



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter—Friday 13th September

Volume 1

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of our first full week back at school for the start of this academic year. It has certainly been a happy start.

Many thanks to you all for your positive comments and words of encouragement as I take up my first headship here at Our Lady of Peace. It is an honour to take up this position especially as we continue to develop the school into a fantastic place of learning for all pupils.

Following some feedback from parents, we have decided to send out a weekly newsletter. This will evolve as we progress through the year and there will be a range of messages shared with parents. Please do ensure you read weekly to keep up to date with what is happening in the school.

I would like to thank parents for returning their consent forms for the new school Instagram account. We look forward to using this platform to share all of the wonderful work that is taking place. If you are yet to hand in your consent form, please do this at your earliest convenience.

We welcome our new Nursery children as they start to attend the Nursery during the next week. We are incredibly lucky to have this provision at our school so that we can provide an outstanding education for the youngest of our community.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Mr Nick Stopps

Acting Headteacher

Important dates:

September:

Monday 16th to Friday 20th

Travelling Book Fair

Thursday 19th

KS1 & KS2 Little Tank Drama Club
starts

Friday 27th

Macmillan Coffee Morning
Lower Key Stage Hall—All welcome.

Friends—Environment Area Grand
Opening —Upper Key Stage -
3:30pm

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Class Attendance:

REC—St Valentine —97.7%

REC—St Joseph —97.5%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska -97.6%

Yr1—St Bernadette —94%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta —99.5%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene —95%

Yr3—St Paul —97%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres —92.5%

Yr4—St Peter —92%

Yr4—St John-Bosco - 94%

Yr5—St Thomas More —96.6%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi —95%

Yr6—St Maximilian —84%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita —85%



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ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

This week's pupils of the week are:

REC—St Valentine—**Fraser**

REC—St Joseph—**Tallulah**

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—**Sienna**

Yr1—St Bernadette—**Antonia**

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—**Acacia**

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene—**Selina**

Yr3—St Paul—**Abigail**

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—**Kaleesi**

Yr4—St Peter—**Jacob**

Yr4—St John-Bosco—**Gracie**

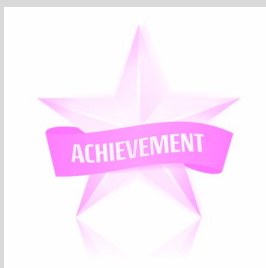
Yr5—St Thomas More—**Ananya**

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi—**Gracie**

Yr6—St Maximilian—**Kendra**

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—**Atarah**

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





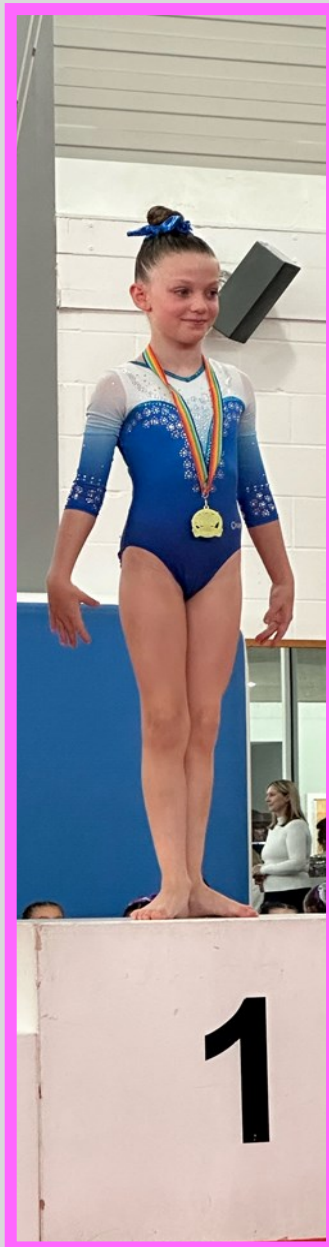
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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Roxanne (6CT) who won a Gold medal on Beam at the Herts County Championships 2024! This incredible achievement is a result of Roxanne's hard work, dedication, and focus in her training.

Please join us in congratulating Roxanne on this amazing accomplishment.

Well done, Roxanne – we're all cheering you on!





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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



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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ST BERNARD'S OPEN EVENING



WITH GOD
AS OUR SHELTER

ST BERNARD'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL

We kindly invite you to attend our Open Evening on
Wednesday 25th September 2024

*'At St Bernard's School, students are educated in a nurturing community
where each person is loved and valued.'*

Our Open Evening is for those interested in Year 7 entry in September 2025. The evening will give you the opportunity to experience a pupil led tour and observe what it is like to be a pupil at our outstanding school.

