

Newsletter—Friday 28th February

Volume 20

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for Spring 2. We have now reached the half way point for this academic year which is hard to believe. What I feel makes it better is that the sun is appearing more and the days are getting longer. All we need now is much warmer weather!

In assembly today we introduced the children to the Catholic Social Teaching principle for this half term, 'Community and Participation'. This focuses on how we can work better together as a community but also allow everyone to participate.

I feel that this is a suitable principle to focus on as we begin Lent next Wednesday. As we journey through Lent, Catholics are called to think about alms giving and how we can support those in need. This year, for our Lenten charity work, we will be asking children to bring in loose change to fill a large scale world map. This will allow children to see that their donations don't just benefit us in the UK, but can reach out to many in need across the world. As the children have been very excited at the prospect of Mr Stopps having a chocolate factory, I will continue a little with this theme and I will be holding an Easter Egg raffle. I am looking for donations of easter eggs. If you feel you would be able to contribute, please let me know. All money raised from these two Lenten fundraising activities will go directly to CAFOD. More information will come out soon.

As said previously, Lent starts next week with Ash Wednesday. We will be celebrating Mass on Wednesday afternoon (Time TBC) which of course parents are welcome to join.

Just a reminder that we do all need to adhere to the uniform policy. I have noticed some trainers being worn on non PE days and PE kits themselves are varying. Please do ensure that your child has the correct uniform. If you are unsure of the policy, this can be found on the school website.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend. Mr Stopps

Important dates:

March

Tuesday 4th March

Year 3 to Mass at OLOP Church— 9:30am

Wednesday 5th March

Ash Wednesday Mass—10:30am

Friday 7th March

World Book Day

Tuesday 11th March

Parents Evening 1—3:30pm to 6:30pm

Thursday 13th March

Parents Evening 2—3:30pm to 6:30pm

Friday 14th March

Friends of OLOP Coffee Morning-

8:40am—10am

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Class Attendance:

RHA—St Valentine –96.8%

RHC—St Joseph – 96.8%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska –99.2%

Yr1—St Bernadette -87.5%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta -96.0%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene -99.6%

Yr3—St Paul -93.7%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres -88.0%

Yr4—St Peter –98.6%

Yr4—St John-Bosco -94.3%

Yr5—St Thomas More -96.6%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi -91.1%

Yr6—St Maximilian -97.6%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita -94.7%

Whole School—95.0%



ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

This week's pupils of the week are:

RHA—St Valentine—Saaim

RHC—St Joseph—Tallulah

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—Filip

Yr1—St Bernadette—Amara

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—Macie

Yr2—St Mary Magadelene—Delilah

Yr3—St Paul—Buddy

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—Prabhjot

Yr4—St Peter—Gabriella

Yr4—St John-Bosco—Adrian

Yr5—St Thomas More—Thea

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi— Phoebe

Yr6—St Maximilian—Lee'Anna

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—Joshua

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





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 December.

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



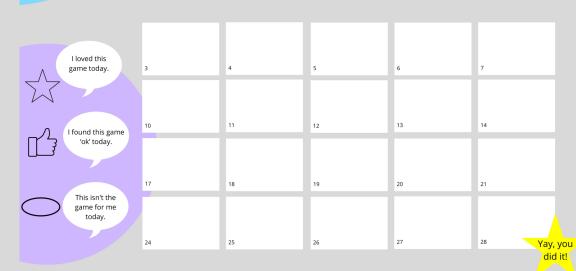
My Active Calendar February 2025

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WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Marvel Rivals is a highly popular multiplayer shooter that pits iconic superheroes against formidable villains. The game is free –to play on PC and current-generation consoles but does feature microtransactions that allow players to spend real money on cosmetic items for their characters.

While Marvel Rivals has been deemed suitable for children aged 12 and over, there are several risks associated with the title that parents and educators should be aware of. This free guide offers more information on these safety concerns and lets you know how to ensure that children playing the game can have a fun and age-appropriate experience.





FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

Mr Stopps Chocolate Factory—7th March

The Oompa Loompa's are busy getting all the prizes and chocolate bars ready for Mr Stopps Chocolate Factory to open at school on Friday 7th March. With over 500 bars sold they have a busy week ahead!

The children will be able to collect their chocolate bars after school from their year groups designated collection point in the school car park to see if they find a Golden Ticket. The Oompa Loompa's will be ready to hand out prizes to the lucky winners!

