



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter—Friday 2nd May

Volume 27

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, we had a visit from an HMI Ofsted Inspector this week. I'm unable to share any information regarding the outcomes of this inspection at this time whilst the report is written and Ofsted carry out their quality assurance checks. I would like to thank all parents who submitted their comments to the survey. The children behaved impeccably, as they always do, and shared their views with our visitor. As soon as the report is released, I will share this with the school community. This should hopefully be within the next 30 days.

This weekend, some of our children will be receiving their First Holy Communion. This is such an important stage in anyone's faith journey and we wish all the children the very best for this special time.

As we start the month of May, we remember that this is the month that we celebrate our Holy Mother, Mary. The children will be praying the Holy Rosary during this month in their year groups, led by the Mission Team. If you would like to pray the Rosary at home, Mark 10 Mission is a great website to help lead this. <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge>

Wishing you all the very best for a happy and long, bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Stopps

Important May/June dates:

Monday 5th

May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed

Saturday 10th

Friends of OLOP Colour Run

12pm

Friday 16th

Friends of OLOP Coffee Morning

Monday 19th

Marian Mass Liturgy—10:30am

Tuesday 20th

Year 3 trip to RHS Wisley

Monday 26th – Friday 30th

HALF TERM

Monday 2nd June – INSET Day

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Class Attendance:

RHA—St Valentine –93.4%

RHC—St Joseph – 93.5%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska –92.2%

Yr1—St Bernadette –95.4%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta –95.7%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene –96%

Yr3—St Paul –94.8%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres –93.8%

Yr4—St Peter –96%

Yr4—St John-Bosco –95%

Yr5—St Thomas More –94.9%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi –95.2%

Yr6—St Maximilian –95.8%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita –94.4%

Whole School—94.8%



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ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS



This week's pupils of the week are:

NURSERY — **Nia**

RHA—St Valentine—**Whole Class**

RHC—St Joseph—**Logan**

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—**Hallie**

Yr1—St Bernadette—**Haniya**

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—**Lexi**

Yr2—St Mary Magadeline—**Anaiyah**

Yr3—St Paul—**Kilian**

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—**Zane**

Yr4—St Peter—**Oscar**

Yr4—St John-Bosco—**Cara**

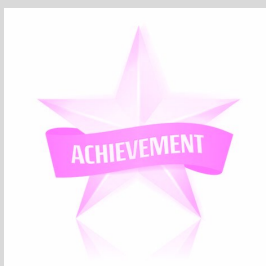
Yr5—St Thomas More—**Walusha**

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi—**Ansh**

Yr6—St Maximilian—**Vhaan**

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—**Ava**

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





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MY ACTIVE CALENDAR



Get Set 4
Education

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.

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Get Set 4
Education

My Active Calendar May 2025

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WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Staying safe on our roads isn't just a skill — it's a lifelong habit. It is crucial to learn key strategies for helping children navigate streets safely and confidently, from practising journeys together to teaching them how to choose the safest crossing points.

We've collaborated with THINK! to offer real-world advice on issues like the dangers of parked vehicles, reversing cars and mobile phone distractions — it's an invaluable tool for parents and educators who want to help young people travel independently without compromising their safety.

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

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

- 1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS**
Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles — which may have a green number plate — and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.
- 2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN**
Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.
- 3 EYES UP**
Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing — looking right, left and then right again.
- 4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS**
Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.
- 5 SLOW DOWN**
Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk — not run — when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.
- 6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB**
Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb — not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.
- 7 CROSS SAFELY**
Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view. Instead, moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.
- 8 PARKED VEHICLES**
Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running — but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.
- 9 REVERSING VEHICLES**
Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle — it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?
- 10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE**
When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert
THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours — whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking — with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>

#WakeUpWednesday The National College

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FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

Dates:

10th May - Colour Run

16th May—Coffee Morning

28th June - OLOP Fest

Colour Run



Thank you to everyone who has registered for the Colour Run on 10th May.

On the day, entry will be from 11.45am and the first warm up will be at 12pm, after which LKS year groups will run. We'll have another warm up at 1pm for UKS and then they will run. After the running, there will be the opportunity to buy individual bags of powder which can be thrown in the dedicated area only.

