looked at even and odd numbers, with the children using objects and games to identify number patterns and recognise the difference between them. The children enjoyed creating and continuing repeating patterns using colours, shapes, and everyday objects, demonstrating their growing confidence in spotting patterns in the world around them. They also developed their understanding of positional language through movement games and giving directions, using terms like "under," "next to," "behind," and "between."



## RECEPTION

In RE, our topic was *Dialogue and Encounter*, and the children enjoyed learning about the stories of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, reflecting on how they became followers of Jesus and spread his message. We had thoughtful discussions about how we, too, can be friends of Jesus by showing kindness, helping others, and making good choices in our everyday lives. As part of our learning, we also explored a range of other world religions, including Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam, and Judaism. The children were fascinated to learn about different beliefs and practices, and we talked about the many values these religions share—such as loving others, belonging to a community, and caring for those in need. It was wonderful to see the children develop respect and curiosity for different faiths, while recognising the common values that help us all to live kindly and peacefully together.

In PSED, we have been focusing on preparing the children for their exciting transition to Year 1. The children have spent time thinking about what they are looking forward to and have shared their hopes and dreams for the year ahead. They each wrote down a special wish for Year 1, thinking about what they would like to learn, achieve, or try when they move up. We also encouraged the children to write down any questions they had for their new teacher, helping them to feel confident and reassured about the changes ahead. A highlight was visiting their new classroom and meeting their new teacher, which helped them begin to feel familiar with their new environment. These activities have supported the children in feeling proud of how far they've come and excited about the next step in their learning journey.

We are extremely proud of all the children in reception for their hard work and their achievements this year! Mrs Arampatzi and Miss Padley









## YEAR ONE

As we reach the end of Year 1, we are incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved this year. It has been a joyful and rewarding journey filled with learning, friendship, creativity, and faith. Our school's Catholic Life has been central to our daily experiences. The children have grown in faith through daily prayer, collective worship, and learning about the life and teachings of Jesus. They have reflected on Gospel values such as kindness, compassion, and forgiveness, and put these into action in their daily lives. Our class also took part in whole-school celebrations, assemblies, and charitable activities.

In English, the children have blossomed as confident and imaginative writers. They explored a wide variety of texts, including traditional tales, information books, poems and instructions. They particularly enjoyed planning and writing their own stories, using exciting vocabulary and creative ideas. It has been a pleasure to see their writing develop in structure, detail, and confidence. Alongside writing, the children have made excellent progress in reading and phonics, with growing fluency and comprehension.

In Maths, we focused on building strong number foundations, particularly mastering number bonds to 10. The children have used these facts to solve more complex problems with larger numbers, and have developed their skills in addition, subtraction, place value, and shape. They enjoyed exploring multiplication and division through practical, hands-on activities. They have learned to understand multiplication as repeated addition and division as sharing or grouping, developing key skills that will support their future learning.

In Science, we explored the topics of plants and animals including humans. The children enjoyed hands-on learning such as planting seeds, observing changes over time, learning about body parts and senses, and how to live a healthy lifestyle. Their curiosity and enthusiasm were wonderful to see. Also, the children learned about materials—identifying different types such as wood, plastic, metal, and fabric, and discussing their properties like hardness, flexibility, and transparency. They enjoyed hands-on activities testing materials and thinking about their uses in everyday life

In History, we were inspired by the life of Mary Seacole and her incredible courage and compassion. We also explored communication through time, learning about William Caxton and the invention of the printing press, and Alexander Graham Bell, who invented the telephone. The children were fascinated by how communication has evolved over the centuries. In Geography, the children compared our local area to the bustling city of Shanghai. They learned about the similarities and differences between the two places and developed basic map skills to explore their surroundings.

In Art, the children expressed themselves through a variety of media, including paint, oil pastels, collage, and chalk. They explored colour, texture, and shape while developing their creative confidence and fine motor skills. In Design & Technology (DT), the children had great fun creating moving stories, designing simple mechanisms to bring their stories to life. They also enjoyed a practical food technology project where they learned how to make healthy smoothies, exploring the process of selecting ingredients and following instructions safely

One of the highlights of the year was our wonderful Carol Concert, where the children sang and performed beautifully, sharing the joy and meaning of Christmas with their families and the school community. It has been an amazing year of growth—not only academically, but emotionally, socially, and spiritually. The children have built friendships, developed independence, and approached every challenge with enthusiasm.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a happy and restful summer and look forward to seeing your child continue to flourish in Year 2!