If you are able to help us from 3pm to distribute the chocolate bars please let us know by emailing friends@olopprimary.co.uk





Preloved Book Sale - 6th March

Our pre-loved book sale will be held at pick-up time on Thursday 6th March, books will be priced at 50p or £1 each so please stop by and have a look.

You can still drop any children's book donations at the school office during the next week.

Thank you for your continued support.



FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS CONTINUED

Coffee Morning & Preloved Uniform Sale - 14th March

Our next coffee morning and preloved uniform sale will be held on 14th March. We have lots of great quality uniform available including summer dresses and shorts which the children will be able to wear after the Easter holidays.

If you have any outgrown uniform to donate, please drop it at the school office.





Friends of OLOP meeting - 14th March

Please join us at our next Friends of OLOP meeting at 2pm on 14th March. We have lots planned for the rest of the school year, including some completely new events such as our Colour Run, so please come along to find out more. There is no expectation that you will be regularly able to volunteer at events - any time you are able to give will always be appreciated. If you would like to attend our meeting just to hear more about what we do and how you can be involved, please do.



SEND SUPPORT

GEMS – Upcoming Workshops

Please see the attached Programme from GEMS regarding an upcoming workshops that are available to support you and your family.



Upcoming workshops and courses.

To reserve your space please use the booking link under each workshop or course.

Empowering Calm

Hosted by The Autism Group:

Understanding and responding to distressed behaviour in autistic young people' with the aims being; To understand physical responses to anxiety, distress and overwhelm. To explore what this might look like and think about who is challenging who! To learn some strategies to try to help.

 $\hbox{AUTISM SUPPORT-For parents \& carers of primary \& secondary school aged children.}$

Online: Thursday 30th January 2025 - Extra spaces now available - 10am - 12pm

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Adolescence

Hosted by The Autism Group:

Understanding & responding to the challenges & changes for parenting & caring for autistic teenagers.

 $\hbox{AUTISM SUPPORT - For parents \& carers of secondary school aged children - Age 11 plus.}$

Online: Wednesday 12th March 2025 - 10am - 12pm

Booking link - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adolescence-tickets-1036674149287?aff=oddtdtcreator



SEND SUPPORT

GEMS – Upcoming Workshops Continued

ADHD Teens

Hosted by Parenting Special Children:

Exploring the challenges and concerns, strengths and opportunities. Supporting our teenagers through change and managing risks. Identity, Self-Esteem, Independence and Responsibility. Staying Connected - Communication and Relationships.

ADHD SUPPORT - Parents & carers of secondary school aged children. Suitable for parents & carers who have previously attended ADHD courses.

Online: Thursday 27th March 2025 - 7pm - 9pm

Booking link - https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/teens-and-adhd-berkshire-east-mar-2025/

Sleep - Autism & ADHD

Hosted by Parenting Special Children:

The workshop will cover: Children's sleep cycles and sleep needs, The reasons behind night settling and night waking, Strategies to feel less stressed when sleep training, new parenting strategies for settling your child to sleep, and staying asleep.

 $\textbf{AUTISM} \ \text{and or ADHD -For Parents \& carers of pre-school, primary \& secondary school aged children.} \\$

Online: Wednesday 5th February 2025 - 7 - 9pm

Booking link - https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/sleep-autism-adhd-berkshire-east-feb-2025/

Girls & Autism

Hosted by The Autism Group:

A look at the behaviours & challenges that may be experienced by autistic girls.

 $\hbox{AUTISM SUPPORT-For parents \& carers of primary \& secondary school aged children}$

Online: Tuesday 11th February 2025 - 10am - 12pm

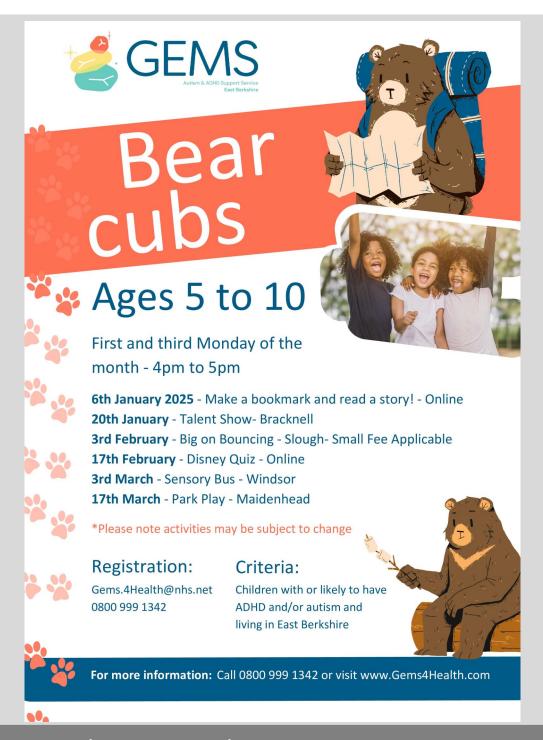
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GEMS – Upcoming Events

