



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter—Friday 21st March

Volume 23

Dear Parents,

Hoping you have all had a good week.

In school, the week started with a special retreat day led by the Sion group. This was arranged with Rev Anthony at Our Lady of Peace Parish as part of their mission week. Upper school heard scripture about Adam and Eve and began to think about when we sin, Jesus creates that link to bring us closer back to God. Lower School focused on Jesus as the Good Shepherd and how he will go to any length to protect us. It was a thought provoking day that has given the children time for reflection.

More sporting events have taken place this week. Pupils from Years 5 & 6 attended a Catholic football festival at St Bernard's Prep School. Pupils in Years 3 and 4 attended a Wrestling event and the football team played against Lent Rise.

Just a reminder about collection of pupils at the end of the day. As part of our safeguarding procedures, all class teachers hold an authorised collectors list. Only adults named on this list will be able to collect a child. It is important that parents notify the school office if they wish to add or remove someone from their child's authorised collectors list. Without the correct information, we will not be able to release a child without permission of the parent. I understand that this can be frustrating if the information hasn't been updated but I hope you all understand that it's the children's safety that we take into priority first. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure the school has the correct information. Thank you for your understanding.

Finally, you will have received today an update from the Chair of the IEB regarding the consultation for one form entry admissions. Please ensure you have read this letter. There is also a parent update meeting for all parents on 1st April 2025 at 5:30pm regarding the school and plans moving forward. Please do attend this meeting if you can.

Wishing you all a happy weekend.

Mr Stopps

Important dates:

March

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 —96.8%

RHC—St Joseph — 92.1%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska —81.9%

Yr1—St Bernadette —90.8%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta —95.5%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene —96.9%

Yr3—St Paul —95.6%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres —99.2%

Yr4—St Peter —99.3%

Yr4—St John-Bosco —98.9%

Yr5—St Thomas More —97.2%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi —91.6%

Yr6—St Maximilian —98.2%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita —97.3%

Whole School—95%



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ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS

This week's pupils of the week are:

NURSERY — **Conor**

RHA—St Valentine—**Cataleya/Kasen**

RHC—St Joseph—**Michalina**

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—**Whole Class**

Yr1—St Bernadette—**Amelia**

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—**Delight**

Yr2—St Mary Magadeline—**Jaelyn**

Yr3—St Paul—**Albie**

Yr3—St Martin de Porres—**Sebastian**

Yr4—St Peter—**Aurelija**

Yr4—St John-Bosco—**Eleora**

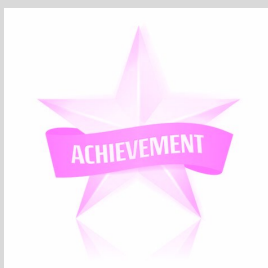
Yr5—St Thomas More—**Charis**

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi—**Marcel**

Yr6—St Maximilian—**Ashmika**

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—**Kyra**

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





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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.

www.getset4education.co.uk



Get Set 4 Education

My Active Calendar March 2025

Name: _____

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3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

I loved this game today.

I found this game 'ok' today.

This isn't the game for me today.

www.getset4education.co.uk



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SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons for years 4, 5 & 6 commence on Monday 24th March 2025 until the end of term.

Thank you to all those parents who have contributed towards the cost. If you have not done so already, please could you pay your contribution before the start of the lessons.

Thank you for your cooperation.





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CATHOLIC FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

The year 5/6 boys and girls football teams travelled to St Bernard's Preparatory on Wednesday afternoon for the annual Catholic football festival. It is the first time they have hosted boys and girls so it was a great experience taking players representing both teams. Blessed with lovely weather, both teams excelled on and off the pitch: playing some lovely football and being great ambassadors for the school with their sportsmanship.

The boys started well with a fabulous 4-0 win over the hosts with goals coming from Alex, Teddy and Ibrahim. Some of the passing and combination play was a real joy to watch. In their second match, try as they might, they sadly could not find a way to break through St. Anthony's defence and lost narrowly 1-0.

