

Newsletter—Friday 25th October

Volume 7

Dear Parents,

I can't quite believe that we have already reached the end of our first half term. I would like to thank you all for your support and kind comments as I have taken on my first half term of headship. It has certainly been busy but at the same time, it has been an enjoyable half term.

On Wednesday we celebrated our first whole school Mass of the academic year, celebrating Harvest and giving thanks for all that God gives us. This was a lovely Eucharistic celebration and it was made even more special as we were able to come together as a whole school family. This is something the school hasn't been able to do for a long time. The children took the lead with all of the readings and prayers, reading reverently and clearly.

Once again, we would like to thank all parents for their kind donations for our Harvest collection. All items have been donated to the Burnham Care and Share group who reach out to those in greatest need in the local community. This year, we are focusing on Catholic Social Teaching, and it's these donations that really emphasise and remind the pupils about the principle of 'Options for the Poor'. It also reminds us of the Gospel reading from last week where Jesus told his Disciples that 'the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve'. In a world where we are consumed by the demands of daily life (work and family) we can often forget to stop and think about others. The children were encouraged to think about how they can continue to serve others.

Wishing you all a happy and restful half term break.

Best wishes,

Mr N Stopps

Acting Head Teacher



Important dates:

October/November:

Monday 28th—Friday 1st November

Half Term

Monday 4th

INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th

Term Starts

Friday 8th

Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday 13th

Open Day—9:15am—10:45am

Thursday 14th

Open Day—1:30pm—2:45pm

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Class Attendance:

RHA—St Valentine -89.5%

RHC—St Joseph -95.6%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska -90%

Yr1—St Bernadette –96.8%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta -91%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene -93.3%

Yr3—St Paul -92.3%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres –95.7%

Yr4—St Peter –96.7%

Yr4—St John-Bosco –95.9%

Yr5—St Thomas More -95.4%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi -98.9%

Yr6—St Maximilian –98.6%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita -95%

Whole school weekly attendance: 92.7%



ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

This week's pupils of the week are:

RHA—St Valentine—Kasen and Jaspreet

RHC—St Joseph—Emanuel

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—Alice

Yr1—St Bernadette—Sofia

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—Zuzanna

Yr2—St Mary Magadelene—Filip

Yr3—St Paul—The Whole Class

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—Frances

Yr4—St Peter—Tobi

Yr4—St John-Bosco—Divya

Yr5—St Thomas More—Jessica

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi—Levi

Yr6—St Maximilian—Zaiden

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—Ethan O

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





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





FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising this half-term. When we return back to school after the half-term break it will be less than 4 weeks until the Christmas Fair, and we are asking for your help in the following ways:

Donations Needed Please

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

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





FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS CONTINUED

Santa's Grotto Tickets

Santa has confirmed that he will be coming along to our Christmas Fair again this year, with his wonderful elf, Sparkles, and tickets to visit him in our grotto will be on sale at drop-off time on Thursday 7th November.

Tickets will be priced at £4 each and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Children will see Santa in groups of 6 per time slot, so if you would like to book tickets together with friends, please feel free to do so, otherwise you will be grouped with other families if needed. This is to allow as many children as possible the chance to see Santa - as always there will of course be the chance for everyone to have a chat and photo with Santa individually.



Friends of OLOP meeting

Our next meeting will be on Friday 8th November at 2pm at school. Everybody welcome so please come along if you would like to get involved, or contact us by emailing friends@olopprimary.co.uk.

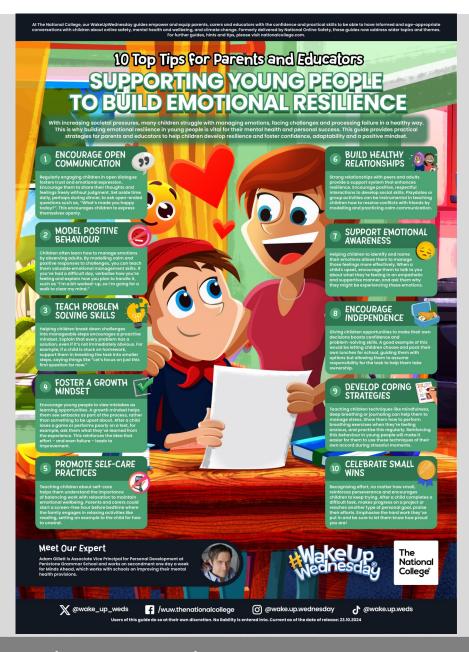
Thank you for your continued support.