Please see the attached Flyer from GEMS regarding upcoming events for children aged 5 to 10 years.





5-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT







JOIN US TO INFORM, INSPIRE AND EMPOWER GIRLS IN FOOTBALL!

5-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

- ♦ GIRLS AGED 8 TO 14
- SUNDAY 9TH OF MARCH 2025
- ARBOUR PARK STADIUM, SLOUGH, SL2 5AY
- TOURNAMENT 9AM TO 1PM LADIES MATCH 2PM KICK OFF
- \$3 PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE | \$1 ENTRY FEE FOR NON-PLAYERS
- FOOD DESSERT VIRTUAL REALITY
- FACE PAINTING CROSSBAR CHALLENGE
- WATCH SLOUGH/READING LADIES FC PLAY



SIGN UP AS AN INDIVIDUAL



SIGN UP AS TEAM 5 TO 8 PLAYERS



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP



FOR QUERIES, CONTACT US:

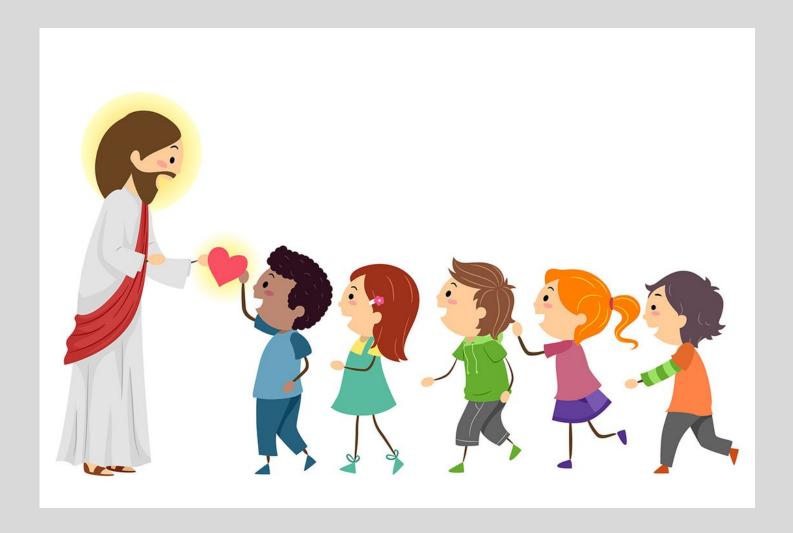






CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT OLOP CHURCH

A children's liturgy starting this Sunday during 9:30am Mass at OLOP Church, which will be designed for children in Years One to Year Three. This will be every consecutive Sunday when applicable.





CHURCH BULLETIN



Our Lady of Peace & St. Andrew's Church Parish Newsletter



Eighth Sunday of the Year (C)



PARISH MISSION WEEK AT OUR LADY OF PEACE & ST ANDREW'S Monday 10th March - Sunday 16th March 2025



Each Day the Church will be open for prayer. Each day from 6pm to 7pm there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is an opportunity to come and pray together, spending time praying for the Mission week and for all the people who live in the geographical area of the parish, that they may come to know God's love for them.

Mission Week Events: All welcome!

Jesus Our Hope: A Jubilee Evening Led by Mission Northampton: Monday 10th March 2025, 7 - 9pm at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church.

Pope Francis invites us to look to the future with hope. Join Mission Northampton for a Jubilee inspired evening, which will include music, creative ways to pray, and a talk by our guest speaker Fr. Simon Penhalagan. We invite you to come and deepen your relationship with Jesus during this evening. The evening will be gentle and welcoming, so feel free to invite a friend!

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord." The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.' (The Joy of the Gospel, 3)

Tuesday 11th March: Training for outreach into the wider community, 7 - 9pm at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church.