The girls began with a 1-0 win over St. Bernard's with Tallulah grabbing the all-important goal before brushing St. Anthony's to one side with a scintillating 4-0 win thanks to 2 goals each from Kyra and Sannidhi. Two excellent performances from the all the girls resulted in them winning the inaugural girls Catholic football festival!!

A big well done to all the children who played their part in these fantastic displays and a big thank you to the parents who were able to come and support their children!

PE team



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WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Livestreaming is now a major part of children's entertainment, evolving from gamers sharing screens into a booming industry with diverse personalities. While watching streamers can be entertaining, it comes with no small number of risks for children, such as misinformation, negative influences, and inappropriate content. With over 2.5 million viewers on Twitch – the current most popular streaming platform – at any one time, this guide highlights the potential dangers associated with watching livestreams and the importance of staying informed.

We've created this free guide – also available in podcast format – to provide parents and educators everything they need to know about streamers and how to keep children

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.
- UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS**
Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.
- NEGATIVE INFLUENCES**
While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged knowingly or not in scams in the past.
- MISINFORMATION**
Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say careful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.
- FINANCIAL HARM**
Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.
- ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME**
If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS**
For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.
- CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS**
While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers – despite many being dogged by controversy.
- DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION**
Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.
- SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS**
You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert
Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including iGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/streamers>

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Just one world

**TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!**



**Bring in any loose change and add it to our world
map.**

**All money raised will go to help CAFOD with their
ongoing support for people around the world.
Children can bring in their donations up until
Thursday 3rd April 2025.**



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EASTER EGG TOMBOLA

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AS PART OF OUR LENTEN CHARITY WORK, WE ARE HOLDING AN EASTER EGG TOMBOLA. IF YOU CAN DONATE ANY EASTER EGGS, PLEASE HAND THEM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 28TH MARCH 2025.



CAFOD
Just one world



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EASTER PARADE

Easter

PARADE



All children are invited to get into the Easter spirit and wear something Easter related. You may want to design and make an Easter bonnet, create an Easter themed tie or create an Easter t-shirt.

We will then hold a whole school parade for parents at 2:45pm on the school field.

Thursday 3rd April 2025





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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.





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FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 10th May - Colour Run

Saturday 28th June - OLOP Fest

Colour Run

Our first ever Friends of OLOP sponsored Colour Run will be held on Saturday 10th May from 12pm and we are looking forward to a fun filled rainbow coloured afternoon.

The course will be set up on the school field, with a few obstacles along the way - and as the children run, they will be showered with coloured powder. Registration will be through ParentPay and will be £3 per child. Friends and family can come and watch the children run and we'd love for the children to collect sponsorship money for taking part. More details to follow next week.

Our rainbow raffle will also be part of this event. Friday 25th April will be a non-uniform day and we ask the children to bring hamper items in their year group assigned colour. Raffle tickets will be available through ParentPay from Friday 25th April to Thursday 8th May. Winners will be drawn at the Colour Run on Saturday 10th May.





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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 LESSONS
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



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SLOUGH TOWN VS. ENFIELD TOWN



4 x FREE TICKETS

**SLOUGH TOWN VS.
ENFIELD TOWN**

SATURDAY 22ND MARCH, 3PM, ARBOUR PARK

SCAN THE QR
CODE AND ENTER
THE CODE
SCHOOLSTFC





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JOIN US AT BEAVERS

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1ST BURNHAM & HITCHAM SCOUT GROUP

JOIN US!

For fun, friendship and activities that get you thinking as well as doing.

We are a large Scout Group in the heart of Burnham.

Beavers are aged 6 to 8 years old, girls and boys. More information on our website.

Add their name to the waiting list now!

www.1stbandhscouts.org.uk/join



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SEND NEWSLETTER

Slough SEND newsletter

March 2025

Keeping you connected



Contacting the SEND Team | Romsey Close Children's Centre is outstanding! | Spotlight on Psychology Services | Sign up to Slough Children's Disability Register! SEND Area Inspection update | Our recruitment strategy | Spotlight on National Children's Bureau | SENDIASS training opportunities | Spotlight on mental health | Newsletter feedback

Welcome to March's edition of our SEND newsletter!

