

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025



Our Lady Of Peace Catholic  
Primary and Nursery School



***“With Christ in our hearts, together we grow”***

Dear Parents,

Another week goes by and we get closer and closer to the start of Advent!

This week started with an assembly focused on Anti-bullying and the children came to school with their odd socks to show their support in celebrating and embracing that everyone is different and special in their unique ways.

On Tuesday we reflected on Remembrance Day with an assembly in the morning and a two minute silence at 11am, thinking of all those who we have lost serving our country but also those people close to our hearts.

I'm sure you will all be pleased to hear that we now have operational gates! Although in a new location, we have wanted these to be replaced for many years now so we are glad that these are now done. Please be mindful to use the new pedestrian gate when entering or leaving the site on foot during the school day. We will continue to open the vehicle gates though to ease congestion at the busy start and end times of the day.

This weekend we will hear in the Gospel how Jesus talks about troubling times ahead. In next week's assembly, the children will discover that we can trust that God is always with us in times of trouble. We can turn to God in prayer to help our brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for their faith.

Wishing you all a very happy and relaxed weekend!

Mr Stopps

## ***Important Dates***

18<sup>th</sup> November-Photographs

21<sup>st</sup> November Non-Uniform Day

29<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Fair

10<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas Lunch

10<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas Jumper Day



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# Catholic Life and Religious Education



Year 3 attended Mass at Our Lady of Peace Catholic church on the Feast of St Martin of Tours. A few parents joined us in walking to Mass. Father Anthony described how St Martin gave half of his military cloak to a beggar. That night he had a dream that the beggar was Jesus, who thanked him for his act of charity. Children listened closely and actively participated in answering questions. They then received a blessing and recited the Angelus with the congregation.

## Dates for Masses

The following year groups will be joining the parish for Mass on the following dates:

Year 4 - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Year 5 - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Year 6 - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

If there are any parents who are able to help walk with the children, please let the school office know.

School Mass will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10am in the school hall. Parents, family and parishioners are welcome to join us.

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November, Father Amal visited 5TH for a question and answer session. The children found out so much about Father's background, why he loves being a priest and how we can follow our own mission in our lives. Thank you, Father Amal, for taking time out of your busy day to visit us!





# ATTENDANCE



We have noticed an increase in the requests for absence during term time. This is a reminder that the Headteacher is not allowed to authorise any absence from school during term time. Holidays particularly must be booked during the school holidays. Thank you for your support.

RHA St Valentine-94.6%

RRP St Joseph 97.9%

IEH St Bernadette 94.7%

IRS St Faustina Kowalska 96.1%

2SS St Mary Magdalene 99.1%

2SK St Teresa of Calcutta 96.8%

3CK St Martin de Porres 96.6%

3MB St Paul 95.7%

4SS St Peter 99%

4RB St John Bosco 92.1%

5TH St Thomas Moore 98.2%

5HH St Assisi 95%

6JOK St Maximillian 97.9%

6SP St Josephine Bakhita 85%





# Pupil Achievements



## Pupil of the Week

Nursery: Frank

RRP: Penelope

RHA: Nikolas

IEH: Saaim

IRS: Taji

2SK:Eli

2SS: Stefan

3CK: Zuzanna

3MB: Fabian

4SS: Ranvir

4RB: Freya

5TH: Hugo

5HH: Helena

6JOK:Antonia

6SP: Alex

## Love in Action

Nursery: Isaac

RRP: Harper

RHA: Larysa

IEH: Izaiyah

IRS: Tallulah

2SK:Sienna

2SS: Aadya

3CK: Ibrahim

3MB: William

4SS: Frankie

4RB: Kalab

5TH: Alodie

5HH: Milena

6JOK: Sannidhi

6SP: Paulina and Helenka





# OLOP News



On Tuesday 4th November we entered our first ever Pokemon cup, with the winner going on to represent Slough at a national tournament.

The girl's team were up first in the morning. Once the nerves were out of the system the OLOP Girls battled well and ran their socks off to compete against some very good teams. Every single player worked for their teammates and stuck to the task in each game. After some tough matches the girls finished the group stage having lost one and drawn one, doing enough to get into their first semi-final. However, the girls came unstuck against a well put together team and eventually lost but they can hold their heads up high and look forward to a great year of football to come

On to the boys and after supporting the girls all morning they were fired up and ready to go. There was a whole host of talent on display across the schools. The OLOP boys showed what togetherness and team spirit can overcome. Each player exceeded any expectations they had of themselves, going toe to toe with every opposition. The boys finished third and narrowly missed out on a semi-final after winning one game and drawing two.