WAKE UP WEDNESDAY—NATIONAL COLLEGE

Making a mistake isn't the end of the world, but that can be a difficult thing to learn for a lot of people. Most children are still learning it, in fact. These kinds of setbacks and the feelings they bring on can provoke severe and unhealthy reactions in young people, if they're not taught how to deal with their emotions in a healthy way.

However, it's sometimes tricky to know what you can do or say to help these youngsters develop the confidence and adaptability to process these feelings in the future. That's why we've put together this guide featuring expert advice, letting you know how to build emotional resilience in the children and young people in your care.





ONLINE INFORMATION

Free online information sessions for parents/carers - delivered by The Ben Kinsella Trust

Delivered by The Ben Kinsella Trust, the leading national anti-knife crime charity, each session explores the risk factors to violence, what can we do to help protect young people, how can we combat the risk of fear, misinformation, stay alert to the risk of exploitation and County Drug Lines. But also, how can we build strong relationships with young people? How can we have those difficult conversations? How can we build their confidence in making the right, positive decisions and know that they can always ask for help.

6.30pm - 8.30pm Tuesday 12 November - register in advance for the online session

6.30pm - 8.30pm Thursday 21 November - register in advance for the online session

Please see the attached flyer below for more information.





FOOTBALL OPPORTUNITIES

Please see below some football opportunities for your pupils in half term;

FREE Slough Town FC Schools tickets

Slough Schools Support Network are delighted to offer the school community free tickets for their upcoming fixture vs. Truro City on **Saturday 2nd November**. Please see the link below and the code for staff, families to access free tickets.

https://app.fanbaseclub.com/Fan/Tickets/SelectType?fixtureId=6176

Simply enter: **SCHOOLSNOV100** at checkout to redeem your free tickets.





CHURCH BULLETIN

NEW LECTIONARY FOR MASS

What is being talked about?

A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales in Advent 2024. The new edition uses the English Standard Version-Catholic Edition for the readings and the Abbey Psalms and Canticles for the Responsorial Psalms



Are there changes to the readings?

This is a new publication of the Lectionary using different scripture translations - the content remains the same. So, the readings for each Sunday will be the same

There will be provision for Saints who have been added to the Universal Calendar since the last Lectionary published in 1981. There will also be the readings for the National Calendars. In addition, some of the revised liturgical rites, such as Marriage, have additional readings.

Will the text be mandatory?

It is normal practice in the Roman Rite that there is only a single edition of a liturgical text in use in a particular territory. So in the same way as only the third edition of the Roman Missal (2010) may be used in the celebration of Mass (in the Ordinary Form); the same will be true for the Lectionary.

Who will be publishing the Lectionary?
The Catholic Truth Society have been appointed publishers for the Lectionary. They are working closely with the bishops to ensure that the published volumes are worthy, clear in page layout, sturdy and reflect the daily needs of the liturgy.

When will be the Lectionary published?
The bishops of England and Wales completed their approval of the Lectionary text in XXX.

The text was then submitted to the Holy See to be reviewed. The Lectionary will be published in good time for its first use in Advent 2024.

UNIVERSALIS APP: Due to the large sums invested in the refurbishment of Our Lady of Peace, it will be some time before the parish is able to generate the much-needed finances to purchase new Mass books for our Sunday masses. As a result, we recommend the Universalis App to our parishioners who want to access the latest lectionary translations for personal prayers or to actively participate in Mass. Universalis is a software application that includes all liturgical prayers, lection and spiritual readings used during our liturgical celebrations. It requires a one-time subscription of £10 and allows you to access all of the prayers and Scripture readings on your mobile device. Those who require assistance should kindly contact the parish secretary for help





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27th OCTOBER 2024 THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)

A NIGHT OUT WITH MARY: Our parish community will assemble at Our Lady of Peace Church on Thursday, October 31st, at 7pm to honour Our Lady with hymns and Mass. We will seek her maternal intercession and express graftlude for the graces received through the rectiation of the Holy Rosary. This will be the final day of the month dedicated to the rectation of the Most Holy Rosary, and it will be our only opportunity as a parish community to join together and ask the mother of our Saviour for her intercession. Please join us as we honour our Most Holy Matthewith as and Matthewith as New Parish Chief. with an all Marian hymn Mass lead by our Parish Choir

MASS CHANGE: There will be no morning Mass on Thursday 31st October at St Andrews. There will be Rosary recitation at 6.30pm in Our Lady of Peace, followed by mass at 7pm.

24.HOUR ADORATION: All are invited to join the 24 hours of adoration at Our Lady of Peace Church beginning at 10am on November 1st and ending at 10am on Saturday. Please choose an hour for adoration and note it on the hourly schedule found at the back of the Church at Our Lady of Peace.