For you this month, we have an introduction to our Educational Psychology Service, information on our pending SEND area inspection by Ofsted and a wealth of resources and information that you and our young people may find useful.

We are changing the way we do things, and we want you, our children, and young people to be at the heart of everything that we do! Feel free to reach out with any future article ideas that you feel would be helpful - this is our newsletter, together and your views, really do matter.



Our Local Offer Page here at Slough, is a fantastic place to get to grips with all things SEND. The information is updated regularly and has helpful links, information on SEND services and the support that is available to children and families. It covers areas such as education, health, social care and other services. Visit www.sloughfamilyservices.org.uk and select 'SEND Local Offer' for more information.

Romsey Close Children's Centre is outstanding!

All of Slough's children's centres were recently inspected by Ofsted and all were found to be good, apart from Romsey Close which was found to be outstanding!

In the report, the Inspector highlighted: "The dedicated leaders and staff are passionate about ensuring all children have the best

start in life regardless of their backgrounds. Children with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are exceptionally well supported and make rapid progress from their starting points."

Well done and thank you to all of the dedicated staff who achieved this amazing result!



Contacting the SEND Team

There are two dedicated email addresses to help you contact us, and to help us effectively respond to you, we would ask that you please use the correct email address depending on the nature of your contact with us:

SEND_ECHNArequest@slough.gov.uk
This email is the address to send all your ECH Needs Assessment requests.

SENDteam@slough.gov.uk
This email is for all other enquiries.
Or call us on **01753 787676**.

Mailing list reminder

Join our mailing list, so you don't miss out on future updates on the Service!

Anyone can join our SEND newsletter mailing list, so please encourage your fellow SEND parents and carers and fellow professionals to subscribe for direct updates and information - they can email us directly at SENDnewsletter@slough.gov.uk to be added to the mailing list.





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SEND NEWSLETTER

Spotlight on Psychology Services

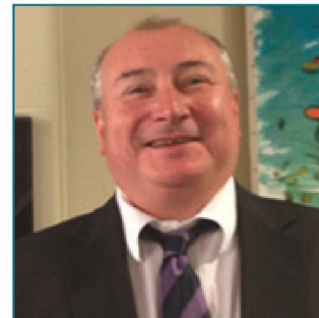
Gary Nixon Educational Psychologist

Gary is an outstanding leader in education, health and children's services environments and is the Principal Educational and Child Psychologist here in Slough. He has previously held senior leadership positions in Shire, City and London Borough Areas and is a respected school leader, holding positions across all areas of SEND and learning, with specialist expertise in applied psychology, educational and organizational leadership and school improvement.

Within his professional life, Gary continues to influence national policy developments and is very passionate about the offer provided to our SEND young people, who are the heart of what we do as a service and why we do what we do.

All Educational Psychology work relates to the key themes of the SEND Code of Practice, including assessment of children and young people, which recognises the unique nature of every child and their unique individual circumstance. The Psychology Team, work with young people and their families to draw information together to develop a formulation of their strengths, needs and aspirations.

With this information Gary works to find the right approach to interventions and the support that would be helpful and beneficial going forward. This includes preparation of psychological advice to the authority as part of Education Health Care (EHC) needs assessments and supporting the council to understand needs and provision if a change of placement



or provision is requested or required. Our SEND young people deserve an inclusive service, where their needs are recognised, understood and form part of what we put in place to help them succeed in education.

If you'd like to contact a member of the SEND team please call 01753 787676 or email sendteam@slough.gov.uk.

Sign up to Slough Children's Disability Register!

Sign up to Slough Children's Disability Register to receive a Max card and to receive information on services in Slough!

Slough's Children's Disability Register is an online register which captures information about children and young people, aged 0-25 years, with disabilities or special educational needs in Slough. The information that you give us will be used anonymously to show the use of and demand for services in Slough.

On registering your child's details, you will be given the option to receive a Max Card.

The Max Card is a national, local authority-commissioned discount initiative for looked after children and children with additional needs aged 0-25 years. The scheme enables families to visit hundreds of attractions across the UK at a free or discounted rate.

- Check mymaxcard.co.uk/venues/ for details and a list of venues.