### YEAR ONE







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## YEAR TWO

#### <u>Year 2 News Round-Up – Summer 2</u>



It's hard to believe we've reached the end of such a fantastic year! This final half term has been packed with exciting learning, celebrations, creativity, and memorable moments. So much has been covered that we simply can't include it all—but here are just some of the highlights we're proud to share with you!

<u>Religious Education</u> In RE, we learnt about different faiths within our community and the importance of respect and understanding. We also took part in our End of Year Mass—a special moment to reflect on our journey this year. As part of our Jubilee Year celebrations, we explored how we can become Pilgrims of Hope. The children created a beautiful piece of collaborative artwork to show how we can bring light, love, and support to others through our actions and words.



**English** In English, the children have been drawing on their historical knowledge of The Great Fire of London to write diary entries from the perspective of someone who witnessed the event first-hand. They worked incredibly hard to capture the drama and emotion of the time—describing the sights, sounds, and chaos as the fire spread through the city. Their writing captivated the reader, giving a powerful insight into what people did and how they felt during this significant historical event.

<u>Maths In</u> Maths, we've been deepening our understanding of position and direction, using words like left, right, clockwise, and anti-clockwise through games and practical tasks. We've also worked hard to read and tell the time to the nearest five minutes—developing an important life skill along the way!

<u>Geography</u> The children created some brilliant projects all about Windsor. Using class iPads, they carried out independent research and presented their learning in beautifully designed double-page spreads. Their work reflected fantastic effort, growing independence, and real creativity.



Science In Science, we continued observing the development of our cress seeds, and we were amazed at how quickly they grew! This led us to look more closely at what plants and flowers need to survive and thrive. We discussed the roles of water, light, and soil, and carried out simple investigations to compare how plants grow in different conditions. The children made thoughtful predictions, kept observation records, and took great pride

in seeing their science learning come to life.



## YEAR TWO

<u>Design & Technology</u> We've been very busy designing and making our own soft toy puppets. The children carefully planned their designs, selected fabrics, and used simple stitching techniques to create their finished puppets. Their creativity and perseverance were fantastic to see!



<u>Computing</u> In Computing, we explored a photography unit and had lots of fun becoming mini photographers. We investigated different photography styles, including landscape and portrait, and learned about lighting, angles, and basic editing techniques to enhance our images.

<u>Music</u> This half term, we shared everything we've learned in our recorder lessons with a lovely class performance. The children played with rhythm, confidence, and a great sense of timing. Well done, everyone!

<u>**RSHE**</u> In RSHE, we learned how to stay safe around water—especially during summer trips to the beach, swimming pool, or river. The children listened well and took part in meaningful discussions about safety rules and how to act responsibly near water.

<u>French Day</u> French Day was a magnifique experience! The children were treated to a thoroughly enjoyable and educational assembly. Later in the day, children visited KS2 classes and heard some beautiful opera singing and had an opportunity to paint using Pointillism. Perhaps most exciting of all, the children explored French culture, tasted some delicious French food, and had a go at simple greetings and vocabulary. La nourriture était délicieuse! (The food was delicious!)

## **MAMAMAMAMA**

<u>Walk to School & Sports Day</u> We've been doing our best to stay active this half term. As well as taking part in a brilliant Sports Day, thank you to everyone who came to cheer, we've continued to join in with the Walk to School challenge—choosing to walk, stride, or scoot whenever possible. Congratulations to all those who earned their badges!





What an incredible end to an amazing year in Year 2. The children have worked incredibly hard. They have shown resilience, enthusiasm, and kindness on their journey. We are so proud of each and every one of them

and we are sure you are too!

From all of the Year 2 team, we would like to extend our sincere thanks for all the support from parents and carers throughout the year. We wish you and your families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break.



## YEAR THREE

Year 3 Summer Term

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During the summer term Year 3 have been learning about what it means to be reconciled with each other through forgiveness and reconciled with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Some children were able to relate to their experience of First Reconciliation as part of their journey in First Holy Communion.

In the topic of Special places, we thought deeply about which places were special for us, why they were special and what thoughts and feelings we experienced in our special places. Later in the topic, we learned about the special places in Jesus' life, which events happened there and what they look like today.

We then looked at what a pilgrim was, especially in this year of Jubilee. We looked at important places of pilgrimage in England and how it was affected by historic events. Walsingham was one such pilgrimage site. Children were inspired to draw the ruins of Walsingham, using water colours and designed a badge a pilgrim would wear to show that they had visited the ancient shrine.



