

Newsletter—Friday 18th October

Volume 6

Dear Parents,

There has been a hive of activity at the school this week.

Today, there has been a real injection of the colour red as the children were invited to wear something red as part of our focus on 'Show Racism the Red Card'.

Year 3 have been on a school trip to Ufton Court to support their learning in History. The children were able to get involved in a range of activities that enabled them to learn more about the Stone Age.

On Thursday morning we welcomed prospective parents for our first open morning. The prefects did a sterling job showing our visitors around the school, talking to them about the learning that takes place and what their favourite bits about the school are. All our visitors were incredibly complimentary about the school and one person even said that they won't look elsewhere as they know you couldn't get any better! We're really proud of the hard work that the staff and pupils put into making Our Lady of Peace an outstanding place of learning.

For three days this week the Mission Team have been standing out on the front entrance collecting donations for our harvest charity work. We would like to thank all members of the school community who have made donations. These will really help those in need and supports our teaching about Catholic Social Teaching this year.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr N Stopps

Important dates:

October: Tuesday 22nd Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court Palace Wednesday 23rd Harvest Mass—10:30am Open Day 2—1:30pm to 2:45pm Thursday 24th Bags2School Year 6 Trip—Uxbridge Bunker Friday 25th Bags2School Doughnut Sale—3:15pm

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Class Attendance:

RHA—St Valentine –92.6%

RHC—St Joseph –97.8%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska –96.7%

Yr1—St Bernadette –95.9%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta –94.3%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene –97.8%

Yr3—St Paul –95.5%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres –99.5%

Yr4—St Peter –100%

Yr4—St John-Bosco –99.3%

Yr5—St Thomas More –92.5%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi –94.6%

Yr6—St Maximilian –98.6%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita –95%

Whole school weekly attendance: 96.2%



ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

This week's pupils of the week are:

- RHA—St Valentine—Tanvi
- RHC—St Joseph—Scarlett
- Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—Kaelan
- Yr1—St Bernadette—Lola
- Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—Ademide
- Yr2—St Mary Magadelene—Jayden
- Yr3—St Paul—The Whole Class
- Yr3—St Martin de Porres—Zane
- Yr4—St Peter—Ava
- Yr4—St John-Bosco—Nathan
- Yr5—St Thomas More—Fionn
- Yr5—St Clare of Assisi—Ananya
- Yr6—St Maximilian—Demetrious
- Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—Justyna

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





PARENT SUPPORT

Pencil Cases

A reminder that pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are able to bring in their own pencil case with stationary to use during lessons. This will support the school with ever increasing tight budgets. In your pencil case you will need: good quality writing pencils, a plain rubber, a sharpener, a blue handwriting pen (see below) and a white glue stick. You will also need a 30cm easy to read and use ruler, a pack of colouring pencils and a pack of basic felt tips (no sharpies etc.) Please respect that fashion stationery is best kept for home, as it causes a lot of distraction for the children in class. Please name as much as possible, so items can be returned. The school will not accept any responsibility for items which are lost or stolen.

For handwriting pens, we recommend the blue Manuscript Handwriting pens which can be purchased on Amazon here: <u>https://www.amazon.co.uk/Manuscript-Handwriting-Pen-Blue-Pack/dp/B012AB9Y4Y</u>



Boxes of Tissues Plea!

As we move deeper into the Autumn and Winter seasons, we are seeing the inevitable increase in colds and sniffles. As you can imagine, we go through a lot of tissues in school during this time!

We are kindly asking if parents would be able to donate a box of tissues that can be used in the classrooms. If you are able to make a donation, please drop the tissues off at the school office.

Many thanks for your continued support.





COMMUNITY NEWS

We are holding open days to showcase our wonderful school. Prospective parents will be beginning to look at potential schools for their children to start Reception in September 2025. Please do let anyone you know who is looking for a school space that we have open days organised for October and November. We are an inclusive school who welcome children of all faiths.

If you know of anyone looking for school spaces for other year groups or needing a current Reception space, please ask them to contact the school office.

OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'

AN INCLUSIVE SCHOOL WHERE CHILDREN OF ALL FAITHS ARE WELCOME

OPEN DAYS

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 9:15 - 10:45AM WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER 1:30 - 2:45PM WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 9:15 - 10:45AM THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 1:30 - 2:45PM

In July 2024 79% achieved a Good Level of Development in Reception

93% passed the Phonics Screening Check

88% achieved the expected standard in Reading and Maths in Year 6

84% achieved the expected standard in Writing in Year 6

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FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: ADMISSIONS@OLOPPRIMARY.CO.UK





FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

Christmas Fair - 30th November

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching and we are asking for your help please with the following donations:

New, unused gifts for the tombola - this could include toys, toiletries, candles, mugs, stationery or anything else you can think of that would make a nice prize!

Preloved Christmas jumpers - if you have any outgrown Christmas jumpers, please let us have them so we can run a preloved jumper stall at the Fair - in time for Christmas jumper day in December!

Bottles of drink - Friday 8th November will be a non-uniform day and in exchange we are asking everyone to bring a bottle of drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) for our bottle tombola this is always our most popular stall at the Christmas Fair and we rely on your generous donations to stock it.

And of course, we need volunteers to help us on the day. It's not possible to put on large events like the Christmas Fair without lots of helpers, so any time you are able to spare makes a huge difference. If you would like to get involved, please chat to us in the playground or email friends@olopprimary.co.uk

Can you help?

Or you can just sign up to help here: https://volunteersignup.org/DTD8L



FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS CONTINUED

Thursday 7th November 2024—Tickets for Santa's Grotto on sale at drop off time!

Please also remember to place your orders for the children's Christmas artwork project by noon on Wednesday 23rd October. As well as Christmas cards, there are lots of other products available which could make great Christmas gifts for friends and family.

Class Fundraising





WAKE UP WEDNESDAY-NATIONAL COLLEGE

Ofcom's latest Media Use and Attitudes Report states that most children can watch streamed films on a mobile device both in and out of the home, with 80% of UK children watching films on phones, tablets or laptops. That's a lot of youngsters who might be using their own gadgets to watch something suitably spooky this Halloween season or perhaps, something a little too frightening.

With older children in particular, it can be difficult knowing how to manage their increasing interest in more mature content – including horror films, in many cases – let alone knowing how best to safeguard them from inappropriate material.





PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING DROP-IN CLINICS AND GROUP SESSIONS

Please find below timetable for Public Health Nursing Drop-in Clinics and Group Sessions in order to get support and advice.

Public Health Nursing Drop-in Clinic and Group Sessions

September to November 2024

SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER							NOVEMBER										
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	M	10N	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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These sessions are for parents with children between 0 -19 years of age.

Olive Room at Cippenham Nursery Postcode: SL1 5NL



Aug 2024

Postcode: SL3 8PE 2nd Wednesday of every month - 13:30 to 15:30pm

Penn Road Children Centre Postcode: SL2 1PG 1ª Thursday of every month – **13:30 to 15:30pm**

Chalvey Children Centre Postcode: SL1 2TE 3rd Friday of every month – **09:30 to 11:30am**



These sessions are run by a Nursery Nurse and last for 90 minutes.

Group Sessions Mondays at Penn Road:

09:30 to 11:00am **09/09** – Childhood Illnesses **16/09**- Fussy Eating & Healthy Diet **23/09** – Keeping Safe **30/09** – Toilet Training **07/10** – Looking after you **14/10** – Child Development

Group Sessions Fridays at Romsey Close: 09:30 to 11:00am 08/11 – Childhood Illnesses

15/11- Fussy Eating & Healthy Diet 22/11- Keeping Safe 29/11 – Toilet Training

If you have any further enquiries please contact us on:

Telephone: 01753 373464 Email: publichealthnursing.4slough@nhs.net



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Let's Connect is a social network to support the wellbeing of citizens over the age of 18 by connecting with each other, with organisations and services and with the many opportunities in our community. Please see the Flyer below for more information and how to join.

Let's Connect

Our community wellbeing network

Let's Connect is a social network to support the wellbeing of citizens over the age of 18 by connecting with each other, with organisations and services and with the many opportunities in our community. Those who join the network will bring their own strengths as well as gaining from the support of others, based on their own personal choices.



