

Newsletter—Friday 14th March

Volume 22

Dear Parents,

Another busy week has been had at OLOP this week. Parents evening have been well attended and I thank all parents for continuing to show support. I hope you found the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher beneficial and informative.

Year 2 had a visit from some feathery friends. They had the opportunity to learn about owls and other birds as part of their science topic on nocturnal animals.

As we journey through the season of Lent, we are called to consider 'almsgiving'. This is an opportunity for the children to think about the charity work that we do as a school. This year we are inviting all pupils to bring in loose change / coins that they can add to a large world map that we have created in school. We want to show that through the donations that the children make to CAFOD, that their money is reaching out to people across the world. Therefore, please do donate where you can. Children can bring their loose change in an envelope to school starting on Monday 17th March and this can happen until the end of term. As we start to fill the world map with the coins, we will photograph the progress and share this on Instagram.

With the theme of charity, I would like to thank those parents who have donated easter eggs. Unfortunately, due to gambling laws, I'm unable to hold a raffle but instead I can hold a tombola. To do this, I need more eggs. Therefore, if you feel you would be able to donate an egg or two, please hand them into the school office. Thank you in advance! Once we have enough eggs, we will hold a tombola in each building during a lunchtime. I will send details regarding when this happens nearer the time.

After the Easter holidays, the children will be able to start wearing their summer uniform. Please do check the school website for the uniform policy before making any purchases. Last year we noticed girls wearing gingham jumpsuits which aren't practical in the school setting. With the understanding that some of the girls feel uncomfortable with wearing just the summer dresses, they can wear plain sports shorts underneath. http://www.olopprimary.co.uk/web/uniform/193563.

Hope you all have a good weekend! Mr Stopps

Important dates:

March

Wednesday 19th

Year 5 & 6 to Mass at OLOP
Church

Catholic School's Football Festival

Monday 24th

Year 4 to Year 6

Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 25th

5RB Presenting Stations of the

Cross

Wednesday 26th

5TH Presenting Stations of the

Cross

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Class Attendance:

RHA—St Valentine -93.4%

RHC—St Joseph – 93.1%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska -94%

Yr1—St Bernadette -95.7%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta -95.4%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene -96%

Yr3—St Paul -95.1%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres -93.1%

Yr4—St Peter –95.9%

Yr4—St John-Bosco -94.8%

Yr5—St Thomas More –94.9%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi -95%

Yr6—St Maximilian –95.8%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita -94.4%

Whole School—95%



ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

This week's pupils of the week are:

NURSERY — Mya

RHA—St Valentine—Fraser

RHC—St Joseph—Marnie

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—Hanna

Yr1—St Bernadette—Bernard

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—Kehlani

Yr2—St Mary Magadelene—Iga

Yr3—St Paul—Victoria

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—Aliza

Yr4—St Peter—Lilly

Yr4—St John-Bosco—Tymoteusz

Yr5—St Thomas More—Elijah

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi— Nathan

Yr6—St Maximilian—Natan

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—Aaron

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





WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Whilst they can be a great way for friends to socialise, online games like Roblox that allow multiplayer gameplay with strangers are always fraught with a variety of dangers that can expose children to inappropriate or harmful content. Roblox enables people to play anonymously, which can often be something that attracts people to misuse the game and potentially put young people at risk of harm.

In addition to interacting with random strangers across the world, other factors such as in -game purchases and potential scams can also pose a financial risk. It's important that parents and educators remain aware of the risks associated with this popular title and how it can be used safely. This free guide – also available in podcast format – offers parents and educators expert advice on what can be done to ensure that young people have a safe and enjoyable experience with Roblox.





CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Oscar (3MP), who was placed 2nd for his ballet duet at Royal Berkshire festival, 2nd for his ballet duet at Richmond festival, 2nd for sailor's hornpipe at Royal Berkshire festival and 2nd for his ballet solo at Newbury festival. Please help us to congratulate Oscar on these fantastic achievements.









CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Ashlyn (3CK) who participated in an Adventurer Bible Experience (ABE), which is an esteemed annual Bible contest held at various levels. This year, the topics for the competition focused on the Book of Romans (chapters 8-13) and the Book of 1st Corinthians (chapters 10-16).