#### English

We have been learning about how to structure a discussion text. First, we looked at whether school uniforms were a good or bad idea. Through discussion and debate, many children agreed that there were benefits and drawbacks for these useful pieces of clothing! This structure prepared us for the topic on zoos, where children passionately argued, weighing up the pros and cons and researching the conservation efforts pioneered by non -profit groups throughout the world. Children expressed strong opinions, gave detailed explanations and composed excellent pieces of writing reflecting their deep convictions.

#### Reading

Our reading texts have carefully selected to support children in developing the purpose and structure of discussion texts. We explored reasons why Ariel should live on land or remain with the merfolk and whether Willy Wonka's Chocolate factory should close or not. The children found the texts enjoyable, engaging and relatable and found it easy to structure arguments for and against. Time was spent understanding the structure of how to compose a response: make your point; explain and give evidence.



## YEAR THREE

#### Science

Our learning on the unit of plants was highlighted by our visit to Wisley RHS Gardens. We explored the Green House with the various temperate gardens and its great variety of plants. We learned about how light, water, air and soil supported a seeds germination through experiments.

We also had an exciting Science Day, where children created a rocket from paper and modified their design to make it more aerodynamic.

#### Geography

N geography, we have learned to name and locate counties within the United Kingdom, geographical features and the human and physical features. We used a search engine and planned a field trip in our local are to identify ways in which our town has changed. We enjoyed comparing our local towns, Slough and Maidenhead to New Delhi.













## **YEAR FOUR**

It has been a busy and exciting term for our Year 4 children! We had lots of fun while working hard to complete our tasks. The children took part in several assessments, including the Multiplication Check, where many achieved outstanding results. They should be very proud – their hard work truly paid off.

In English, the children wrote their own portal stories, featuring detailed and expressive setting descriptions. In Maths, we explored statistics, shapes, and position and direction – a topic the children thoroughly enjoyed.

In Geography, we investigated rivers. The children even created a class river model, making sure to include all the key features of a river from source to mouth.

Science was hands-on and exciting! Our investigations focused on sound. One highlight was exploring whether people with bigger ears can hear better – a fun and thought-provoking experiment.

In RE, we reflected on the theme of building bridges of love and friendship. We explored inspiring examples of bridge-builders, such as Pope John Paul II and Nelson Mandela.

It's been a term full of learning, creativity and growth. The children have earned a well-deserved summer break – we wish them a restful and joyful holiday!









## YEAR FIVE

#### <u>Year 5 – Summer Term</u>

#### Science.

Year 5 visited Whipsnade Zoo to help with our science topic, 'Living things and their habitats.' We have been studying the differences in the life cycle of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. During the trip, the children became an intrepid explorer of the rainforest in ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's Butterfly House. In pairs the children walked slowly around noting down every different species they saw in the microhabitat of the butterflies, where their life cycle occurs. They also experienced the habitats of many more wonderful animals, as shown in the pictures below.





## YEAR FIVE

#### <u>Art</u>

Children have been exploring the work of architects and individual builder/designers and use sketchbooks and drawing to collect, process and reflect upon ideas. The children then went on to build an architectural model of their aspirational home or tiny house, before sharing as a class to see what their peers have made.



#### <u>Science</u>

We celebrated British Science Week 2025 this term by researching Stephen Hawking, a famous scientist who inspired many people to become interested in science, including some of the world's leading astrophysicists and cosmologists. We also conducted a fun investigation, developing our learning of Forces, by making rockets.





## YEAR SIX



It has been a very exciting end of the year for our Year 6 children with a couple of school trips, our production, leavers' mass, shirt-signing and the disco all having happened over the last few weeks.

The Year 6s were lucky enough to enjoy a couple of very exhilarating school trips in June. They spent a day in Black Park where they were fortunate enough to take part in some activities on the high ropes at Go Ape. The pupils showed great bravery to overcome their fears and had a fun time

'hanging out' with their friends in the tree tops! We also had some free time where we relaxed in the sunshine with our friends and even had an ice cream to cool down. The children also went to Legoland where, again, they were able to enjoy a thrilling day going on lots of rides and enjoying some quality time with their peers before the end of term. Both were super days out and the children were extremely well-behaved.

The children were also lucky enough to have a Virtual Reality workshop session in school at the end of June. Year 6 had theirs on the 'Seven Wonders of the World' and were transported all over the globe to 'explore' these phenomenal sites that are visited by thousands of people every day. This was a definite favourite for lots of the children who will remember this experience forever!