In Slough, your child might be eligible for a Max Card if they:

- have an EHC plan
- receive DLA
- have a letter of diagnosis of substantial and long-term mental impairment from CAMHS
- have medical proof of a physical impairment that has a long-term effect on ability to do normal daily activities.

This register is for Slough Borough Council residents only.

Registration on Slough Children's Disability Register is not a requirement to obtain any services in Slough and equally does not constitute automatic entitlement to any services.

To find out more and to register: [Slough Information and Services Guide | Slough Children's Disability Register](#)

If you need help with registering, email fis@slough.gov.uk or call Slough Family Information Service on 01753 476589.



Sign up to the Children's Disability Register to receive information on services and support available in Slough!

The Slough Children's Disability Register (SCDR) is a secure database which aims to capture information about all children and young people aged 0-25 years with disabilities or special educational needs in Slough.

The information you provide helps to plan and develop services and support.

Sign up and save with FREE! When registering on SCDR you will be given the option to receive a Max Card. The Max Card is a national, local authority-commissioned discount initiative for children with additional needs aged 0-25 years. The scheme enables families to visit hundreds of attractions across the UK at a free or discounted rate.

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SEND Area Inspection update

As our previous newsletters have highlighted, we are preparing for our local area inspection of the services and provision for our children and young people with SEND. We are currently in the process of refining our area strengths, and areas for further development.

We have significant strengths in our Early Years Education sector, our Children's Centres (who were recently inspected by Ofsted and rated Good and Outstanding!) and in the performance of our schools and colleges across the borough. We are keen to further improve the consistency of communication and the timeliness of our assessments across SEND and the Health Teams, working closely with partners such as Special Voices, schools, and other professionals.

We are a service committed to positive change, which won't happen overnight, but we are confident that the improvements will benefit our SEND young people and families, who deserve a better service. There is also a dedicated page on Slough Borough Council's website that relates to Ofsted's initial report on SEND and our written statement of action, which highlights the areas identified for improvement. [SEND Local Area Inspection and WSOA - Slough Borough Council](#)

Additionally, to better understand Ofsted's approach to local SEND

inspections, please visit the official Ofsted YouTube page, via the video titled [What to expect on an area SEND inspection? A SEND virtual roadshow](#). This video is a recording of one of four virtual roadshows on the area SEND inspection framework. Watch the recording to find out about the changes under the existing framework, how Ofsted gather evidence on inspection and measure the service that you rely on.

We meet with our Ofsted colleagues regularly to measure our progress and to seek their advice on what meaningful changes can be made to keep us on track to a positive inspection. Be assured that work is happening every day on improvements, even if we don't announce it. For us improvement should not be a one-off event, but rather form part of our standard practice on a daily basis, ensuring that we are fit for purpose and evolving our SEND Local Offer.

Via our newsletter - we will take the regular opportunity to update you on the continued meaningful improvement plans and ideas, shaping your SEND service.

You can yourself take a more proactive role in helping to guide the improvements required, to deliver a service that is worthy of our children and young people. It is easy to get in touch with your ideas and feedback - email us: SENDnewsletter@slough.gov.uk

Our recruitment strategy

As part of our ongoing improvements as a service area, we are currently developing a strategy, which will enable us to recruit to further posts within the SEND Case Officer cohort and the surrounding team. Core to this, is the priority of the overall stability of the team and ensuring that we recruit and maintain staffing levels, that not just deliver the statutory service that you deserve, but also enables us to implement and progress the service improvements that we would like to see, as part of your everyday service.

Nationally there is a high demand for SEND Case Officers which leads to local and national competition in the recruitment market place. This is a challenge which we are determined to overcome.

It is incredibly important for us to continue to select the right people for our service, who can bring with them the knowledge and expertise that will directly benefit our families.

We will be recruiting to further posts in 2025 and we are excited to update you in upcoming newsletters to our progress.

Spotlight on National Children's Bureau

The NCB has over 60 years' worth of experience in driving change to improve the systems that keeps children safe, secure and supported.