It was a fantastic day out for everyone involved and the very best example of how to represent your school. On to league action now and lots more football to come.

Mr Madigan



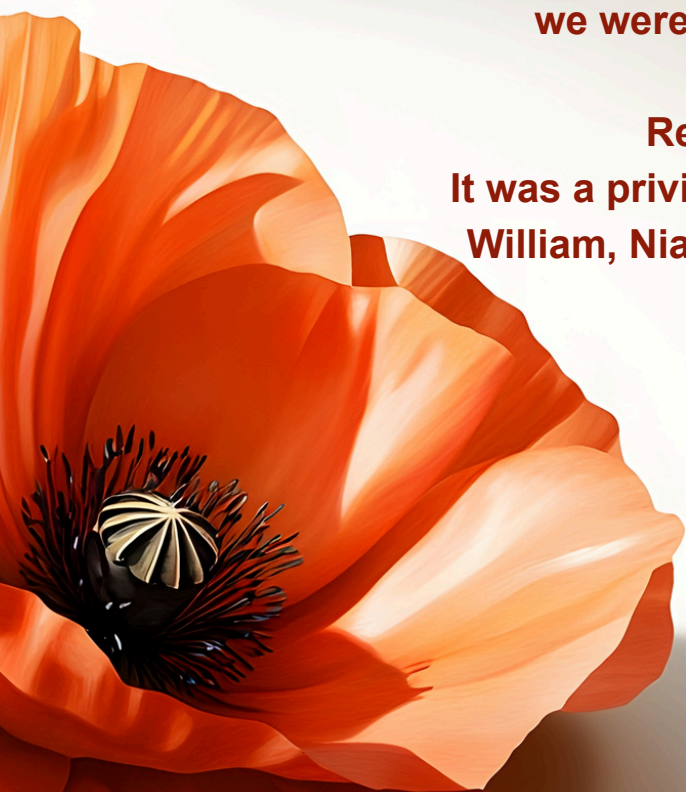
# OLOP News



**Here at Our Lady of Peace  
we were honoured to represent the School at the  
Burnham Village**

**Remembrance Day commemoration.**

**It was a privilege to be at this event. Thank you to Darcey,  
William, Niamh, Enya and Mrs Saab for representing the  
School!**





# OLOP News



**A huge thank you to all the children and staff who participated in Odd Socks Day on Monday as part of anti bullying week!**



# Friends of OLOP



## Dates for your diary

- **Non-uniform Day for bottle tombola donations - Friday 21st November**
- **Friends of OLOP Christmas Fair - Saturday 29th November**
- **Coffee Morning & Preloved Uniform Sale - Friday 5th December**

Please email us on:  
[friends@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:friends@olopprimary.co.uk)





# Friends of OLOP



## Christmas Fair

The most wonderful time of the year is fast approaching, and it's only 2 weeks until our Christmas Fair! Here's everything you need to know, including how you can help make this year's event extra special:

### - Bottle Tombola:

Friday 21st November is a non-uniform day when children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation of a bottle of drink for our Bottle Tombola. This is our most popular stall at the Christmas Fair and we rely on your donations to fill it - any drinks gratefully received; squash or spirits, prosecco or pop!

### - Gift Tombola

If you have any new or unused items that would make a great prize for our tombola (gifts, toiletries, toys, etc) please drop them off at the school office.

### - Raffle

We have some fantastic prizes up for grabs so don't forget to buy your raffle tickets! They are available on Parentpay until 21st November and will also be on sale at the Christmas Fair. The raffle will be drawn at 1:30pm at the Fair.

### - Volunteers Needed

We still need a few more volunteers to help with stalls and activities on the day - if you can spare some time or would like to know more please email us [friends@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:friends@olopprimary.co.uk)

The Christmas Fair is a wonderful way for us to get together as a school community for a fun-filled day and also raise funds to support the school. We look forward to seeing you there!