They also really enjoyed showcasing their performance of Rock Bottom to parents, carers, families and friends over three shows in July. The children had worked very hard to learn all their lines and perfect the songs and were really excited to show off their hard work to their families. I am sure you will all agree that they were fantastic

We achieved some excellent SATs results this year too, well above the National Average in all subjects. As teachers, we are extremely proud of the children and all the hard work and effort they put in to prepare themselves for these tests. They have blown us away with their fabulous outcomes.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Friends of OLOP for the Year 6 children's lovely OLOP Leavers 2025 wristbands which they are all very pleased with.

We wish our Year 6 children the very best of luck at secondary school. We know they will make us proud in their future endeavours. We hope they hold Our Lady of Peace dear in their hearts and come back and visit us soon to tell us all about their new adventures!





#### PE

It has been another packed year of physical movement and sports at Our Lady of Peace. The aim of the PE team has been for **all** children to take part in moderate to vigorous physical activity for an average of 60 minutes a day, (30 minutes in the school day and 30 minutes outside of school) as per government guidelines as well as accessing a minimum two hours of quality PE per week during curriculum time, and also ensure there is equality of access to PE and extra-curricular school sport and competition. We firmly believe that physical activity is paramount to **all** 



children having better physical health, mental health, social wellbeing and school outcomes.

To help meet this: we have continued with our school teams, attended more off-site festivals and competitions, expanded our swimming programme, piloted new schemes and tried to promote a love of physical movement in every child.

A big thankyou goes to our House captains who have been fantastic

this year in their role of encouraging more children to get involved in a wide range of different games and activities during lunchtimes. We have also been able to attend festivals for year groups 1-6 in events such as girl's football, fencing, touch rugby, wrestling, cricket and athletics as well as being Slough's representatives at the Berkshire School Games.

The school football and netball teams ran throughout the year again and whilst we only managed to arrange the one game for the netball team, the whole squad have been extremely enthusiastic and great fun to coach! The boys and girls football teams enjoyed several matches with the girl's team finishing unbeaten and also winning the inaugural Catholic Schools festival held at St. Bernard's. A big thankyou to all the parents who have helped out with travel this year, it wouldn't have been possible without your support.

During this year, we have also taken part in an FA pilot scheme for Girl's football as well as running for the first time ever the 'Shooting Stars' programme to help develop girl's fundamental movement skills, teamwork, mental wellbeing and confidence. Another big thankyou to Alicia and Amelsona who were integral to the success of this scheme!

On top of all this, a range of sports was played at the After-school clubs, specialised coaches came to the school to teach as well as Olympian Beth Tweddle giving an assembly and a swimming pool appearing in the playground to give more children access to swimming lessons than we have been able to offer before!

We are delighted to announce that our commitment to the development of PE across the school has also been externally recognised as Our Lady of Peace has been awarded the School Games Silver award for the first time ever! A huge thankyou to everyone who has been involved in promoting and participating physical activity this year and we look forward to another fun filled year ahead!

Kind regards

Mr Phelan, Mr Brown and Mr Madigan



## **SLOUGH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

Dear All,

Slough Town Football Club would like to share an exciting opportunity to the school's community as a thank you for your continued support.

We have a pre-season fixture vs. Southend Utd on Tuesday 29th July.

Each person can access 2 x FREE tickets. As always all we ask is this offer is NOT shared via social media.

1. Click on link: <u>https://app.fanbaseclub.com/Fan/Tickets/SelectType?</u> <u>fixtureId=12357</u>

2. Use code at checkout: SCHOOLS100

Ashley Smith CEO Slough Town Football Club



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### **SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB**

# WESTGATE SCHOOL & BEECHWOOD SCHOOL HOLIDAY

# FREE WITH A HAF CODE! Angela@athenaangels.uk 07585128080 BOOKINGS OPEN TODAY!



### **COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SUPPORT**

## **Repair Cafe**

Please see below the Flyer advertising a Repair Café for any items that you may need support in fixing!