Their website [National Children's Bureau](#) offers a wealth of training events, information and support for anyone who has or works with children, with their impact noted beyond childhood. Their collaborative evidence-based approach gives them the ability to influence policy decisions, often at the highest levels.





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SENDIASS training opportunities

We are pleased to share that regular training sessions on a variety of SEND topics are available on the SENDIASS website.

These training opportunities are designed to support parents, carers, young adults, and professionals alike, offering valuable insights into the SEND system and how to navigate it effectively.

Both morning and twilight sessions are available, providing flexible options to suit different schedules. We encourage everyone to take advantage of these sessions to gain a deeper understanding of SEND-related topics and improve their knowledge and skills in supporting young people with SEND.

For more information and to book a place, please visit Slough SENDIASS



Online information sessions for parents of children with SEND, young people with SEND, and professionals

Tuesday 25 March 2025
11am-12noon or 6-7pm.

This session will focus on understanding the EHC plan, including:

- what to do if you disagree with the school/college/institution named in the EHC plan (Section I)
- if the Local Authority has not named a school/college/institution in the EHC plan (Section I).

To book, email: SENDIASS@slough.gov.uk (please specify AM or PM session) or via www.sloughsendiass.org.uk

Slough Borough Council

Spotlight on mental health

Good mental health allows us all to cope with life's ups and downs.

It is okay to ask for help for ourselves and for our young people, who may not have the ability to seek out resources that can help. No matter how difficult life can feel at times, there is a range of local NHS and voluntary support services available for children and young people to support their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Support is available from a range of children mental health specialists,

and includes face-to-face and virtual sessions, advice via text and phone lines. Slough is in partnership with Frimley NHS - Healthier Together, who via their website frimley-healthiertogether.nhs.uk offer a range of services and advice on maintaining your child's mental health.



Local advice and support to help manage and improve the health and wellbeing of babies, children, and young people

ASCOT | BRACKNELL | FARNHAM | MADDENHEAD | NORTH EAST HAMPSHIRE | SLOUGH | SURREY HEATH | WINDSOR

Thank you for taking the time to catch up with us. If you would like to make any article contributions, in future editions, get in touch SENDnewsletter@slough.gov.uk. We would love to hear from you!

Newsletter feedback:
this is your newsletter!
If you would like to suggest any changes to this newsletter, see additional information, be added to the mailing list, and/or give feedback, please email sendnewsletter@slough.gov.uk



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SEND SUPPORT

Please find attached the flyer with more information on our upcoming Bear Cubs sessions.
To book tickets please use this link [BEAR CUBS Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)
www.gems4health.com



Bear cubs

Ages 5 to 10

First and third Monday of the
month - 4pm to 5pm

7th April - Lego Fun - Dedworth Library, Windsor

21st April - Easter Monday - No session

5th May - May Bank Holiday - No session

19th May - Big on Bouncing - Slough (fee applies)

2nd June - Story Time - Langley Library

16th June - Picnic in the Park - Bracknell

**Please note activities may be subject to change*

Registration:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net
0800 999 1342

Criteria:

Children with or likely to have
ADHD and/or autism and
living in East Berkshire



For more information: Call 0800 999 1342 or visit www.Gems4Health.com



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



Oral health support Virtual session Autism and ADHD

**Friday 16th May 2025
10am to 11:15am**

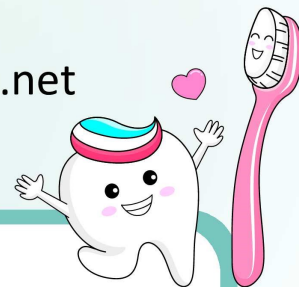
As part of National Smile month, GEMS would like to invite parents and carers to a virtual session to help support good oral health.

Criteria:

- Children who live in, or have a GP in, East Berkshire
- And are likely to have, are waiting for an assessment, or have been diagnosed with Autism and or ADHD.



email Gems.4health@nhs.net



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FACE TO FACE

FREE

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
Chalvey 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

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"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"



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Making Sense of my Child's Behaviours

An online session for parents who have children diagnosed with ASD or are on the pathway.

In this session, get a deeper insight into your neurodivergent child, learn how to respond to their needs, and deepen your connection through cooperation.