Access to the Open Evening will be by ticket only; please book one ticket per attendee. There will be two sessions to choose from; you will only need to attend one session.

There will be Headteacher's presentations throughout the evening and you will be able to tour the school before or after the presentation.

Click on the link below to book your tickets:-

[**St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School - Open Evening**](#)

Curriculum information and a guide to admissions will be available on our school website.

There is no parking on site so please plan your journey. Please arrive no earlier than 15 mins before your session.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School.

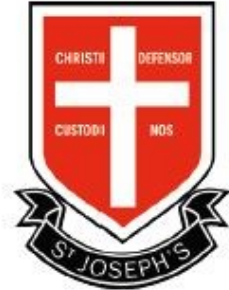


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ST JOSEPH'S OPEN EVENING

"Aspiration, ambition and determination are deeply rooted within the school. A feeling of warmth and love permeates St Joseph's" Ofsted 2022

"Pupils are happy and smiley and enjoy coming to school. They feel a sense of belonging"
Ofsted 2022



St Joseph's Catholic High School

The Directors of this successful, thriving, top performing and over-subscribed Catholic Academy invite prospective parents and pupils to our

OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 19th September 2024
5.00pm – 8.00pm**

Shaggy Calf Lane, Slough, Berkshire SL2 5HW

The Headteacher, Mr Stapleton will address parents at 5.45pm and 6.45pm in the Main Hall. Tours available from 5.00pm, last tour at 7.00pm.

For more information or a tour during the school day please contact Miss Emily Stagg on 01753 524713 or email e.stagg@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk

www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk





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VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Home Start is a well-established charity based in Slough supporting families in the home. They are running a training course 25th 26th September at Burnham Park Hall and are looking to find parents/ carers to donate two hours of their time twice a week to support local families. Please see Flyer below for more details.

office@homestartberkshireeast.org.uk

Volunteer Training Course

25th & 26th September

"Volunteering with families isn't just about offering support; it's about empowering others to find strength within themselves and watching them grow. The impact we make may be small, but the hope we leave behind lasts a lifetime."

Venue

Burnham Park Hall
Windsor Lane
Burnham
Slough SL1 7HR

10AM to
2.30PM

Call or email to register.

**HOME
START**

Berkshire East



01753 572958



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



If your child is in Year 3 or above, and you wish your child to receive their First Holy Communion in 2025 you will need to enrol them on the First Holy Communion Programme. Please submit your expression of interest by 2nd October 2024 via email olopcommunion@gmail.com. Please note your child will need to be Baptised in order to join the programme.





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WAKE UP WEDNESDAY—NATIONAL COLLEGE

One of the most valuable skills a child can carry into adulthood is conflict resolution. From simple playground spats to much more serious fights handling these disagreements in a mature, constructive way can sometimes be uncomfortable and can also prove rather tricky. This is especially important to remember when it comes to children, who could be experiencing this kind of situation for the very first time.

Bringing effective, reasonable solutions to disputes is a difficult talent to learn and an even harder one to master. It's vital that parents and educators know how to support young people in developing this critical skill, and our free guide teaches you exactly that. This week, we're covering how best to help children manage conflicts.

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 guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO MANAGE CONFLICT EFFECTIVELY

Disagreement is a natural part of human interaction. This can seem particularly true when dealing with the sensitive issues that arise for secondary-aged pupils. This guide brings you 10 top tips which can help prevent conflicts arising or mitigate their impacts when they do.

1 INSPIRE RESPONSIBILITY

The best approaches to conflict resolution are restorative. This means that rather than adults imposing their own solutions on children who have had a disagreement, they should work with them. Allowing them to handle it can feel empowering to young people and will hopefully teach them to manage their own disputes as they move towards adult life.

2 ACTIVELY LISTEN

Remember to give every child the opportunity to voice their opinion, regardless of their age, stage of development, special educational needs, or other individual requirements. This can be done using a variety of different communication methods. For example, some children find it easier to express how they're feeling using pictures and drawings, while some prefer to write their ideas down.

3 BE CURIOUS

Demonstrating how to approach conflicts with a mature and empathetic mindset can set a good example to children, which can prove a useful skill for them later in life. Model this by asking inquisitive yet respectful questions about the issue at hand. Really try to understand where all parties are coming from, and share information between them when and where appropriate. This should encourage young people to mirror your behaviour, teaching them to be curious about the other sides of a conflict, and thus being more willing to hear them out.

