

Newsletter—Friday 11th October

Volume 5

Dear Parents,

Hoping you've all had a good week.

Firstly, I'm very pleased to share the news that we have a very special new member of the school community. Mrs Bainbridge left at the end of September to begin her maternity leave. I can announce that baby Alice Bainbridge has arrived and both baby and mother are doing well. We send our congratulations to the Bainbridge family!

Today Mrs Woods and I have accompanied the Mission Team to the Northampton Diocese School's Mass at St Mary's Church in Dunstable. It was a truly lovely Mass which Bishop David led. During the service he commissioned the Mission Team for this academic year, asking them to be leaders and active members of the school community, working together to achieve the mission of the Church. We look forward to this year ahead and what the Mission Team will be focussing their efforts on this year. Well done to Shai, Amber, Shanaya, Darcey, Fionn, Niamh, Precious, Mishka, Cara, Mohammed and Amelsona for forming the team. They will be working closely with Mrs Koeberg and Mrs Arampatzi this year.

To end my note in the newsletter, Bishop David also gave a message for us all, 'I hope that all members of your school and parish community will grow to appreciate the importance of 'listening,' 'being' and 'doing' so that each one develops a real and loving personal relationship with Jesus Christ and can hear his unique calling to each one of them.'

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend!

Best wishes.

Mr N Stopps

Important dates:

October:

Thursday 17th

Open Day—9:15-10:45am

Tuesday 22nd

Year 5 Trip to

Hampton Court Palace

Wednesday 23rd

Harvest Mass

Open Day 2—1:30pm to 2:45pm

Friday 25th

Doughnut Sale

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Class Attendance:

RHA—St Valentine -96.9%

RHC—St Joseph –94.1%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska –96.3%

Yr1—St Bernadette -98%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta -96.8%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene -98.3%

Yr3—St Paul -96.3%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres -95.8%

Yr4—St Peter -95.5%

Yr4—St John-Bosco -96.3%

Yr5—St Thomas More –96.8%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi -97.2%

Yr6—St Maximilian -94.1%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita -91.8%

Whole school weekly attendance: 95.9



ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

This week's pupils of the week are:

RHA—St Valentine—Nathaniel

RHC—St Joseph—Rian

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—Oskar

Yr1—St Bernadette—Tigerlily

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—Ibrahim

Yr2—St Mary Magadelene—Emilia

Yr3—St Paul—Gisselle

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—Prabhjot

Yr4—St Peter—Caleb A

Yr4—St John-Bosco—Shanaya

Yr5—St Thomas More—Niamh

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi—Reet

Yr6—St Maximilian—Iman

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—Jeremiah K

Congratulations to all of our pupils of the





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.





MY ACTIVE CALENDAR



My Active Calendar



It is always important to keep fit and healthy (and have fun doing it!)

Here is your very own Get Set 4 PE Active Calendar. Your challenge is to complete an active game every weekday throughout October.

Follow these steps to help you:

- Go to www.getset4education.co.uk and click on the Home Learning tab to see the Active Families Games.
- Pick an active game and play it.
- Write the name of the game you played onto your active calendar and enter a symbol to show how it made you feel. Remember, some days you may not enjoy a game but then love it on another day. Give games a go more than once.

www.getset4education.co.uk





GIRLS FOOTBALL

Some members of this years Our Lady of Peace Year 5/6 Girls football team were lucky enough to be able to attend a Girls football festival at Arbor Park, home of Slough Town, last week. The rain held off and allowed the girls to take part in a variety of training drills and fun practices before playing some mini-matches against other local schools. The girls all had a great time showing off their skills and were magnificent ambassadors for the school!









FENCING

Some of the Year 1 and Year 2 pupils were lucky enough to attend the Slough Schools fencing festival at Singh Sabha. The children played a number of games to learn the proper stance and how to move about. They learnt a lunging technique to score points against an opponent. Once the games had finished the children had the opportunity to practise what they learnt, safely on each other. The children had protective head gear and a foam sword to play mini competitions to see who was a master fencer.

The children had a great time learning different skills and engaging in a new sport.





FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

Bag2School

Our next Bag2School collection will be on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th October. Please bring your bags of used clothing, shoes, handbags and household linen (in re-usable condition) at drop-off time on these days and we will be in the car park to collect the bags.

We are paid by weight collected so every item makes a difference and it's a great opportunity to clear out your wardrobe and raise money for school by donating your unwanted items!

Christmas Fair - 30th November

There is only 7 weeks left until our Christmas Fair and Market!

We have some lovely stallholders already for our Christmas Market - if you know anyone else who might be interested, please ask them to email friends@olopprimary.co.uk for more details and a booking form.

We'd also love to hear from any local companies who may be interested in sponsoring any element of the fair - such as the raffle, grotto, food stalls, etc. Please get in touch for more details.

Oakwood Estate Agents have once again offered us sponsorship to promote the Christmas Fair through their estate agents boards - if you are willing to have a board in your front garden to promote the Fair, please contact us on friends@olopprimary.co.uk.







FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS-CONTINUED

Christmas Cards

The children have been busy creating their wonderful Christmas designs for Christmas cards and Christmas keepsake products. You will receive their design and order form shortly in their school bag with instructions on how to place your order. We have had a sneak preview and the designs look amazing!

As well as cards, there are a range of other products available which would make ideal gifts or keepsakes, professionally reproduced with your child's hand-drawn design on it.

Friends of OLOP makes commission on any orders placed so please support us if you are able to!

The deadline to order the products is Wednesday 23rd October so please ensure all orders are placed by then.

Thank you for your cooperation.





WAKE UP WEDNESDAY—NATIONAL COLLEGE

A Home Office study has found that approximately 350 children are injured in accidental fires every year. Naturally, this highlights the importance of educating young people on fire safety – ensuring they're aware of what precautions they can take to keep themselves protected around flammable materials and naked flames.

It can be difficult to know where to start when teaching children and young people about this potentially life-saving topic. That's why we've put together this free guide, offering expert advice on how to educate those in your care about fire safety. It breaks down the steps you can take to protect youngsters in common situations – from bonfire night to lighting a few scented candles.





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

WED MON TUE THU FRI SAT SUN 1 7 2 3 4 5 6 8 12 9 10 11 13 14 15 18 16 17 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

OCTOBER

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

NOVEMBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

0 - 19 years Drop-in Clinic:

These sessions are for parents with children between 0 -19 years of age.

Olive Room at Cippenham Nursery
Postcode: SL1 5NL

4th Tuesday of every month – **13:30 to 15:30pm**

Romsey Close Children Centre

2nd Wednesday of every month - 13:30 to 15:30pm

Penn Road Children Centre

Postcode: SL2 1PG 1st Thursday of every month – 13:30 to 15:30pm

Chalvey Children Centre

3rd Friday of every month – **09:30 to 11:30am**

Group Sessions:

These sessions are run by a Nursery Nurse and last

or 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

Telephone: 01753 373464

Email: publichealthnursing.4slough@nhs.net

Aug 2024



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:



Letsconnect@berkshire.nhs.uk



0300 365 4440

*Individual sessions arranged by email or phone



Version 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 - https://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/mental-health-and-wellbeing/let-s-connect-community-wellbeing-network/

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!



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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:

- 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*.

Hestia.org





CHURCH BULLETIN

NEW YOUTH GROUP: Age 7-12 We are thrilled to announce the creation of a new Youth Group designed specifically for children aged 7-12 years old. This exciting initiative aims to foster friendship, community, encouragement and to have fun with our young people.

Location: Alternate between Our Lady of Peace & St Andrews.

Meetings: Every 3rd Sunday of each Month after Mass, alternating between Our Lady of Peace and St. Andrews. The first meeting will take place on October 20rd directly after Mass at Our Lady of Peace.

To join, please:

- Sign up using the QR code provided on the poster OR
- Fill out the registration sheet available after masses.

We are actively seeking young leaders to join our team. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact the Youth Leaders. We look forward to welcoming our young people to this vibrant new community!

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 16th October will be Reflections on the Gospel Mark 10:35-45 Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year Time B. The Speaker will be Deacon Michael.

FROM THE DIOCESE

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER: For a shared mission. We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY: On Sunday 13th October, the Church marks Prisoners' Sunday, the National Day of Prayer, action, and generosity for those in prison, their loved ones, and those who work with them. Across England and Wales, parishes are invited to join in praying for those who have taken the wrong path and ended up in prison. Bishop David shall be celebrating the 11.00am Mass at Northampton Cathedral for Prisoners' Sunday on 13 October. Pact works in five prisons in the diocese, as well as in the community. They humbly request that parishes consider taking up a second collection to support the work of Pact in the year ahead. Your support means we can do more for prisoners and their families.

PILGRIMAGE

ESCORTED TOUR TO IRELAND St. Bernadette's Relics: Sunday 03rd November 2024, £899.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on certain days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit St Bernadette's Relics, Knock Shrine, Galway City, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey & Fr. Peyton Centre. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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. Playment Ref: Our Lady of Peace, Slough. Standing Order through this link: https://northamptondiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/GAD-general-June-18-v2-revision.pdf.



13th OCTOBER 2024 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)

EVENING MASS: Several parishioners have expressed their interest in attending evening masses. We invite our parishioners who commute to work everyday, as well as those who for various reasons find it difficult to attend morning masses, to express their interest in an evening Mass. We are always ready and delighted to meet the Spiritual needs of our Parishioners. Please keep in mind that this will be an additional Mass and not a substitution for our traditional 9:30am Masses.

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 26" October 2024. The theme will be "Encounter" as we prepare to meet Jesus and get to know Him personally. The retreat is from 10.00am - 5.00pm and the cost for the day is £15.00 including lunch and unlimited teas and coffees. To sign up please go to https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/encounter-slough-october-2024/

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. It's a good time to remember that May's 'yes' changed the world. Our Lady's statue 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 Parish Secretary, via email office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org or by phone at 01628 60576 to express your interest and provide a few preferable dates.