# What is happening?



Friends of OLOP

## Christmas Fair

# REMINDERS

SAVE THE DATE  
SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
11AM-2PM

GROTTO TICKETS ON SALE  
DROP OFF TIME  
FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR  
BOTTLE TOMBOLA DONATIONS  
FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER

TOMBOLA DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE!  
NEW & UNUSED TOILETRIES, TOYS, GIFTS,  
ALL GRATEFULLY RECEIVED 😊





# What is happening?



## FREE LUNCH

Children will be provided lunch after parents attend a brief session aimed at shaping better local services.

## Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) Family Fun Day!

**Saturday  
15 November 2025  
10.30am-2.30pm**

**Salt Hill Activity Centre  
Bath Road, Slough, SL1 3SS**

For more information:

Event contact: Kulvinder Dhillon

Contact number: 07395 258266



Scan to sign up by 6 November, you must sign up to attend.  
[www.eventbrite.com/e/family-fun-day-tickets-1784168208139](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-fun-day-tickets-1784168208139)

You can choose 3 of the activities below:

- **Soft play**  
For children aged 0-12
- **Bowling**
- **Trampolining**  
For children aged 5+ unless taking part in the toddler session
- **Virtual Reality**  
All users must be aged 8 and over.



Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer

[www.slough.gov.uk](https://www.slough.gov.uk)  
**Slough**  
Borough Council



# What is happening?



## Talking About RSE

### Free Parent CPD Webinar for Life to the Full Subscribers

How can parents have meaningful, faith-filled conversations with their children about sex and relationships?

Our new Parent CPD Webinar is designed to help parents feel confident and supported as they continue these important discussions at home. The session builds on what pupils are learning through **Life to the Full** and is free for all subscribing schools.

#### Live Session

Parent Sessions

### Sex and Relationships

**Date:** Wednesday, 19 November

**Time:** 9:15 am





# What is happening?



## 2X VENUES BOXING

@ Westgate School  
Every MONDAY

5 pm 4-10 years  
5.45 pm 11-16 years

@ Beechwood School  
Every FRIDAY

5.15 pm 4-10 years  
6.00 pm 11-16 years

**BOOK YOUR FREE TRIAL**

Call, text or WhatsApp:  
07585128080

Email: Angela@athenaangels.uk



## DANCE GLASS Try Your First Dance Class

WEDNESDAYS  
Westgate School, SL1 5AH  
5.30 pm (5-10 years)  
6.30 pm (11-16 years)

THURSDAYS  
Beechwood School, SL2 1QE  
5 pm (5-10 years)

FRIDAYS  
Taplow Village Hall  
5 pm (5-10 years)

**DANCE**  
**GLASS**  
**Warriors**  
**DANCE ACADEMY**



**BOOK NOW!**

Call, Text or WhatsApp

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# What is happening?



*Gymnastics*  
**CLASSES**



BEECHWOOD SCHOOL  
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

WESTGATE SCHOOL  
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

BOOK A FREE TRIAL: 07585128080  
[Angela@athenaangels.uk](mailto:Angela@athenaangels.uk)

We are offering 1x MONTHS FREE MEMBERSHIP for students that are referred to our activities by schools and services locally. We would love the opportunity to partner with you to use this as an intervention for children and young people you feel would benefit either to boost physical activity, to improve confidence or just to create a sense of belonging and encourage healthy choices.



# What is happening?



Information for  
parents and carers



Berkshire Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

## Drop-in flu clinics

**At Foundation House, Windsor SL4 4LE**

We are holding drop-in clinics  
for your child's flu vaccination  
on the following dates:

- 18.11.25 14:30-16:30
- 27.11.25 14:30-16:00
- 5.12.25 12:00-16:00

**If you haven't completed a  
consent form yet, you can  
complete one using the  
information sent by your child's  
school or complete one at the  
clinic with one of the team**



Goto the address below to share your  
views and ideas



[cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback](https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback)



# Email from the Diocese



Dear All,

Please see email below:

I am delighted to share with you today our new Advent Family Pack. The pack is filled with engaging activities, ways to pray, books to savour and films to enjoy, helping families, schools and parishes prepare this Advent for the Feast of the Nativity.