## **Youth Activities**

Please see below the attached timetable for **FREE** activities for young people in Slough

#### Family Fun Days

Please see below the Flyer detailing FREE Family Fun Days throughout the summer holidays

#### **SEND Support and Events**

Please see below Flyers for activities and Workshops available to families with SEND.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SUPPORT**



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### Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

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		源 FREE	Activi	ties for Y	oung	People	
	Мо	ndays					
	Ø	Media Monday Resource Productions	5–6.30pm (closed bank holidays)	The YES Space Slough High Street Next to Subway	11-19 up to 25 with SEND	Want to be involved in digital media making? Join our Media Mondays and discover all the skills and equipment to create eye-catching media content.	
	D	Slough Community Youth Soul Choir Beat Routes & Rebecca Richardson	5-7pm Term time	The Curve William St, Slough SLI IXY	6-16	Let your voice soar with this soulful choirl Develop your vocals and your confidence in this warm safe space.	
	D	Youth Choir Beat Routes	4:30-5:30pm and 6-7pm (2 Groups)	The Curve William St, Slough SLI IXY	13-21	Youth Choir for young people, get your voice heard! • 07715 282 961 😅 info@beatroutes.co.uk	
	•	Q Hub Slough Brighter Futures Together	6.30-8.30pm Every other Monday	Contact us for location	13-18	Enjoy events, take part in activities and make friends at the Q Hub Slough, a safe, supportive space where you can be proud of who you are with other LOBTQ+ teens. 4 07903 425814 Micky@brighterfuturestogether.org.uk	
	Tue	sdays					
	•	Volunteer Together As One (Alk Saoth)	6-8pm	29 Church St, Slough SLI IPL	11-19 up to 25 with SEND	Help the community, have fun, develop your skills and make Slough Together As One' G 01753 574 780 🤓 infogetogetherasone.org.uk	
	D	Music Centre: Music Technology Club Slough Music Service	4-6pm	Slough and Eton School	11-19 up to 25 with SEND	Calling any students interested in building their musical skills using technology. 4 01753 875732 😊 music.service@slough.gov.uk	
_	<b></b>	Youth Club Britwell Youth and Community Project (BYCP)	6-8:45pm Term time School Holiday Club Ilam-3pm Also on Thurs	Wentworth Ave, Slough SL2 2DH	8-18 up to 25 with SEND	Leisurely activities including dance, sports, arts & crafts, gaming, music production and more! Dance sessions 7pm-8pm \$ 01753 526802 @ paula.murphy@britwellyouthproject.org.uk	
	•	Mindfulness Beat Routes	5.30-6.30pm Term time only	Online email for details infogibeatroutes.co.uk	11-18	Learn to breathe, relax, stay calm and focus.	
	We	dnesdays					
	D	Song Writing and Music Production Beat Routes	6.30-8.30pm	The Curve William St, Slough SLI IXY	11-18	Come down and learn the tips and tricks to creating the perfect song or beat. 4 07715 282 981 😁 info@beatroutes.co.uk	
	٩	Slough Youth Orchestra Rehearsal Slough Music Service	3.45-5pm	St Bernard's School	11-19 up to 25 with SEND	Learn to play an instrument from a grade 3 standard and above!	
	ø	Photography Beat Routes	6.30-8.30pm	The Curve William St, Slough SLI IXY	11-18	Learn the art of photography alongside film, content creation and music production.	
<	•	Langley Youth Cafe Together As One (Aik Saath)	5:30-7:30pm	The Guide Hut Kedermister Park Reddington Drive Langley SL3 7QD	School years 7-11	Langley's youth cafe is all about fun vibes, learning amazing skills, and engaging in a variety of fun activities. Come down with your friends and join us for epic times!	
	٩	Rap School Slough Music Service	4-6pm	Grove Academy Ladbrooke Road Slough, SLI 2SR	9-18 up to 25 with SEND	Unlock your creativity and boost your confidence by performing and writing though lyrics!	
	Thu	ursdays					
	•	<b>Girls Group</b> Together As One (Aik Sooth)	5:30-7pm	29 Church St, Slough SL1 IPL	11-19 up to 25 with SEND	A safe space for young women and girls to build their confidence and social skills through creative activities and workshops.	
	<b>1</b>	Youth Club Britwell Youth and Community Project (BYCP)	6-8:45pm School Holiday Club 11am-3pm Also on Tues	Wentworth Ave, Slough SL2 2DH	8-18 up to 25 with SEND	Leisurely activities including: sports, boxing, arts & crafts, gaming, music production and more! 4 01753 526802 apaula.murphygibritwellyouthproject.org.uk	
	Ø	Arts Award Beat Routes	5.30-8.30pm	The Curve William St, Slough SLI IXY	11-18	Creative Development with Qualifications	
	D	Music Centre: Building Band Skills Slough Music Service	4-6pm	Lynch Hill Primary School Britwell	11-19 up to 25 with SEND	Do you play an instrument or sing? Come and work with like-minded young people to form bands.	