On January 11, Ashlyn and her team competed in Area Level Testing (Level 1), where they achieved 2nd place, thereby qualifying for the subsequent level of competition. Subsequently, on February 8, the team participated in the South England Conference Level (SEC Level 2) and secured 1st place. Most recently, on March 8th, Ashlyn and her team competed in British Union Conference level (BUC Level 3), and also attained 1st place, which qualifies them for the grand finale, scheduled to take place in Budapest, Hungary on April 12, 2025.

Ashlyn is eagerly anticipating this significant event and is excited about the opportunity it presents.

Well done Ashlyn to you and your team, what fantastic achievements.





CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Roxi (6CT) who competed at the Woman's Artistic Gymnastics in the South Region Portsmouth on Sunday 9th March against 30 children in her category. Roxy received 2nd place silver medal for her Beam routine, 6th place for R&C overall in her competition Well done Roxy, what an achievement.





FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

Mothers and Special Others Day

There are only a few days left to buy Mother's Day Gifts through ParentPay - sales will close on Thursday 20th March at 9am. The Mothers and Special Others Gift Shop will open in school on Thursday 27th (for Lower Key Stage) and Friday 28th March (for Upper Key Stage) and children will be able to visit the shop during school time and choose from a selection of gifts for mums, nans, step-mums, aunts or anyone special to them, which they will take home to be given as a present for Mother's Day.

Gifts must be prepaid through ParentPay and are priced at £3 each (more than 1 gift can be bought per child).

In previous years, the children really enjoyed the experience of shopping in secret and bringing home a gift for all the wonderful Mothers and Special Others out there! We hope that this will once again be a lovely event for them to take part in.





OLOP SINGING FOR JOY

OLOP SINGING FOR JOY SINGING CLUB FOR YEARS 4 TO 6



EVERY TUESDAY FROM 3:30PM TO 4:15PM MAXIMUM 15 PLACES AVAILABLE

10 WEEK COURSE-FROM 29TH APRIL- 8TH JULY 2025 (NO CLASS TUESDAY 24TH MAY)

FUN AND ENGAGING SINGING LESSIONS
FOCUS ON BOOSTING CHILDREN'S CONFIDENCE IMPROVING
TONE AND TECHNIQUE
RANGING FROM WEST END THEATRE, BAROQUE, CLASSICAL AND
CHORAL WORKS!

TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE PROVIDED ON INTEREST AND BEFORE PAYMENT.

COST: £7.50 PER LESSON - TOTAL £75 TO BE PAID BY FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025

ALL ENQUIRIES TO MRS ANTON: ANTONMONIKA@HOTMAIL.COM TELEPHONE: 07808095704



SEND SUPPORT

Please find attached the flyer with more information on our upcoming Bear Cubs sessions.

To book tickets please use this link <u>BEAR CUBS Tickets</u>, <u>Multiple Dates</u> | <u>Eventbrite</u>

www.gems4health.com





SEND SUPPORT

Please find flyer below with information regarding an Oral Health Support Virtual session happening on Friday 16th May 2025 10am to 11:15am.





SEND SUPPORT

Please see Flyer below for events to be hosted by Homestart for parents with children with ASD or on the pathway.



"These sessions are so useful. I have been putting into practice some of the skills & advice that the course leaders have given us. The advice actually works! Also it is very good to connect with other people who are attending the course who face similar difficulties"

CONNECT WORKSHOP

Parenting a neurodiverse child effects the whole family, this unique parenting course supports all your parenting needs.

It deepens the connection with the whole family



RSVP & INFO

TIME & PLACE
30th April
2 hours a week for 5 Weeks

9.30am to 11.30am

Chalvey Grove
Childrens Centre
Montem Middle School
Chalvery Grove Slough
SL1 2TE

INTERACTIVE SUPPORT

- Meet other parents going through the same issue.
- Form friendships and support each other.
- Manage common meltdowns, special interests, anxiety, sensory issues and need of daily routine

01753 572958 / office@homestartberkshireeast.org.uk



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SEND SUPPORT

Please see Flyer below for events to be hosted by Homestart for parents with children with ASD or on the pathway.