Although the Advent pack is free to download from the website (<https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>), as you might imagine it is not free to produce. If families, parishes and schools using it could consider making a donation, if they are able to, so that we can continue to develop resources in the future that would be greatly appreciated. Suggested donation: £4 for families and small groups, £20 for parishes and schools.

I hope the pack helps children, families, schools and parishes draw close to Jesus this Advent.

God bless you!

Claire.



# Church Bulletin



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



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#### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6:00pm

There's comfort in coming together – especially when we gather to remember those we've loved and lost. On **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6:00 pm**, **Our Lady of Peace Church** will hold a **Remembrance Service**, inviting all parishioners to unite in prayer for our dearly departed friends and family members.

During this special evening, the **names submitted for Holy Souls this year** will be prayerfully read aloud, alongside the names of beloved members of our parish family who have passed away in 2025. It is a gentle, sacred space for gratitude, hope, and connection.

We invite you to take part in this act of mercy — praying for the dead is one of our most special duties as Catholics. If you can, please join us. Parishioners are welcome to **bring photographs of loved ones**, or to **bring the order of service from the funeral of their departed**. These treasures will be placed at the foot of the altar and blessed, keeping our memories both present and prayerful. Let us gather to surround our dearly departed with faith, love, and blessing.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

#### Mass Times & Intentions

| Sat  | 15 Nov | OLOP  | 6 pm  | Joe & Jack O'Callaghan RIP (Evelyn Turner)<br>Joe & Margaret Haire INT (Evelyn Turner)<br>Youth of the Parish INT (Maria Rawling)                       |
|------|--------|-------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun  | 16 Nov | OLOP  | 9.30  | Special INT Madeleine Bowron<br>O'Donnell Family INT<br>Siby and Angelo INT (Alma & Family)                                                             |
|      |        | St. A | 11.30 | Deceased members of Joseph and Joanna Subrai in India and UK<br>Precious Chukwudi INT 10 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (God Protection) (Chukwudi Family)      |
| Mon  | 17 Nov | OLOP  | 9.30  | Souls in Purgatory (Jose Rodrigues & Family)<br><b>Holy Souls</b>                                                                                       |
| Tue  | 18 Nov | OLOP  | 9.30  | Adriano Freitas INT (R. Group)                                                                                                                          |
| Wed  | 19 Nov | OLOP  | 9.30  | Chief Mojeed Agbaje RIP 47 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary RIP (Edward)<br>Maria Rawling INT (Eleonore Kempson)                                               |
| Thur | 20 Nov | St. A | 9.30  | Aleksander Pepaj RIP (Pepaj Family)<br>Felix Gregory Godinho RIP Birthday Remembrance (Borges Family)                                                   |
| Fri  | 21 Nov | OLOP  | 9.30  | Steven Urbanski RIP & Jason Smith RIP (McDermott)<br>Theo Monteiro RIP (Jacinta Monteiro & Family)<br>Linda Mullen (Healing) INT (Florence Matwiejczyk) |
| Sat  | 22 Nov | OLOP  | 10.00 | <b>No Morning Mass</b>                                                                                                                                  |
|      |        | St. A | 2 pm  | <b>Mass for the Sick &amp; Elderly</b>                                                                                                                  |
|      |        | OLOP  | 6 pm  | George Brian Jenkins RIP Birthday Remembrance (Jenkins Family)                                                                                          |
| Sun  | 23 Nov | OLOP  | 9.30  | Mairin Comfort & Family INT (Maria Rawling)<br>Alice McHugh RIP (Deignan Family)                                                                        |
|      |        | St. A | 11.30 | Joaquim Floriano Telles RIP 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary (Telles)<br>Mammi K Ratna RIP (Karunaratna Family)<br>Mary Bridget Oates RIP (Oates Family)     |

**MASS CHANGE:** There will be **no Morning Mass** on **Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November** at 10:00 am at OLOP. Due to a **Mass for the Sick & Elderly** will be held at 2:00 pm at St. Andrew's Church.

**CHILDREN LITURGY:** A Liturgy of the word will be held **this Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November**, at OLOP for all children in Reception to Year 3 during the 9:30 am Mass.