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#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SUPPORT**

Frie	days				
¢	Visual Arts Beat Routes	6.30-8.30pm	The Curve William St, Slough SLI IXY	11-18	Drawing, printmaking, photography and more! 📞 07715 282961 🤓 infa@beatroutes.co.uk
Sat	urdays				
<b>E</b>	Family Activities Antz Kidz	10am-2pm	Slough Museum 72 Buckingham Ave Slough, SL1 4PN	5+	Activities for the family. Pointing, Sculptures and more!
D	Steel Band	12.30-2.30pm Beginners join at 1.30pm	The YES Space Slough High Street Next to Subway	8-19	Unleash your inner musician! Join Slough's exciting community steel band and learn to create the mesmerizing sounds of the steel drum. Come be part of the fun and excite- ment, learning then making music at fun events around Slough \$0776 997 255 C bandgeswipemusic.com
Ø	Art Art Classes Group	4-6pm	Art Classes Group Centre, Observatory Shopping Centre, Gallery Level SLI 1LN	13-16	We provide visual art programmes with the chance to exhibit and sell the works locally and nationally.
•	Salt Hill VR Salt Hill Activity Centre	10am-12pm	Salt Hill Activity Centre Bath Road, Slough, SLI 35S		Discover the world of virtual reality like never before at Slough's premier VR arcade! Pay what you can afford. v01753 373789 einfo@salthillvr.com
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<b>()</b>	HAF Holiday Club Antz Kidz	Mon-Fri 10-2pm Feb Half Term Weds 33rd July- Weds 3rd Aug 10-2pm Summer Half Term.	St Mary's Farnham Royal School Church Road, SLI 3EW	5+	Holiday club during half term break! Easter, Summer and Winter. 🍆 07598 062569 📾 info@antzkidz.co.uk
<b></b>	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Youth Focus Group Together As One (Aik Saath)	5:30-7:30pm Last Weds of every month.	29 Church St, Slough SLI IPL	11-25	A welcoming space for young people to meaningfully discuss their experiences, socialise and play games. 4, 07709 525687 📾 jovi@togetherasone.org.uk
•	YES Young People's Steering Group Resource Productions	6-7.30pm First Thurs of every month	The YES Space Slough High Street Next to Subway	11-19 up to 25 with SEND	Join our youth participation group and influence local youth services. Participate in monthly meetings, share your perspective, and make a difference. \$20783 765234 @ info@yesslough.org.uk
•	Parent and Toddler Play Sessions Slough Modest Sisters	10-11.30am*	The YES Space Slough High Street Next to Subway	Up to 4	A fun, interactive space for little ones to learn and explore through play. Helping toddlers grow their confidence and skills while having fun!
•	Sisterhood Squad Slough Modest Sisters	12.30-2.30pm*	The YES Space Slough High Street Next to Subway	11-18	This is more than just a group; it's a safe space for girls to build confidence, learn skills, make meaningfui friendships, and be themselves. & Roshy 07522 793227
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YES Associates: Abri Amina Khayyam Do Animation Expressi Antz Kidz Apna Virsa Artswork Art Classes Group This programme has been generously sponsored by SEGRO plc and Arts Council England. ire Education and Yo ber 22



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#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SUPPORT**



# **SUMMER 2025 FAMILY FUN DAYS**



Wednesday 30th July – Mercian Way Park (Cippenham) – 11.30am-2.30pm Wednesday 6th August - Upton Court Park (Slough) - 10.30am-2.30pm Wednesday 13th August - Monksfield Recreation Ground (Britwell) - 11.30am–1.30pm Wednesday 20th August - Salt Hill Park (Central Slough) - 11.30am-1.30pm

Wednesday 27th August - Upton Court Park (Slough) - 11.30am-1.30pm.

SPORTS, ARCHERY, MUSIC, GIANT JENGA, GIANT CONNECT FOUR, & MUCH, MUCH MORE



# FREE! JUST TURN UP



#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SUPPORT**





# ART & ACTIVITY SIBLINGS SESSION

# SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN & SIBLINGS



Join us for a fun and relaxing art and activity session where you can:

- ✓ Take part in fun, creative activities all materials provided!
- Express yourself in a safe and supportive space.

Connect online with other children who share similar experiences.