Take some time for you to learn a relaxing new skill.

Join us via Zoom in our online mindful drawing workshop and learn how to create beautiful pictures using simple patterns and doodles!



No experience needed! All you need is pen and paper - provided.

7TH APRIL 11AM-12:30PM

Book your free place:

Call: 01753-572958 or email:

office@homestartberkshireeast .org.uk

With Amanda from Norden Farm

This session is a great opportunity for parents / carers of children with ASD or on the pathway to learn a new skill and relax.







COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

Please see the Flyer below from GEMS which contains details of a Virtual Coffee Morning that can support parents/carers regarding sleep issues and strategies to support families.



Virtual Coffee Morning Sleep - Autism and ADHD

Friday 25th April 10am to 11:15am

Join our online informal discussion to cover the following areas:

available!

25 spaces

- What makes sleep and bedtime easier?
- The effects of poor sleep patterns on the family
- Coping with sleep regression and changes in routine

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.



Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/pathway/diagnosed)

To book your place contact GEMS:



Gems.4Health@nhs.net



0800 999 1342



COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

Please see the attached Flyer from GEMS which contains details of a Virtual Coffee Morning that can support parents/carers regarding Eating and Food issues and strategies to support families.





CHURCH BULLETIN



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



Second Sunday of Lent (C)

PARISH MASS BOOKS - SUPPORTING OUR WORSHIP TOGETHER

Many of our parishioners have expressed a desire for parish Mass Books to help them participate more fully and actively in the celebration of Mass. We're pleased to announce that plans are now underway to provide these **Sunday Missals for our parish community**. Through the generous spirit of a parishioner, we have already received half of the required funding for these Mass Books. **We now invite other members of our parish family who feel called to contribute to this meaningful initiative. Every donation, no matter the size, will help us reach our goal of making these Mass Books available to all.**

For your convenience, we have added a dedicated option on our **Dona collection plate specifically for the Mass Book fund.**Your support will help ensure that every parishioner can follow along and participate more deeply in our liturgical celebrations. Thank you for your continued generosity and dedication to strengthening our parish community. God bless you all.

Mass Times & Intentions				
Sat	15 th Mar	OLOP	6 pm	Frank Stewart RIP 8th Anniversary (Stewart)
Sun	16 th Mar	OLOP	9.30	Nellie O'Shea RIP 2nd Anniversary (Sugrue)
				Jose Luciano Rodrigues RIP (Rodrigues Family)
				Bridie O'Connor INT (R. Group)
				Pasquale Ruocco RIP (Anna Ruocco)
		St. A	11.30	Natale Fuscaldo RIP 35th Anniversary (Anna & Ester Bruno Family)
				Dion Fernandes Birthday INT (Fernandes Family)
				Sister Mary Martin RIP (Oates Family)
				Chris & Colleen Wedding Anniversary INT (Koeberg)
		St. A	1 - 4pm	Parish Mission
Mon	17 th Mar	OLOP	9.30	Kathleen Galea RIP (Anthony Galea)
Tue	18 th Mar	OLOP	9.30	Alma Pepaj & Family INT (R. Group)
				Aleksander Pepaj RIP (R. Group)
Wed	19 th Mar	OLOP	9.30	Family Intention (Christina)
				Cino Sittia RIP (Zina) Childrens & Teachers from Our Lady of Peace Primary School
				Station of the Cross
		OLOP	7 pm	SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH
		0.00		Paul Twamley RIP (R. Group)
Thur	20 th Mar	St. A	9.30	Ronnie Nkabinde INT (McGarry & Nkabinde)
				Beatrice INT for Good Health (Zina)
				Station of the Cross
Fri	21st Mar	OLOP	9.30	Marie Corcoran RIP (Collette & Martin McLoughlin)
			7 pm	Station of the Cross
Sat	22 nd	OLOP	10.00	Dunne (Foundation)
	Mar		6 pm	Rose Marie Corcoran RIP (Mary McConville)
				Suzanne Sammut RIP 5th Anniversary (Calc Sammut)
Sun	23 rd Mar	OLOP	9.30	Robert McClintock RIP Anniversary (Denise)
				Thanksgiving for Rodrigues Family (Jose Rodrigues)
			50 M 10000	Elizabeth Clarke RIP (Kay)
		St. A	11.30	Joseph Robert, Wladyslawa RIP & Deceased
				Members of the Lejkowskich Family (Lejkowskich)

ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY): There will be two Masses at 9.30am and 7.00pm on Wednesday, 19th March in Our lady of Peace Church.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Grace Rose Deadman who will be baptised on Saturday 22nd March. Please keep Grace, her parents, Grandparents and Godparents in your prayers.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Loose Collection: £988.35 Sunday Tea & Coffee: £18.50 DONA Plate: £162.07



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, SMA

Assistant Priest: Rev. Amalraj Lawrence, SMA

Deacon: Rev. Deacon Michael Ossei-Williams

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

Safeguarding: Mrs. Mairin Comfort © 07456 948001 /

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Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary & Nursery School ① 01628 661886
All bookings for St Andrew's

Please contact the bookings secretary on © 07546 710834.

WEBSITE: WWW.OURLADYOFPEACERC.ORG



CHURCH BULLETIN CONTINUED

CAFOD COLLECTION: This weekend March 15th & 16th,

there will be retiring collection at the end of all Masses. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope

DECEASED 🌉



Please pray for Danny Thornhill RIP, who died recently his Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 2nd April at 11.00am in Our Lady of Peace Church, followed by burial at Slough Cemetery.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

CHILDREN LITURGY: There will be a liturgy of the word This Sunday 16th March at OLOP, for all children attending school years Reception to Year 3 during the 9.30am mass.

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION DAY: You are invited to learn about the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in our Diocese. Join us on Saturday, 31st May, from 10am to 12pm at St. Mary's Parish, 82 West Street, Dunstable. For more information, please contact Fr. Tony Brennan at 01582 662710 or via at parish.stmarydunstable@northamptondiocese.org

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2025: We are 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. Seminar Structure:

- Duration: Five weekday evenings complemented by a day retreat.
- Content: Each session includes talks and discussions, supported by short daily reflections.

These seminars are part of the diocese's mission to foster a deeper connection with the Holy Spirit, recognizing its vital role in evangelisation and personal spiritual growth.

Please visit https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the- spirit-seminars-2025/

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

We publish here the banns of marriage between

Fabio De Cristofano, son of Fulvio De Cristofano & Maria Grazia Salvadori and Sara Cucinotta, daughter of Paolo Cucinotta & Anna Maria Coppola.

They Intend getting married at Parrocchia di San Marco Evangelista in Rigoli, Italy.

Anyone knowing of any reason why this marriage should not take place is bound to bring it to our attention as soon as possible; otherwise, please keep these two in your prayers. This is the first reading of the banns of marriage.

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY

Wishing all our parishioners especially those of Irish heritage a joyful and blessed St. Patrick's Day!

On this feast of Saint Patrick, the Patron of Ireland, may his intercession and spirit inspire and strengthen us each day.

"May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back." \$\mathbb{G}\$

💕 SING FOR JOY - OLOP School Singing Club! 💅

For Years 4 - 6

Monika Anton will be running a 10-weeks after school singing workshop at OLOP Primary & Nursery School for OLOP pupils in Years 4 - 6.

- Dates: 29th April 8th July
- Time: Every Tuesdays, 3:30 PM 4:15 PM
- Cost: £75 for the full 10 weeks

Come and enjoy fun-filled sessions that will boost confidence, improve vocal skills, and bring the joy of singing to life!

For registrations & inquiries, please contact:

- Monika Anton: 07808 095704
- antonmonika@hotmail.com

Limited spaces available—sign up now!

1st Reading: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 'God enters into a covenant with Abram, the man of faith.'

Psalm 27(26) R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd Reading: Phl 3:17-4:1 'Christ will configure us to his glorious body.'

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36 'As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered.'

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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