The Rainbow Raffle will be drawn at 2pm and then we'll finish the event with Mr Madigan being gunged! Tickets will be sold on the day only to enter a draw where the winners will have the honour of pouring the gunge!

All children taking part in the colour run should wear trainers and suitable clothing - the powder is washable but might stain so old clothes would be advisable - a white T-shirt would be great for making the colours stand out! All runners must wear sunglasses or goggles to protect their eyes from the powder.

Please remember that you are not allowed to bring your own powder to the event, so that we can make sure that the only powders thrown are the ones we have bought from a trusted supplier with the necessary safety certification.

Friends and family are welcome to come along and watch, we'll have a BBQ and drinks available so lunch is sorted! The children will have brought home a sponsorship form before the Easter holidays and all sponsorship donations will be greatly appreciated. Sponsorship can be paid through ParentPay from 10th May, alternatively we will be collecting cash sponsorship money at drop-off time on Thursday 15th May.



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FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

Rainbow Raffle

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets to be in with a chance of winning one of our beautiful Rainbow Hampers. Tickets are available through ParentPay until Thursday 8th May. Thank you to Claire's Comfy Canines for sponsoring the raffle and donating a £50 gift voucher as a prize.

OLOPFest

Make sure you save the date for OLOPFest on Saturday 28th June! Our summer event is always our biggest of the year and this time we're having a Festival.... We have live music performances by our fabulous school choir, as well as Sing4You Community Choir and the amazing local band Daft will be our headline act to end the day. We'll still have bouncy castles, penalty shoot-out and the splash zone as well as food, drink and festival-themed stalls.

Tickets will be available soon so look out for more details.....

Preloved Uniform Sales

Our preloved school uniform is available through www.uniformerly.co.uk

We have summer dresses, shorts and polo shirts available as well as pinafore dresses, skirts and trousers.

If you have any good quality uniform that no longer fits, please donate it to us so we can stock up our uniform shop. Only uniform that is washed and in good condition please. Feel free to drop off any pre-loved uniform at the office.



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CONGRATULATIONS

Izzie (5RB), Keira (5TH), Esmae (3MP) and Darcey (5RB) competed for Athena Angels in a Gymnastics tournament at Gymfinity with Beth Tweddle in Bracknell on 21st April. The four pupils were in different Level 3 groups and were all placed in their respective groups winning medals.

Keira and Esmae received silver, Darcey received gold and Izzie received bronze.

What an achievement, well done and congratulations to you all!





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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Oscar (3MP) who came 2nd in his ballet solo and 2nd in his ballet duet at Slough Arts Festival and qualified for all England regionals 2026 for both solo and duet.

Oscar also achieved a distinction (gold) for his grade one ballet exam.

A great achievement, well done!





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COMMUNITY EVENTS/SUPPORT

Everyone Welcome at the Curve 18th June 2025

Please see Flyer below for a Community Event at The Curve in June.



**Everyone
welcome
at The Curve,
Slough**

Come and say hello on
**Wednesday
18 June**
from 10am to 2pm



- Join the library
- Get help to look for a job or find volunteering opportunities
- Learn to use computers for work or personal use
- Understand and speak English with more confidence
- Find out about events and services for adults, children and families
- Free basic health checks
- Discover the history of Slough

Refugee Week 2025 theme is "Community as a Superpower"





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VOLUNTEERING IN SLOUGH

Thinking about Volunteering in Slough?

Come and have a chat with Tagreed
and find the right opportunity in the
community for you.



#OneSlough
oneslough.org.uk



volunteering@sloughcvs.org.uk

Drop-in Session

Monday 12th
May 2025
9am-11am

Penn Road Children's Centre,
Manor Park,
Slough,
SL2 1PG



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CHURCH BULLETIN



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



Third Sunday of Easter (C)

PARISH JUBILEE EVENT – PILGRIMS OF HOPE: We are delighted to invite you to our massive parish Jubilee event, "Pilgrims of Hope," on the evening of Pentecost Sunday 8th June 2025 at 6pm in Our Lady of Peace Church in Burnham. The Amazing Catholic musical collective **One Hope Project**—renowned across the UK for inspiring fresh expressions of worship—will lead us in song, and Fr. Andy Richardson has kindly agreed to deliver a reflection on our theme. Please bring your friends to this uplifting celebration and help touch the life of a loved one forever! Further details will follow soon.