What we offer

- "Let's Connect" meetings We have regular Let's Connect meetings to support you to build a social network or to simply have contact with someone
- Individual meetings We can offer up to six individual meetings to support people think about what they would like to do or connect with in their life
- Community connection We can connect you to groups and organisations in your local community that can support you or may interest you

Who can join?

- You might live in the local area and feel your wellbeing would develop with more social contact and better information about your rich local community
- You may have had support for your mental health in the past and now you want to make more choices about how to support your health
- You may still be receiving support for your mental health but want to additionally make choices about other ways to support yourself through social contact

How to join

If you'd like to join the network, please contact us at:

*Individual sessions arranged by email or phone

Letsconnect@berkshire.nhs.uk



0300 365 4440



Version 1.1

Let's Connect Wellbeing Network - social sessions

We invite you to join us to meet others and make new friends and connections. You can also get information about connecting with other things of interest in the local community.

Slough 11am - 12pm

Every Wednesday

Find us at Tesco Extra Café, Brunel Way, Slough, SL1 1XW

Maidenhead 1pm - 2pm

Every Wednesday starting 1st May 2024

Find us at Bardo Lounge, High Street, Maidenhead SL6 1QJ

MORE locations to be announced soon...

To keep up to date with new Let's Connect meetings, please check our website - <u>https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/mental-health-and-wellbeing/let-s-connect-community-wellbeing-network/</u>

We all have different strengths

We believe that by putting people at the heart of their own wellbeing journey we can help each other to grow connections, combat feelings of isolation and strengthen the wellbeing of local citizens.

Saying "Hi, it's good to see you" may be an important contribution you have made to someone's life, and that's just the start!

> Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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SLOUGH DOMESTIC ABUSE SUPPORT SERVICE

Sessions are held in the local Family Hubs. Parents and carers can access support advice and guidance in a safe and confidential space. No appointment necessary. Please see the Flyer below for more information and contact details.

Domestic Abuse Support in Slough

Hestia provides emotional and practical support to those experiencing domestic abuse in Slough and wider communities.

Our service includes:

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- Independent Domestic Violence
- Advocacy (IDVA)
- Floating Support
- Educational Programmes

Contact

For more information or confidential advice please contact our specialist team:

(+44) 01753 477 352



Slough.IDVA@hestia.org

Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA)

Our Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA) support victims of domestic abuse that are assessed as high risk cases.

Working closely with key stakeholders we work directly with survivors of domestic abuse to reduce risk and improve the well-being and safety of our service users and their children.

Floating Support

Our team also provides floating support to adults experiencing or who have experienced domestic abuse. You can contact our team directly or be referred by the police, social services and other partner agencies.

Educational Programmes

Join us for our 12-week psychoeducational programme. This supportive awareness group will provide a wider understanding of domestic abuse and support you in your next steps as a survivor. Upon completion you will have the chance to create your own

peer-support group based on Hestia's award-winning Butterfly Project*. women only



CHURCH BULLETIN



YOUR AMAZING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: The St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust is proud to be home to a family of 17 schools across the south of the Diocese of Northampton. Our mission is to support schools to: Taining of 2 schools actors the sound of the Docese of reoritaning on Continuing on Co

These are your Catholic schools. They are part of your community and we hope you are incredibly proud of what they achieve. For example, did you know that the primary schools in our Trust provide a quality of education that is far stronger than the national average, with outcomes close to 10% higher than other schools? More importantly, we serve our children and young adults by introducing them to Christ, showing them a path that is inspired by His teachings and then supporting them to do the best that is possible. We would ask for your help and support in our mission in three ways:

Tell others about our schools Come and join us We need more Catholic teachers. We If they have children of any age, encourage them to secure a place in need you! We also have lots of opportunities to train to teach and a

one of our great schools. You can find details here: host of other roles across our schools in Slough. Scan here for more:

Our schools will be strengthened through your prayers. It takes a village througn your prayers. It takes a vinage to raise a child and our village is defined by Parish - Home - School. May our patron, St Thomas of Canterbury, watch over us and inspire us. St Thomas, PRAY FOR US!

