



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter—Friday 4th October

Volume 4

Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to all parents that were able to join us for the opening of the revamped environment area. I'm sure you will all agree that this is a fantastic space that the school can use to enhance the curriculum.

During October and November, we will be holding our open mornings/ afternoons for prospective families. Please do spread the word to anyone looking for a school place (Nursery to Year 6) about our wonderful school and ask them to contact the school office to book themselves onto one of the tours. Our end of year results are a true testimony to the outstanding outcomes that pupils receive at Our Lady of Peace.

This week we have launched Black History Month with the children. Today the children had an assembly which shared with them why we celebrate Black History Month and gave them an opportunity to hear about some key inspirational black figures. During the rest of this month, the children will undertake some learning in their classes.

October is the month of the Rosary. On Monday we recruited our new prayer team who will be going into the upper school classes to help them pray the Rosary. As we go through the rest of the year, we will be exploring other ways in which we can enhance the prayer life at the school.

Our Lady of Peace has also received the Music Mark Award which recognises the commitment that the school makes to providing high quality music education to all pupils. Well done to Mrs Smith who continues to find ways to incorporate musical opportunities for all pupils at the school.

Just a reminder to follow us on Instagram if you aren't already. It is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening in school.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend.

Mr N Stopps

Instagram QR code:



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 —93.7%

RHC—St Joseph —84.4%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska —97.9%

Yr1—St Bernadette —97.7%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta —95%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene —98.5%

Yr3—St Paul —96.7%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres —99.3%

Yr4—St Peter —99.3%

Yr4—St John-Bosco —95.9%

Yr5—St Thomas More —96.1%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi —95.9%

Yr6—St Maximilian —99.3%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita —94%

Whole school weekly attendance: 97%



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ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS



This week's pupils of the week are:

RHA—St Valentine—**Theo**

RHC—St Joseph—**Freddie**

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—**Ronnie**

Yr1—St Bernadette—**Aadya**

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—**Ahran**

Yr2—St Mary Magadlene—**Max**

Yr3—St Paul—**Dominica**

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—**Aliha**

Yr4—St Peter—**Martha**

Yr4—St John-Bosco—**Tise**

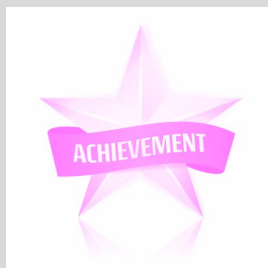
Yr5—St Thomas More—**Ryan**

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi—**Phoebe**

Yr6—St Maximilian—**Michaela**

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—**Hollie**

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





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THANK YOU!

We are thrilled to announce that thanks to your generosity and support during the Macmillan Coffee Morning, we have raised an amazing £250!

This contribution will help make a real difference in the lives of those affected by cancer. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who participated, donated, and helped make this event a success.

Thank you once again for coming together as a community for such an important cause.





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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



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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

We are starting to prepare for our Christmas Fair and hoping it will once again be a fun-filled festive day. Lots more details to follow soon but for now, we are looking for stallholders to join us as part of our outdoor Christmas Market. We'd love to have a variety of stalls selling gifts, decorations, jewellery, candles and more. The cost of a pitch is £15. If you know anyone 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.

Finally, please let us know if you work for a company that offers match funding for charities. This is a scheme where employers match the funds raised by their staff when they volunteer and it could make a huge difference to our event fundraising. Please speak to us or email for more details if this is something you could help us with.





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WAKE UP WEDNESDAY—NATIONAL COLLEGE

If you've played or seen any online games from the past few years, you've probably noticed that almost every title of this kind has some kind of chat functionality. Whether allowing players to send text messages to one another or letting them use their mics to chat together on voice, if you're on a multiplayer game, chances are you can talk to your fellow gamers, one way or another.

Sadly, such a function comes with its fair share of risks – as is to be expected with a feature intended to connect gamers from around the world and it is immensely important for parents and educators to understand these concerns and help young players address them. That's why we've put together this free guide, breaking down the most prevalent issues associated with in-game chat and letting you know how to keep youngsters as safe as possible if or when they're exposed to this feature.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guidance, links and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT
There are a number of ways that gamers communicate with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat, a group voice conversation that console users can share with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other, though many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS
Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't, meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people that are playing with them, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't intentionally harm or intend, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING
It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be the same age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers, emphasising that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE
While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of someone they're talking to. These trolls often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric. They normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT
If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could be a route to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE
Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT
In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS
Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account being 'muted' with you in the future. If that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY
Make sure children understand the difference between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS
If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

Meet Our Expert
Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of *GDRecon* and has been working in the games media industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published at sites including iDn, Techradar, and plenty more.

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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

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

OCTOBER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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
18	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**
Postcode: SL3 8PE
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**
Postcode: SL1 2TE
3rd Friday of every month – 09:30 to 11:30am

Group Sessions:

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

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EARLY LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Please find the link for Early Language Development Workshops run by the NHS Berkshire Healthcare Children, Young People and Families Service.

<https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/children-and-young-peoples-integrated-therapies/early-language-development-workshops>

EARLY LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Please see the link below for FREE Courses and Workshops that offer support for parents/carers whose child may have Autism/ADHD and for those who have been diagnosed.

<https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>



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CHURCH BULLETIN

MASS INTENTIONS: If you wish to book a Mass Intention please place the intention in an envelope, write the name of the person(s) who the Mass is for, whether Deceased or Intention, also the name of the person who is offering the Mass. This will avoid any disappointment for the Mass intentions not being offered on the requested date(s).