Mass Times & Intentions				
Sat	3 rd May	OLOP	6 pm	Margaret Doone RIP (O'Shea Family) Tom & Jenny Donnelly RIP (Paul & Trish Kilkenny) Mills (Foundation)
Sun	4 th May	OLOP	9.30	George Rawling RIP (Maria Rawling) Frank Wrapson RIP (Madeleine Bowron) Bob Potter RIP (CWL)
		St. A	11.30	ANNE Heath the for Sister Susan Brown (Barry) Joaquim Floriano Telles RIP (Telles Family)
		OLOP	1 pm	First Holy Communion Mass
		St. A	3 pm	'Goan Mass'
		OLOP	4 pm	Syro-Malabar Holy Qurbana'
Mon	5 th May	OLOP	10.00	Anna Skros RIP (Anton Family) Pope Francis RIP (Anton Family)
Tue	6 th May	OLOP	9.30	Marie Miles RIP 1 st Anniversary (The Quille Family)
Wed	7 th May	OLOP	9.30	Clotilde Rawling RIP (Maria Rawling) Eveline Reader RIP (Miriam Balcerski)
Thur	8 th May	St. A	9.30	Mary Lawlor RIP 13 th Anniversary (Goldberg Family) Sheila & Patrick Samuels INT (Kay)
Fri	9 th May	OLOP	9.30	Norman Grimmette RIP (O'Donnell) Alma Pepaj & Family INT (Maria Rawling)
Sat	10 th May	OLOP	10.00	Mangan (Foundation)
			6 pm	Pope Francis RIP (Maria Rawling) Dominic McGlynn RIP 5 th Anniversary (Bamber Family)
Sun	11 th May	OLOP	9.30	Clement Francis INT Thanksgiving (Francis Family) Bridie O'Connor INT (Maria Rawling) Mary Pyle RIP (Flannery)
		St. A	11.30	Joe Campbell RIP (O'Shea) Jimmy Brett RIP (Mick Brett) Nick Jackson RIP (Karen & Danny Shaw)

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2025: The Diocese of Northampton is pleased to announce the commencement of the Life in the Spirit Seminars for 2025. These seminars offer participants an opportunity to deepen their faith and experience the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. Join us for a series of six inspiring sessions starting May 13th, culminating in a special retreat on June 7th. Our Parish church of Our Lady of peace, Burnham, has been selected as the only Hub in Slough. There are six weekday sessions on Tuesdays (May 13, 20, 27 and June 3, 10 & 17) at 7:00pm. The Holy Spirit day will take place on Saturday 7th June (Pentecost Eve) at 1pm at St John the Apostle, Luton.

Visit the website of Northampton diocese (<https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2025/>) or speak to Parish Office, Mary Magdalene or Shelagh Whitehouse to register.

BOOK OF CONDOLENCE FOR POPE FRANCIS: A **Book of Condolence** has been placed in both churches to allow parishioners the opportunity to offer their prayers, reflections, and expressions of sympathy on the passing of **Pope Francis**. You are warmly invited to take a moment to sign the book and join in prayer during this time of mourning.

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☎ 01628 605764 ✉ office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org

WEBSITE: WWW.OURLADYOFPEACERC.ORG

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Loose Collection: £762.24
Sunday Tea & Coffee: £18.00
DONA Plate: £71.77



MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays – Wednesdays & Fridays
OLOP @ 9:30am

Thursdays St Andrews @ 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, SMA

Assistant Priest: Rev. Amalraj Lawrence, SMA

Deacon: Rev. Deacon Michael Ossei-Williams

Secretary: Mrs. Venecia Godinho
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Lead Sacristan: Mrs. Alma Pepaj

Safeguarding: Mrs. Mairin Comfort

☎ 07456 948001 /

✉ safeguarding.olo@northamptondiocese.org

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



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CHURCH BULLETIN CONTINUED

DECEASED

✠ Please pray for **Anna Skros RIP**, who passed away on Easter Monday. Coming from one of the long-standing families in our Parish, her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 15th May at 11.15am in Our Lady of Peace Church, followed by cremation at Slough Crematorium.