ADDRESS: THE PRESBYTERY, LOWER BRITWELL ROAD, SLOUGH, SL2 2NL

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Loose Collection: £711.45  
Wednesday Tea & C: £43.00  
Sunday Tea & Coffee: £30.50  
DONA Plate: £4.92



#### 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  
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# Church Bulletin



## INVITATION TO OUR YOUTH MASS

We warmly invite all our dedicated Altar Servers and youth aged 7 to 13 to attend and assist at our upcoming Youth Mass on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 am at Our Lady of Peace Church.

Your service is a valued contribution to our parish liturgy. We also welcome any young people within this age group who are interested in joining the Altar Server Ministry — registration will be available after the Mass.

Following the celebration, we invite all current and prospective servers to join us for refreshments as a token of appreciation for your dedication and commitment.

**RETIRING COLLECTION:** Next weekend, a retiring collection will be held for Catholic Youth Services at the end of all Masses.

**MASS FOR THE SICK AND ELDERLY:** All elderly and sick parishioners are warmly invited to attend a special Mass on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2:00 pm at St. Andrew's Shared Church, Washington Drive, Chippenham, SL1 5RE. For transport, please contact Cedrica Lobo on [cedricalo@yaho.co.uk](mailto:cedricalo@yaho.co.uk)

## JOIN OUR ALTAR SERVER TEAM!

We are inviting boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion to join our Altar Server Team!

Altar servers help during Mass by assisting the priest and deacon. It's a special way to take part in the celebration and to serve Jesus with joy and reverence. If your child is interested in serving at either Church, please contact Lisa Timms on WhatsApp: 07584 056300 to register.

**ADVENT** 'Walk with Me', a Journey of Prayer for Advent books, are available in the Church porches, priced £1.

**GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT ST. ANDREW'S**

**FREE ENTRY**

**Christmas FAIR**

**FESTIVE STALLS, COFFEE SHOP, RAFFLES, TOMBOLA & CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

GET YOUR GIFTS, DECORATIONS AND FESTIVE TREATS WHILE SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH

**SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2025 FROM 10AM TO 1PM**

**ST. ANDREW'S SHARED CHURCH**  
WASHINGTON DRIVE,  
CHIPPENHAM, SL15RE

TO BOOK YOUR STALL CONTACT HANNAH ON 07585600209

Bank: NatWest Sort Code: 60-06-11

Account Number: 46716203 Account Name: RCDN Our Lady of Peace.

## OUR LADY OF PEACE & ST. ANDREW'S CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2026

Registration is now open for our 2026 Confirmation Programme!

If your son or daughter is currently in Year 8 or above and you would like them to receive the Sacrament of

Confirmation next year, we warmly invite you to register them for this important stage of their faith journey.

To register, please use the QR code. Registration closes on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Once registration has closed, we will contact all registered families with further details about the programme, including preparation sessions and key dates.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Emmylou Bartlett who will be baptised on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please keep Emmylou, her parents, Grandparents and Godparents in your prayers.

**THANK YOU:** The Shaw family would like to thank everyone for all their kind words, prayers and support during Danny's recent illness and long hospital stay - we are so very lucky and extremely grateful to be part of such a caring and loving church family. May God bless you all.

## ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT: "DISRUPTED BY GRACE"

Join the Vicariate for Pastoral Development's Online Advent Retreat, exploring the theme "Disrupted by Grace." Discover how God's grace shines through the stories of Jesus' ancestors — Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba — and in our own lives today. Speakers include Dr Jessie Rogers, Michelle Moran, Fr Matt Blake OCD, and Canon John Udris. Find out more and register at <https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5keWxms715U>

**ST GILBERT'S MISSION PROJECT:** Mary McCarthy will be selling Christmas goods and Blankets after the Masses in Our Lady of Peace on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and at 11.30am Mass in St Andrew's on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please support her.



## CHRISTMAS HAMPER FOR THE HOMELESS

The SVP are collecting new or used scarves, hats, gloves and socks for men/women. If you would like to donate, please contact Cedrica on 07767477402 or meet after Sunday 9.30 am Mass.



**A WINTER'S MELODY**  
Annual Parish Christmas Concert  
AT OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH  
14TH December, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

TICKETS NOW ON SALE  
AFTER ALL WEEKEND SERVICES

Surprise Performers, Huge Raffle  
Christmas Carol Sing-along

Tickets: £10 each  
(includes a glass of Prosecco or a soft drink)

Children 12 years and under  
free of charge

✠ GO IN PEACE