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.

CELEBRATING OUR RICHES: Monday 14 October 7.30pm-8.45pm

A zoom meeting to invite people from all our parishes to share how they celebrate the many different cultures which now enrich our communities. We hope anyone who has experience and ideas will join so that we can begin to see how to develop this across the diocese. It is an open meeting for clergy and lay faithful. Booking details to follow....

SARAH KROGER: A night of praise with American singer songwriter, Sarah Kroger. We are blessed to share that, fresh from leading the worship at the National Eucharistic Congress in the United States, singer songwriter Sarah Kroger will be leading a night of music and worship in two areas of our diocese in October.

On **Wednesday 9th October** at 7pm Sarah will be at Our Lady Help of Christians, Luton. To order tickets please contact Our Lady's on 01582 723254 or email parish.ourladyhelpofchristiansluton@northamptondiocese.org
On **Sunday 13th October** at 7pm Sarah will be in Northampton at the St Thomas Centre and all are welcome. [More information can be found here](#)

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.** 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>

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Saturday 6.00pm	5th October Our Lady of Peace (Vigil Mass)		TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Marie Corcoran RIP (O'Shea) Woodard (Foundation)
Sunday 9.30am	6th October Our Lady of Peace		John S. Fernandes RIP 1 st Anniversary (Fernandes Family) Micheal O'Connor RIP (Brid & Mairin)
11.30am	St. Andrews		Angela Nazareth RIP Birthday Remembrance (Sepala) Special Intention for Evelyn Sepala (Prem and Dilys Sepala)
3.30pm	St. Andrews		'Syro-Malabar Holy Qurbana'
Monday 6.15pm 7.00pm	7th October Adoration Mass		Our Lady of Peace Family Intention (Christina) Zina and Family INT (R. Group)
Tuesday 6.15pm 7.00pm	8th October Adoration Mass		Our Lady of Peace Kathleen Galea RIP (Tony Galea) Thankachan Madappallil Birthday (Borges Family)
Wednesday 6.15pm 7.00pm	9th October Adoration Mass		Our Lady of Peace Kenneth Meiklejohn RIP (Boundy Family) Deceased Members of the Tkaczyk Family (Elizabeth Tkaczyk)
Thursday 8.30am 9.15am 9.30am	10th October Adoration Evening Prayer Mass		St. Andrews Prithi Mascarenhas INT (R. Group)
Friday 6.15pm 7.00pm	11th October Adoration Mass		Our Lady of Peace June Anita Bush RIP (Miriam Balcerski) Fr. Chris INT (Kay)
Saturday 10.00am 6.00pm	12th October Mass		Our Lady of Peace No Mass TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Pat & Rose O'Mohony RIP (O'Donnell) Mann (Foundation)



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6th OCTOBER 2024 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)

OLOP PEWS OR CHAIRS: We are really thrilled to have our new pews and chairs installed by the ICS team earlier this week. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners for their contributions towards the purchase of these church furnishings. We would like to ask everyone who has dedicated a pew or chair in memory of a loved one to meet with Venecia or Brid to locate the furniture and validate the writing on the dedication plaque. We have detected a number of typographical errors that require correction. Please spend some time on Sunday following the 9:30am Mass at Our Lady of Peace to complete this short exercise.

MASS TIME CHANGES:

- ✦ Masses this week Monday 7th October to Friday 11th October will be held at OLOP in the evening at **7.00pm**. The mass on Thursday 10th October will be held in St Andrews at 9.30am.
- ✦ There will be No Morning Mass on Saturday, 12th October in Our Lady of Peace.

HOST OUR LADY WITH THE ROSARY CAMPAIGN: 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 Mary'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.

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 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/>

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, the proceeds are going to the Cippenham Shared Church Trust which pays for the upkeep of St Andrew's. Donations of raffle prizes can be put in the box at church or handed to any of the Trustees.

OFFERTORY: The collection for 29th September amounted to £614.42. The DONA plate offerings amounted to £49.02 for this weekend. We are very grateful for your continued support. **There will be a retiring collection THIS weekend for CAFOD.**

Sunday 9.30am	13 th October	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)

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.

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 20th 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!

ST ANDREWS CHURCH FURNITURE: The chairs in St. Andrew's Shared Church have done wonderful service to both the congregations who use them throughout every week of the year. The frames are still very firm and well made and most of the seats within the frames are still quite firmly attached. They are comfortable pieces of public furniture. However, fairly frequently, there are instances where a seat will detach from a frame. Obviously time shrivels the glue and the seat is then left in the tenuous grip of four very small screws. **If the chair is lifted by the front lip the break is easily made. If the chair is lifted by the front stretcher just beneath the plywood seat the damage is avoided.** Similar handling advice may be aimed at wooden or folding tables which need to be lifted from one position to another and not dragged over the tiled floor. Legs are placed under severe strain and rapidly become dangerously unfit for purpose. Your attention to the above two situations will be very much appreciated.

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 alternate weeks. The theme for this Wednesday 9th October will be Reflections on the Gospel Mark 10:17-30 Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year Time B. The Speaker will be Deacon Michael.

ST GILBERT'S MISSION PROJECT There are little bottles in the Church porches for any spare change! Please take one home and return when filled up.

PARISH SUPPORT GROUP: We have a parish support group for those who have been bereaved. If you feel this might be for you please ring 01628 666278. You will be warmly welcomed.