4 PROMOTE DIFFERENCES

Children and young people may come from a range of different backgrounds and cultures or have protected characteristics which may cause them to see things from various angles. Having a school and community culture which celebrates and embraces diversity in all things – including diversity of opinion – means people are more likely to feel heard and understood.

5 BE SUPPORTIVE

Discussions may be sensitive or, in some cases, even trigger negative emotions. Pupils may have mixed feelings about the issue at hand. They could be nervous or anxious before even coming to the table to talk about it. Try and create a space where all parties feel safe, welcome and comfortable. Allow breaks and time-outs if the conversation gets heated, to prevent anyone from saying something they might later regret.

6 MENTALLY PREPARE

Think of how you can approach the conflict in a calm and regulated manner. Consider taking some extra time to prepare beforehand and finding somewhere quiet to relax. Even if you're not directly involved with the conflict, mediating can be a stressful experience in its own right. Make sure you're hydrated, fed and comfortable, and do the same for the young people involved. There may seem like insignificant factors, but it's important to remember that physical discomfort can trigger dysregulation, which can make it much harder to have a calm, productive conversation.

7 GET YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT

Make sure you have all the facts, figures and timelines of the situation prior to the discussion. This should be done as objectively as possible with the aim of resolving the ongoing issue. You may want to risk assess any problems that may arise and look for possible solutions during your preparation time.

8 STICK TO THE POINT

Make the reason for, and purpose of, any meetings or communications clear prior to setting them up. Provide an agenda. Act as a neutral chairperson who can keep all parties on track. Make sure everyone has a chance to air their concerns about the issue being discussed and try to avoid talking about unrelated incidents. Close off with some action points, detailing what everyone can do to resolve the conflict.

9 BE SOLUTION FOCUSED

It's often said that the art of diplomacy is about giving others ladders to climb down. This means the main aim of any meeting or correspondence should be finding mutually acceptable and amicable solutions. Parents, carers, teachers and pupils should be aware there may need to be a compromise for the common good – and, most importantly, the good of the children you're supporting.

10 DON'T IGNORE OR AVOID CONFLICT

No one benefits from allowing concerns and grievances to fester, as this can lead to further division and mistrust, and ultimately doesn't help the children involved. Use our tips to open meaningful lines of communication. These should help you find a suitable resolution and minimise the number of conflicts you're faced with mediating overall.

Meet Our Expert

Catrina Lowri is a neurodivergent former SENCO and advisory teacher. She founded her company, Neuroteachers, to improve inclusion for neurodivergent people. She works with nurseries, schools, colleges and businesses providing consultancy, training and mentoring to create belonging and understanding for people with the full range of neurotypes.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/supporting-children-to-manage-conflict-effectively>

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CHURCH BULLETIN

MISSIO: Fr. Anthony Chantry MHM, invites everyone connected with Red Boxes, including online and direct debit et alia, to a Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan with the Homily preached by Fr. Phillip Adede MHM, General Councillor for Africa on **Saturday 5th October at 1 pm.** Mass will take place at the Church of the Holy Apostles, Winchester Street, Pimlico, London SW1V 4NZ (near Victoria Station / Pimlico Tube). Refreshments provided, please RSVP by email: redbox@missio.org.uk

LIVE STREAMING: Please note that due to the ongoing refurbishment works in OLOP there will be no live streaming for Sunday masses, Funerals and Baptisms. St Andrews shared Church where we are celebrating all our Masses and Sacraments does not have this facility in place. All inconveniences caused by this is highly regreted.

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).

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.

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>**



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15th SEPTEMBER 2024 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B)

PARISH MISSION RETREAT: Kindly find below the schedule for our parish mission retreat, which will be facilitated by members of the **SION community from September 20th to 22nd.** As a parish, we must spiritually strengthen ourselves while growing our community through outreach guided by the Holy Spirit. Hence, we encourage parishioners to attend the majority, if not all, of the retreat programs in order to benefit spiritually from the entire event. Let us do what each of us can to place this parish on the path of Mission and growth.

Theme: 'In the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit'		
Date	Time	Services
Friday 20 th Sept	7.30 PM	'Knowing and growing in God's love' A talk followed by prayer response and ministry
	9.45 AM	Morning Prayer
	10.00 AM	Mass followed by Mission Talk and Adoration
Saturday 21 st Sept	12.00 PM	Scripture Rosary
	4.15 - 5.15 PM	Lectio Divina (using one of the Sunday Readings)
	6.00 PM	Mass with Mission Talk
	8.00 PM	Holy Spirit Evening Praise & worship, talk and ministry
Sunday 22 nd Sept	11.30 AM	Mass with Mission Talk
	6.00 PM	Mass with Mission Talk