Our Parishes are called to be places of welcome and service within the local community. Come for an evening to explore how we can reach out with God's love beyond the walls of the Church. The evening will include some very practical training by Mission Northampton to equip you to do this.

Sunday 16th March: Light Fever at St. Andrew's, 1pm to 4pm:

An experience of going out and inviting people back to the Church to light a candle and pray. This is an effective and simple way to share the love of God with others during this Mission Week. There are lots of jobs that need doing, including making tea and coffee, music & intercession, as well as people going out to invite others in, so there is something for everyone!

Monday 17th March: Mission Day in Our Lady of Peace Primary School led by Sion Community:

A day in which the children in the school can come to know more deeply that they are loved by God

DECEASED ***



Please pray for Paul Twamley RIP, our beloved Parish organist, who died recently, his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 3rd March at 12.30pm in Our Lady of Peace Church, followed at Slough Crematorium.

Paul served our Parish as our organist for many years, offering his talents and dedication to the music ministry with grace and passion. His contribution to the liturgical life of our Parish Community through beautiful music will

always be remembered. Please keep Paul's family in your prayers during this difficult time. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

CAFOD COLLECTION: The weekend March 15th & 16th, there will be retiring collection at the end of all Masses. Kevin will make an appeal at the Masses on 8/9th March. Please donate to CAFOD Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and

Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope

CHILDREN LITURGY: There will be a liturgy of the word This Sunday 2nd March at OLOP, for all children attending school years Reception to Year 3 during the 9.30am mass.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Loose Collection: £646.54 Sunday Tea & Coffee: £29.16 DONA Plate: £113.08



MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays - Wednesdays OLOP @ 9:30am

Thursdays St Andrews @ 9:30am Fridays OLOP @ 9:30am Saturdays OLOP @10:00am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays Vigil OLOP @ 6:00pm Sundays OLOP @ 9:30am St Andrews @ 11:30am

MORNING PRAYER

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri OLOP @ 9:15am Saturdays OLOP @ 9:45am Thursdays St. Andrews @ 9:15am

ADORATION

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri OLOP @ 8:15am Saturdays OLOP @ 8:45am Thursdays St. Andrews @ 8:30am

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Priest: Rev. Anthony Dampson.

Deacon: Rev. Deacon Michael Ossei-Williams

Secretary: Mrs. Venecia Godinho

Lead Sacristan: Ms. Alma Pepai

Safeguarding: Mrs. Mairin Comfort ① 07456 948001 /

<u>Safeguarding.olop@northamptondio</u> cese.org

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary & Nursery School ① 01628 661886

All bookings for St Andrew's Please contact the bookings secretary on 3 07546 710834.

ADDRESS: THE PRESBYTERY, LOWER BRITWELL ROAD, SLOUGH, SL2 2NL **②** 01628 605764 office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org

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CHURCH BULLETIN CONTINUED

WALK WITH ME: books, a Lenten of Prayer 2025, are available in the Church porches, priced £1.

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CSCT: The trustees of Cippenham Shared Church Trust are holding the Annual General Meeting for the year ending 30th June 2024 on Monday 17th March at St Andrew's at 7.30pm. All parishioners are invited to come along.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Please come and support on Saturday, 15th March at 7 pm, the St Patrick's Fundraising Social at St Andrew's Shared Church, SL1 5RE – tickets £10 (Children free under 16) will be on sale at all Masses.

ASHES FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

On Ash Wednesday, our priests will visit the sick and housebound within our parish to distribute ashes. This visit is intended to allow individuals who have trouble attending Mass in person avoid missing out on the wonderful season of Lent and the ashes. If you have a family member and would like the priest to visit them, please contact our parish office via email: office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org.

24-HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: You are invited to spend time in the presence of Our Lord during a special 24-hour Adoration, beginning at 10am on Friday 7th March and concluding at 10am on Second Saturday 8th March.

HOUR OF GRACE - PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: Join us on Friday 7th March at Our Lady of Peace Church for an evening of prayer and encounter. We begin with Mass at 7pm.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Mia Rae Farrance & Noah James Farrance who will be baptised on Saturday 8th March. Please keep Mia & Noah, their parents, Grandparents and Godparents in your prayers.

1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7 'Do not praise a man before you hear him reason.'

Psalm 92(91) R/ It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58 'He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia 2x Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45 'Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.'

CREDO: I believe in God, the Father almighty Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of ins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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