HOUR OF GRACE Will take place on Friday, November 1st, beginning with a Mass at 7 pm. Come and be blessed as it promises to be a spirit-filled time of praise, worship, and ministration.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS: Friday, 1st November a holy day of obligation. There will be two masses at 9.30am and 7pm in Our Lady of Peace. The evening mass will be followed by Hour of Grace.

ALL SOULS DAY: Saturday, 2nd November mass at 10am in Our Lady of Peace. Here we pray for all who have died in God's grace and friendship, but may still need our prayers as they prepare to enter into the fullness of heaven. This is why we pray and offer Masses for our deceased relatives and friends during the month of November, in particular at Morning Masses on Mondays and Saturdays will be said in memory of those whose names are inscribed on the pews and chairs in Our Lady of Peace.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Will be kept in Our Lady Chapel throughout the month of November. PLEASE DO

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.

OFFERTORY: The collection for 20th October amounted to £722.48. The DONA plate offerings amounted to £140.56 for this weekend. The Tea & Coffee collection for 20th October amounted to £20.20. The retiring collection for Missio amounted to £429.68. We are very grateful for your continued support.

MASS	TIMES	AND	INTENTIONS

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Saturday 6.00pm	26th October Our Lady of Peace (Vigil Mass)	THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Marie Corcoran RIP (McLean) Judy Creedon RIP (McLean) Thanksgiving for Liz & Brian Jenkins 56th Wedding Anniversary INT (Jenkins Family)		
Sunday 9.30am	27th October 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 1st 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)		
Monday 8.15am 9.15am 9.30am	28 th October Adoration Moming Prayer Mass	Our Lady of Peace Tom & Gretta Condon RIP (O'Donnell) Marie Oke INT (Cafferty)		
Tuesday 8.15am 9.15am 9.30am	29 th October Adoration Moming Prayer Mass	Our Lady of Peace Mary Warner RIP (Val Warner) Moore, George & Mary (Foundation)		
Wednesday 8.15am 9.15am 9.30am	30th October Adoration Moming Prayer Mass	Our Lady of Peace Zina & Family INT (R. Group) Chief Salami Agbaje RIP 71 st Anniversary (Edward)		

31st October

Our Lady of Peace

1st November

Adoration Moming Prayer

Thursday 9.30am 6.30pm 7.00pm

Friday

8.15am 9.15am

10.00am 7.00pm	Our Lady of Peace Our Lady of Peace	24-hour Adoration People of the parish
Saturday 9.30am 10.00am	2 nd November Our Lady of Peace Mass	ALL SOULS Benediction Mary Green RIP (R. Group) Souls of Purgatory (Foundation)
6.00pm	Our Lady of Peace (Vigil Mass)	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Aleksander Pepaj RIP (Alma Pepaj & Family) Padraig Barker RIP Anniversary (Mary Barker & Family) Holy Souls of the Butler Family (J. Fell)
Sunday 9.30am	3 rd November Our Lady of Peace	Trivitta Fernandez & Family INT & Francis Fernandez INT (Lobo Family) Emmanuel Kirenga RIP & Sidikatu Abomide RIP Anniversan (Maria Mutesi & Family) Lyn & Kelvin Baynes INT (R. Group)
11.30am	St. Andrews	Prithi Mascarenhas & Family INT (Annie & Family) Manuel Jose Fernandes RIP (Fernandes Family) Special Intention for Evelyn Sepala (Prem and Dilys Sepala
4.30pm	Our Lady of Peace	'Syro-Malabar Holy Qurbana'

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025: This is your final reminder to register your child for the First Holy Communion program in 2025! We are excited to welcome children who are ready to deepen their faith and prepare for this special sacrament. 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, please send an email to olgocommunion@cmail.com. Space is limited! We encourage you to register your child soon to secure their spot in the programme.

THANK YOU FROM MISSIO: Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christi with our sisters and bothers in need throughput the world. To support mission year-round, visit missio org uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

DIVINE WILL: Derek Williams will lecture on Divine Will on 2nd November from 11 - 3pm St Augustine RC. Datchet.

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 30th October will be Reflections on the Gospel Mark 12:28b-34 Thirty-First Sunday of the Year Time B. The Speaker will be Deacon Michael.

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 by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP. For more mountained, https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-saint-dominic/

ALL SAINTS

Our Lady of Peace

Bernie Madden INT (Kay) Maria Rawling & Florence INT For Good Health (Zina)

Thanksgiving for Gregory Godinho Birthday INT (Borges)
Thanksgiving for Emmanuelle Godinho Birthday INT (Borges)
Thanksgiving for Yohann Godinho Birthday INT (Borges)

Aleksander Pepai RIP (Alma Pepai & Family)