PEWS OR CHAIRS SPONSORS: We are grateful to all of our parishioners for your contributions to the purchase of new pews and chairs for Our Lady of Peace Parish Church. As the furniture company prepares to deliver the pews in less than two weeks, we urge all who purchased a pew or chair with the intention of dedicating it to the memory of a loved one to send the names of these loved ones to the Parish Secretary via email at office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org as soon as possible. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING TO MASS TIMES:

- ✦ Mass on Tuesday 17th September will be at 8.30am in St Andrews, there will be no adoration or morning prayer.
- ✦ Mass on Friday 20th September will be at 8.30am in St Andrews, there will be no adoration or morning prayer.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intentions
Saturday 6.30pm	14 th September	St. Andrews	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Sean O'Connor RIP 1 st Anniversary (Patricia O'Connor) Latimer (Foundation)
Sunday 11.30am	15 th September	St. Andrews	Mel McCabe RIP 4 th Anniversary (John McCabe) Maria Rawling INT (Alma & Family) Mary McConville INT Evelyn Sepala Special Birthday INT
6.00pm	St. Andrews	St. Andrews	Liz Bamber & Family INT (R. Group) Adriana Pena-Torok Family INT (R. Group)
Monday 8.30am 9.15am 9.30am	16 th September	St. Andrews	Adoration Morning Prayer Mass Gatt Family INT (Ann)
Tuesday 8.30am	17 th September	St. Andrews	Mass Kenneth Boundy RIP (Boundy Family)
Wednesday 8.30am 9.15am 9.30am	18 th September	St. Andrews	Adoration Morning Prayer Mass Marie Corcoran RIP (Liz) Jude Tindall RIP (Liz)
Thursday 8.30am 9.15am 9.30am	19 th September	St. Andrews	Adoration Morning Prayer Mass People of the Parish
Friday 8.30am	20 th September	St. Andrews	Mass Aleksander Pepaj RIP (Alma & Family)
7.30pm	St. Andrews	St. Andrews	Parish Mission Retreat
Saturday 9.45am 10.00am	21 st September	St. Andrews	Morning Prayer Mass People of the Parish
6.00pm	St. Andrews	St. Andrews	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Martha Basey RIP (John Basey) Lily Coutinho RIP 23 rd Anniversary (Almeida Family) Kitty Keaveney RIP Anniversary (O'Shea) Hackney (Foundation)

Date	Time	Location	Intentions
Sunday 11.30am	22 nd September	St. Andrews	Luiza & Alessandra Pegaj INT (Alma & Family) Estrociou Coutinho RIP 89 th Birthday Remembrance (Almeida Family)
6.00pm	St. Andrews	St. Andrews	Zoltan Torok RIP (R. Group) Cardinal Ernest Simoni INT, living Martyr of Albania (R. Group)

YOUTH GROUP 12+ years: Next session on 18th September from 6.30pm until 8pm at St Andrew's Church.

OFFERTORY: The collection for 8th September amounted to £507.93. The DONA plate offerings amounted to £88.46 for this weekend. We are very grateful for your continued support.

RETIRING COLLECTION: There will be a mandatory retiring collection **this weekend** September 14th and 15th for the Bishops' Conference – Evangelii Gaudium at the end of all Masses. This year, *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* will be celebrated on 15 September 2024. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," the Lord commissions, as we hear in Matthew 28:19.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024/25: If your child is in Year 3 or above, and you wish your child to receive their First Holy Communion in 2025 you will need to enroll them on the First Holy Communion Programme. Please submit your expression of interest by 2nd October 2024 via email olgocommunion@gmail.com. Please note your child will need to be baptised in order to join the programme.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: The Directors of this successful, thriving, top performing and over-subscribed Catholic Academy invite prospective parents and pupils to our **OPEN EVENING**, Thursday 19th September at 5.00 – 8.00pm. Shaggy Calf Lane, Slough, Berkshire, SL2 5HW. For more information or a tour during the school day kindly contact Miss Emily Slagg on 01753 524713.

HCPPT DANCE In aid of the Children's HCPPT Groups Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Saturday, 28th September at Slough Irish Club, Sheehy Way, Slough, SL2 5SS. Dancing from 8.00pm until Midnight. Music by DJ Brian, Ploughman's Supper, Cabaret by Skehill Academy of Irish Dancing. Tickets £6. All monies raised will pay for a child with special needs to travel to Lourdes next Easter 2025. **Kay will be selling tickets after all Masses until the dance. Please support.**

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 18th September will be Reflections on the Gospel Mark 9:30-37 Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year Time B. The Speaker will be Deacon Michael.