SING4YOU: The popular Burnham choir, are coming to St Andrew's on Saturday 19th October, Tickets are on sale now after Masses, price £10 each, children under 10 years free. This is a fun musical evening, there will be a bar and a raffle, be proceed ser going to the Cippenham Shared Church Trust which pays for the upkeep of \$1 Andrew \$0.00 alons of raffle prizes can be put in the box at church or handed to any of the Trustees. Only 1 more weekend to go so please get your tickets if you have not already done so

OFFERTORY: The collection for 6th October amounted to £728.48. The DONA plate offerings amounted to £97.96 for this weekend. The Tea & Coffee collection for 6th October amounted to £27.22. The retiring collection for CAFOD amounted to £230. We are very grafted in Your continued support.

There will be a retiring collection NEXT weekend for World Mission Sunday 'Missio'.

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD: Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Harvest season. Your donation in our parish collection or online and your prayers are helping young people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with support, like training, so they can carve their way to a better future. We are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one global family. Learn more at cafod.org.uk/harvest

	MASS T	TIMES AND INTENTIONS
Saturday	12th October	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
6.00pm	Our Lady of Peace	Pat & Rose O'Mahony RIP (O'Donnell)
	(Vigil Mass)	Frank Stewart RIP (Stewart Family)
		Mann (Foundation)
Sunday	13th October	
9.30am	Our Lady of Peace	Bridie O'Connor INT (R. Group)
		Mary McCarthy INT (Alma & Family)
11.30am	St. Andrews	Special Intention (Annie Ryan)
		Carmel Karunaratna RIP (Karunaratna Family)
		Special Intention for Evelyn Sepala (Prem and Dilys Sepala)
Monday	14th October	
8.15am	Adoration	Our Lady of Peace
9.15am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Mass	Dill Dett DID Assistance (Dett)
9.30am	Wass	Bill Batt RIP Anniversary (Batt) Thanksgiving for Yvonne Cafferty INT (Kay)
		manksgiving for Evolute Calletty INT (Kay)
Tuesday	15th October	
8.15am	Adoration	Our Lady of Peace
9.15am	Morning Prayer	D. W. T. J. BID (B. C)
9.30am	Mass	Priscilla Taylor RIP (R. Group)
		Florence Matwiejczyk INT (Denise)
Wednesday	16th October	
8.15am	Adoration	Our Lady of Peace
9.15am	Morning Prayer	Dillin I WE DO
9.30am	Mass	Prithi Mascarenhas INT (R. Group)
Thursday	17th October	
8.30am	Adoration	St. Andrews
9.15am	Evening Prayer	
9.30am	Mass	Marie Corcoran RIP (Shelagh Whitehouse)
		Parsons (Foundation)
Friday	18th October	
8.15am	Adoration	Our Lady of Peace
9.15am	Morning Prayer	
9.30am	Mass	Paul Sherriff RIP (R. Group)
		Thanksgiving for Irene & Sajid Ali 50th Wedding Anniversary
		(Ali-Maraj)
Saturday	19th October	
8.45am	Adoration	Our Lady of Peace
9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Mass	Mann (Foundation)
10.00am	IVIdSS	Mann (Foundation) People of the Parish
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6.00pm	Our Lady of Peace (Vigil Mass)	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Donal O'Connor RIP (Brid & Mairin) Frank Stewart RIP (Valerie Stewart)
Sunday	20th October	
9.30am	Our Lady of Peace	Iris Goldberg RIP 10th Anniversary (Goldberg Family) Aleksander Pepaj RIP (Alma Pepaj & Family) John Burton RIP (Mary Heaney) Simplicio Antonio Rodrigues RIP Birthday Remembrance (Christina Rodrigues)
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 Elora Suzana Fernandes Birthday INT (Fernandes Family)

DECEASED: Rosario Chiappetta (Ross Bolton) RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosario Chiappetta RIP who died recently, details of the funeral will be available soon. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

300 CLUB: The Autumn draw for the 300 Club was held before the Anglican service on Thursday 3rd October, the winners are – 1st prize £60.00 Madeleine Bowron No 102, 2nd prize £40.00 Toby & Ethan Slaney No 52 3rd prize £25.00 Norman & Marie Grimmette No 65.

The next draw will be on St Andrew's night after the joint service. This year we are able to introduce a second and third prize. As well as the usual £100 prize, there will be a second prize of £60 and a third prize of £40. Everyone who was a member in September will be entered in the St Andrew's Day draw.

DIVINE WILL: Derek Williams will lecture on Divine Will at St Anthony RC Church, Farnham Rd. Saturday 19th October. 1farm - 4pm. All welcome.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to brane the Good News of God's Love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, or set up a Direct Debit. Remember to Gift Axf your donation if possible. The 'DONA' payment system is being made available for this special occasion. Thanks from Missio.

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE: Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue ... or have stopped talking all together? Retrouvaille helps married couples through difficult times. Register now for next programme starting 8% - 10% Nov. Call 0788 7296983 or Email; retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

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

- Thursday 17th October 9.15am 10.45am Wednesday 23rd October 1.30pm 2.45pm

Wednesday 13th November 9.15am – 10.45am
Thursday 14th November 1.30pm – 2.45pm
For more information email: admissions@olopprimary.co.uk or call 0.1628 661 886