## **BOOK YOUR SPOT!**

Book your free spot & provided materials and receive a code for the Zoom session by emailing: office@homestartberkshireeast.org.uk

We hope to see you there on: 30th July / 27th August online 11am - 12pm





#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SUPPORT**

# **CONNECT WORKSHOP**

Support and connect with your neurodiverse child.





## **INTERACTIVE SUPPORT**

- Meet other parents going through the same issue.
- Form friendships and support each other.
- Manage common meltdowns, special interests, anxiety, and senory issues.

VENUE: Chalvey Grove Childrens Centre Montem Middle School Slough SL1 2TE

## **DATES AND TIMES:**

Join us for free connection-driven parenting for neurodiverse families.

17th September - 15<sup>th</sup> October 2 hours a week for 5 weeks 9:30am - 11:30am

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With Christ in our hearts, together we grow

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#### CHURCH BULLETIN



#### Our Lady of Peace & St. Andrew's Church Parish Newsletter

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (C)



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CELEBRATING 55 YEARS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

This Sunday, 20th July 🕐 1 pm St. Andrew's Church - Bring & Share party

We're excited to remind everyone that this Sunday we'll be celebrating 55 wonderful years since St. Andrew's Church first opened its doors! All members of Our Lady of Peace and St. Andrew's communities are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion.

Here's what to do: 🇁 Bring a small plate of easy-to-share food 🗧 Don't forget your drinks 🔿 Enjoy the chance to catch up, mingle, and share memories.

One of the highlights of the day will be a display of our **commemorative tea towel**, first printed for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary — a beautiful reminder of our shared journey.

Let's come together in faith, friendship, and joy as we honour the past and look forward to the future. See you this Sunday at 1 pm!

Mass Times & Intentions							
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul OLOP 6 pm			6 pm	People of the Parish			
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	OLOP	9.30	Mabel Dias RIP (Lobo Family) Thanksgiving for Anitha Babu INT (Francis Family) Aleksander Pepaj RIP 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary (Pepaj Family) Dominic McGlynn RIP Birthday Remembrance (Bamber)			
		St. A	11.30	Nayana Rao RIP (Colleen Koeberg) People of the Parish			
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup> Jul	OLOP	9.30	Hilda Krajewski RIP (R. Group) Bignell (Foundation)			
Tue	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	OLOP	9.30	Thanksgiving for Parishioners INT (Maira Rawling)			
			11.30	Funeral Service - Helen Griffin RIP			
Wed	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	OLOP	9.30	Maria Rawling INT (Eleonore Kempson) Armando & Stella Borges INT (Borges Family)			
Thur	24 <sup>th</sup> Jul	St. A	9.30	Danny Shaw & Family INT (R. Group) Calliopi Brundish RIP (R. Group)			
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup> Jul	OLOP	9.30	Florence Matwiejczyk INT (Eleonore Kempson) People of the Parish			
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup> Jul	OLOP	10.00	Angela O'Donnell RIP Birthday Remembrance (O'Donnell) Eljie Reyes RIP 1st Anniversary			
			6 pm	James Sugrue RIP (O'Shea)			
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup> Jul	OLOP	9.30	Baby Jacob Walker RIP (Sarah & Mary Hogg) Terry Bowron RIP 11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Madeleine Bowron)			
		St. A	11.30	Dorothy Toerien RIP (Colleen Koeberg) Eljie Reyes RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Prithi Mascarenhas & Family INT (R. Group)			

#### YOUR HELP IS MUCH NEEDED!

The recent refurbishment of the grotto has greatly enhanced its appearance, making it a more welcoming and prayerful environment for all who visit. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supported this project, especially the two parishioners who made the contributions to start us off.

We now need help to cover the remaining costs of the refurbishment, we are kindly appealing for donations totaling **£3,500**. Your support—no matter the amount—will be greatly appreciated and will go directly toward paying the contractor for his hard work.

If you would like to help, **payment** can be made through Bank transfer (with reference **Grotto**), Dona machine is setup for your donations (**Grotto Refurbishment**) or pay to the Parish office.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

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Saturdays OLOP @10:00am WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays Vigil OLOP @ 6:00pm Sundays OLOP @ 9:30am St Andrews @ 11:30am

MORNING PRAYER

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri OLOP @ 9:15am Saturdays OLOP @ 9:45am Thursdays St. Andrews @ 9:15am

ADORATION

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri OLOP @ 8:15am Saturdays OLOP @ 8:45am Thursdays St. Andrews @ 8:30am

PARISH INFORMATION Parish Priest: Rev. Anthony Dampson, SMA

Assistant Priest: Rev. Amalraj Lawrence, SMA

Deacon: Rev. Deacon Michael Ossei-Williams

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All bookings for St Andrew's Please contact the bookings secretary on ① 07546 710834.