Pray for us

MUSICAL & OPERA NIGHT: Saturday 9th November Four professional opera singers, with piano accompaniment, will perform a mixture of Arias and songs from Musicals at the 35th Annual evening organised by the Catenians. Interested but not sure what it's like, please take a look at this promotional film on <u>https://www.voutube.com/watch/vict/WickSes</u>] Profits from the event go to The Lifestyle Club (a charity supporting people with diabetes). This event takes place at Clare's Court School, Maidenhead at 7.30pm on Saturday ^{Bi} November. Tickets £28 pp are available from Jonathan Holder via <u>manorcott@outlook.com</u> or ring 07740 430599

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD, 21st – 24th November 2024: Join Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, for this retreat exploring the human condition with practices common to mindfulness and to Christian contemplative prayer. The retreat will seek to reclaim those practices that share common ground with the tradition of apophatic prayer and theology rooted in the monastic and the Eastern Orthodox traditions. For more information and to register https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/

SHEKHINAH PRAYER GROUP Meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7.00pm to 8.30pm via Zoom with Catholic teachings on different topics. Lectio Divina (Praying the Scriptures), takes place on alterative weeks. The theme for this Wednesday 23^{ed} October will be Reflections on the Gospel Mark 10:46-50 Thirtieth Sunday of the Year Time B. The Speaker will be Deacon Michael.

FINANCES We are extremely grateful for your financial support, also to the volunteers who help in so many ways. Standing Order via donor's own bank:. The information you require to make this donation is as follows: Bank: NatWest. Sort Code; 60-06-11. Account Number; 46716203. Account Name; RCDN Our Lady of Peace. Payment Ref. Our Lady of Peace, Slough. Standing Order through this link: https://northamptondiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/GAD-general-June-18-v2-revision.pdf.



ST ANDREW'S, CIPPENHAM Washington Drive, Slough SL1 SRE Parish Priest: Fr Anthony Da OUR LADY OF PEACE PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL Derwent Drive, Slough SL1 6HW Tel: 01628 661886 [Imail: control/contents on the

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20th OCTOBER 2024 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)

ENCOUNTER RETREAT: Our journey towards a parish mission early next year continues and, as a follow up to our recent Mission Retreat weekend, we will be hosting Mission Northampton at St Andrews Church as they lead us in a retreat day on **Saturday 26th October 2024**. The theme will be **"Encounter**" as we prepare to meet Jesus and get to know hilm personally. The retreat is from 10.00am - 5.00pm and the cost for the day is E15.00 including lunch and unlimited leas and coffees. To sign up please go to <u>https://northamptondiccese.org/courses/encounter</u>slough-october-2024/

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Will be kept in Our Lady Chapel throughout the month of November. PLEASE DO NOT write any names in the book

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: The Holy Souls mass envelopes are available and can be found in the Church porches. Please include the names of your deceased family members and friends along with your offerings in the envelope. The envelopes can be placed in the Holy Souls Box in front of the Altar. Your dear ones will be remembered at all the Masses for the Holy Souls offered during November. Masses will be said in memory of those whose names are inscribed on the pews and chairs

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025: This is your final reminder to register your child for the First Holy Communior

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025: This is your final reminder to register your one one there is a construction of the program in 2025! We are excited to velcome children who are ready to deepen their faith and prepare for this special secarament. The programme will provide a nutruing and engaging environment where children can learn about the importance of First Holy Communion and grow closer to God. Children who are baptised Catholics and are in Year 3 or above by September 2024 are eligible to participate. The registration deadline is October 27th 2024. To register your child soon to secure their spot in the programme.