✠ Please pray for **Anthony Galea RIP**, who died recently, his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, 20th May at 11.00am in Our Lady of Peace Church, followed by cremation at Slough Crematorium. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

CHILDREN LITURGY: There will be a liturgy of the word **This Sunday 4th May** at OLOP, for all children attending school years Reception to Year 3 during the 9.30am mass.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish here the banns of marriage between

Mark Kevin Conroy, son of Thomas Francis Conroy & Marie Conroy and Victoria Anne James, daughter of Godfrey James & Wendy James.

They intend getting married at Our Lady of Peace Church, Burnham. Anyone knowing of any reason why this marriage should not take place is bound to bring it to our attention as soon as possible. **This is the Second reading of the banns of marriage.** Please keep them in your prayers.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: The annual Blessing of the Graves will take place on **Sunday, 18th May** at Slough Cemetery at **3.00 pm**. Fr Kevin will also be blessing the Graves at Parkside Cemetery on Sunday, 1st June at 3.00 pm. All are welcome to attend and pray for their loved ones.

MASS FOR THE SICK & ELDERLY: A special mass for the Sick will be held on Saturday, June 28th at 2pm in St Andrews. All are welcome to join in prayer for healing and support. We can arrange for transport; please contact the parish office at 01628 605764.

THANK YOU: A heartfelt thank you to the Catholic Women's League for their dedication and hard work in beautifully organizing the Lenten Lunches. We are also deeply grateful to all our parishioners who attended, supported, and contributed so generously. Your kindness and community spirit made the lunches a true success and a joyful expression of our shared faith. Thank you for helping to create such a welcoming and meaningful event.

SUNDAY MISSAL: Page 388

1st Reading: Acts 5:27b 'We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.'

Psalms 30(29) R/ I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up.

2nd Reading: Rev 5:11-14 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia 2x Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 21:1-19 'Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.'

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MASS CHANGE: Mass on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May, will be at 10am in OLOP.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING: The 1st Wednesday coffee morning takes place at Our Lady of Peace Church. Join us at OLOP after Mass this Wednesday 7th May for tea/coffee/cake & a chat.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHILDREN WHO WILL RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SATURDAY 3rd & SUNDAY 4th MAY 2025



Maja, Lucas, Madison, Jaden, Shenomi, Godspower, Delight, Emmanuella, Gabriella, Emily F., Adriel, Nicole, Emily M., Sebastian, Antonio.

Sofia, Alessia, Kaia, Emilia, Olivier, Frances, Esmee, Tyler, Aoife, Abigail Rose.

CONGRATULATIONS: **Mikolaj Szejkowski** who will be baptised on Sunday, 4th May. Please keep Mikolaj, his parents, Grandparents and Godparents in your prayers.

CWL: The Catholic Women's League are holding a short WUCWO service at St Andrew's Church on **Monday 12th May at 2:30pm**. (World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations) The theme of this year's service is **'The Family'**. There will be tea and cake. ALL WELCOME - you do not need to be a CWL member.

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday, 14th June 2025 This is a truly unique chance to visit our Catholic National Shrine, where Our Lady the Blessed Virgin Mary and Mother of God appeared in 1061. During this Special Jubilee Year, the Slipper Chapel has been afforded the status of HOLY DOOR, with the opportunity for pilgrims to obtain special plenary indulgences.

The coach trip will be filled with singing, joy, laughter and prayer, leading to the Midday Mass with the chief celebrant Bishop David. There will be time for all Pilgrims of Hope to engage in private prayers and opportunities to see the Slipper Chapel and the Anglican Shrine. There will also be an option to walk the Holy Mile at 3pm and participate in the short service at the site of where the original Holy House was built.

Our coach will leave OLOP at 6:45am and 7:00am from St Ethelbert's Slough, leaving Walsingham around 5:30pm.

Tickets are £35 per person, but for families of 4 persons or more, children under 14 are £25 each.

VACANCY PARISH SECRETARY: We have a vacancy for a Parish Secretary to provide administrative support to the parish of Holy Redeemer, Slough. The role is for 10 hours per week, working pattern to be agreed with the successful candidate. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>. All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org. Interview date to be confirmed. **Closing date: Monday 12th May 2025**

✠ GO IN PEACE

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