#### **CHURCH BULLETIN CONTINUED**

#### DECEASED

We remember in our prayers the following members of our community who have recently passed away. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

✤ Helen Griffin RIP who passed away recently. Her Funeral Service will be celebrated on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 11.30 am in Our Lady of Peace Church, followed by committal at Slough Crematorium.

✤ Margaret Philomena Walsh RIP who has passed away recently. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August at 1 pm in Our Lady of Peace Church. Margaret will be repatriated to Ireland later that day and will be laid to rest on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

Let us keep their families and loved ones in our prayers during this time of mourning and hope in the Resurrection.

#### JOIN OUR ALTAR SERVER TEAM: SERVE WITH JOY AND FAITH

Serving at the altar is a special way to help during Mass. When you serve, you help the priests, deacons, and the whole church family. Most importantly, you are serving Jesus!

You need to have made your First Holy Communion.
 Boys and girls are both welcome!

Interested? Intere

We'll be holding a meeting soon for all new and current altar servers. Come and be part of this important ministry!

**RED BOX** - Missio Fundraising Mass – A Message of Gratitude: Last Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July at St. Theresa's Church, we were honoured to welcome our National Director, Fr. Anthony Chantry, and Diocesan Director, Fr. Daniel Rooke, for a special Mass focused on our shared commitment to Missio fundraising. In his inspiring homily, Fr. Anthony shared heartfelt stories from his recent visits to Cambodia and Thailand, where the Catholic Church's work has brought hope and new life to communities affected by war and hardship. He also conveyed a powerful message of thanks from Pope Leo, expressing deep gratitude to all of us who support the missionary mission.

These stories remind us how our contributions make a real difference around the world. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and prayers.

SHEKHINAH PRAYER GROUP: This Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, the theme will be **Reflections on the Gospel of Luke 11:1-13**, for The Seventeenth Sunday of the Year (C). The speaker will be **Deacon Michael**.

#### UPCOMING KEY DATES

13 Sept Parish Tea Party11 Oct Parish Liturgy Conference14 Dec Parish Annual Concert

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HOLIDAY BLESSINGS: We wish each and every one of you a peaceful, refreshing, and joyful holiday season. May this be a time of rest, renewal, and cherished moments with your loved ones.

Stay safe, be well, and know that you remain in our prayers wherever your summer travels may lead, and may God's presence go with you always.

CHILDREN LITURGY: There will be a liturgy of the word this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July at OLOP, for all children attending school years Reception to Year 3 during the 9.30am mass.

As we approach the summer break, the **Children's Liturgy Team** would like to wish all our children and families a **happy**, **safe, and restful summer holiday**. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new term!

**RETIRING COLLECTION: Next weekend**, a retiring collection will be held for the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

A retiring collection for the **Apostleship of the Sea (Sea Sunday)** amounted to £209.70. We are very grateful for your continued support.

#### THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL PARISH BBQ

A heartfelt **thank you** to all who joined us for the Annual Parish BBQ last Sunday afternoon! Despite the short notice, your presence, enthusiasm, and generous spirit turned the event into a truly joyful gathering.

From the delicious dishes shared (especially those amazing salads!) to the lively music from the S.I.G.A Band and the laughter echoing through the parish garden—it was a beautiful reminder of the strength and warmth of our parish family.

We're grateful for each one of you who helped set up, cooked, cleaned, played, sang, or simply came to enjoy the afternoon. Your contributions made the day special, and we couldn't have done it without you.

Let's continue to build on this spirit of fellowship and faith. Until the next gathering—God bless you all!

TRAIN TO TEACH AT YOUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust is launching its Train to Teach programme starting in September 2026. To find out more and register your interest, visit to <u>www.stcat.co.uk/book-now</u>

**ST NICOLAS CHURCH TAPLOW:** We would love to welcome friends from the local churches to our **summer BBQ** in the stunning **Taplow Rectory Garden 1pm to 4pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.** Tickets are available in advance from the website <u>www.st-nicolas-taplow.org</u> under the "our shop - shop now" tab. £10 for adults and an accompanying child FREE per adult ticket purchased. We don't send out tickets but purchasing in advance means we can cater better and your name will be on a list at the entrance as a ticket holder.

GO IN PEACE