OFFERTORY: The collection for 13th October amounted to £735.53. The DONA plate offerings amounted to £65.87 for this weekend. The Tea & Coffee collection for 13th October amounted to £20. We are very grateful for your continued support. There will be a retiring collection THIS weekend for World Mission Sunday 'Missio'.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayse, solidarily and action. We are called to 'Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet' (Mat 22-29), for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, just here trim globas collection or DONA, today dedicated to this cause. b) use the Mission envelope to claim Gift Aid and place it into the loose collection AFTER filling the required information. c) pay by cheque taking the envelope home and possing the cheque in the prepaid envelope having filled in the required information on the tear-off card and Gift AidingPAYEE - World Mission Sunday.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS							
Saturday 6.00pm	19th October Our Lady of Peace (Vigil Mass)	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Donal O'Connor RIP (Brid & Mairin) Frank Stewart RIP (Valerie Stewart)					
Sunday 9.30am	20 th October Our Lady of Peace	Iris Goldberg RIP 10 th Anniversary (Goldberg Family) Aleksander Pepaj RIP (Alma Pepaj & Family) John Burton RIP (Mary Heaney) Simplicio Antonio Rodrigues RIP Birthday Remembrance (Christian Rodrigues) Mary Pender RIP (William Pender)					
11.30am	St. Andrews	Eva de Jesus Catarino RIP (Carmen Catarino) Michelle & Peter Moran INT Special Intention for Evelyn Sepala (Prem and Dilys Sepala) Thanksgiving for Eiora Suzana Fernandes Birthday INT (Fernandes Family)					
Monday	21st October						
8.15am 9.15am	Adoration Morning Prayer	Our Lady of Peace					
9.30am	Mass	Florence Matwiejczyk INT (Mary Barker) Kinga INT For Healing (Adrianna)					
Tuesday	22 nd October						
8.15am	Adoration	Our Lady of Peace					
9.15am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mass	Thanksgiving for Jesurel Madappallil Birthday INT (Borges) Zina & Family INT (R. Group)					
Wednesday 8.15am 9.15am	23 rd October Adoration Morning Praver	Our Lady of Peace					
9.30am	Mass	Thanksgiving for Urszula Anton Birthday INT (Anton Family Thanksgiving for Edward Agbaje Birthday INT (Anton Family Rooney (Foundation)					
Thursday	24th October						
8.30am 9.15am	Adoration Evening Prayer	St. Andrews					
9.30am	Mass	Dansie & May O'Mahony RIP (O'Donnell) Kinga INT For Healing (Adrianna)					
Friday 8.15am 9.15am	25 th October Adoration Morning Praver	Our Lady of Peace					
9.30am	Mass	Prithi Mascarenhas INT (R. Group) Robbie Roberts RIP (Monika Anton & Family)					

8.45am 9.45am	Adoration Morning Prayer	Our Lady of Peace							
10.00am	Mass	Thanksgiving for Clarissa Fernandes Birthday INT (Borges) Howlin, James & Catherine (Foundation)							
6.00pm	Our Lady of Peace (Vigil Mass)	THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Marie Corcoran RIP (McLean) Judy Creedon RIP (McLean) Thanksgiving for Liz & Sirian Jenkins 56 th Wedding Anniversary INT (Jenkins Family)							
Sunday	27th October								
9.30am	Our Lady of Peace	Bridie O'Connor INT (R. Group) Florence Matwiejczyk INT (Christina) Davies Family RIP (Valerie Stewart) Mary Pender RIP (William Pender)							
11.30am	St. Andrews	Modesta Fortino RIP 1# Anniversary (Carmelina Farrugia & Family) Thanksgiving for Alyzna D'Silva Birthday INT (Wendy & Family) Gregory D'Silva RIP (Wendy & Family) Special Intention for Evelyn Sepala (Prem and Dilys Sepala)							

HOST OUR LADY WITH THE ROSARY: October is a month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Devotion to Mary has always been at the heart of our life and worship. If a good time to remember that Mary's yes' changed the word. Our Lady's status will be passed from one household to another throughout the month of October. We invite families to come together to say the Rosary and if possible invite neighbors to pray with them. Please contact Venecia, our Panis Secretary, via email <u>office ourladyobeace@nothemplondiccese.org</u> or by phone at 01628 60576 to express your interest and provide a few preferable dates.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: You Can Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme starting with a residential weekend from 8% -10% Nov Call or text 0788 7296983 or Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com www.retrouvaille.org.uk

OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL: OPEN DAYS

26th October

Saturday

Wednesday 23rd October 1.30pm – 2.45pm
Wednesday 13rd Notober 1.30pm – 2.45pm
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Thursday 14rd November 9.130pm – 2.45pm
For more information email: <u>admissions@cloopprimary.co.uk</u> or call 01628 661 886

PRAYING WITH ST DOMINIC, 1st - 3rd November 2024: This retreat explores the life and faith of St Dominic de Guzman, founder of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans), whose objective was to continue safeguarding the Catholic faith. His Marian devotion and the place of the rosary in Christian prayer will be a special focus of this retreat preached by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP. For more information and to register, click here https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/praving-with-saint-dominic/