I feel bad because I can't understand my child and connect.

DATE & TIME:
1st April
10am-11am
Online session

BOOK YOUR SPOT:
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ONLINE ZEN DRAWING

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.

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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

25 spaces
available!

Join our online informal discussion to
cover the following areas:

- 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



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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.



Virtual Coffee Morning Eating and food Autism and ADHD

Friday 21st March 10 - 11:15am

25 spaces
available!

Join our online informal discussion to
cover the following areas:

- What works for your family at meal times?
- What are problematic areas around eating?
- How do you support your child with eating?

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



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CHURCH BULLETIN



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



Third Sunday of Lent (C)

PARISH MASS BOOKS – YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

We are grateful for the generous contributions received since our announcement last Sunday regarding the purchase of new Mass books for our parish community. Each Missal, which contains all the readings and order of Sunday Masses for three liturgical years, is available for £20. Given our limited storage space, this is a practical solution that will enhance our worship experience. As we journey through Lent, we kindly invite you to consider contributing to this worthy cause. Every donation, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

Mass Times & Intentions				
Sat	22 nd Mar	OLOP	6 pm	Rose Marie Corcoran RIP (Mary McConville) Suzanne Sammut RIP 5 th Anniversary (Calc Sammut)
Sun	23 rd Mar	OLOP	9.30	Robert McClintock RIP Anniversary (Denise) Thanksgiving for Rodrigues Family (Jose Rodrigues) Elizabeth Clarke RIP (Kay)
			St. A	11.30
Mon	24 th Mar	OLOP	9.30	Deceased Members of the Batt Family (Batt) Suzanne Sammut RIP 5 th Anniversary (Sammut) Thanksgiving for Ola (Aleksandra) Birthday INT (Rafal)
Tue	25 th Mar	OLOP	9.30	Mary Coll RIP (O'Donnell) Florence Matwiejczyk INT (R. Group)
			OLOP	7 pm
Wed	26 th Mar	OLOP	9.30	Thanksgiving for Fr. Andy Richardson INT Birthday (Pepaj Family) Eleonore Kempson INT (R. Group) Station of the Cross
Thur	27 th Mar	St. A	9.30	Joe Campbell RIP (Shelagh) Danny Shaw & Family INT (R. Group) Station of the Cross
			OLOP	9.30
Fri	28 th Mar	OLOP	9.30	Bernadette Morrissey RIP (Collette & Martin McLoughlin)
			7 pm	Station of the Cross
Sat	29 th Mar	OLOP	10.00	Margaret & Joe Haire INT (R. Group) Mullins (Foundation)
			6 pm	Rita Mackay RIP (Ann Shiels) Liz Bamber & Family INT (R. Group)
Sun	30 th Mar	OLOP	9.30	Catherine Canty RIP 11 th Anniversary (Madeleine Bowron) Brid Vaughan INT (Alma & Venecia) Alma & Veronica INT (Brid Vaughan)
			St. A	11.30

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Loose Collection: £863.49
Sunday Tea & Coffee: £17.50
DONA Plate: £127.84



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

Lead Sacristan: Ms. Alma Pepaj

Safeguarding: Mrs. Mairin Comfort

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

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics): There will be two Masses at 9.30am and 7.00pm on Tuesday, 25th March in Our lady of Peace Church.

RETIRING COLLECTION: NEXT weekend March 29th and 30th, there will be a Jubilee Year Collection for the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. The retiring collection for CAFOD amounted to £645.68. We are very grateful for your continued support.

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CHURCH BULLETIN CONTINUED

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✠ 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.

CLERGY NEWS: In the latest Ad Clerum, Bishop David has announced the upcoming retirement of three priests from our diocese this summer: Canon Kevin O'Driscoll, Canon John Beirne, and Fr. Andrew Behrens. We thank God for their years of dedicated ministry. We wish them a well-deserved rest! Please keep them in your prayers.

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/>

INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO BE A TEACHER? St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust are running a series of open mornings where you can find out what is involved in our training programme and progress your application for September 2025. To book your place, go to www.stcat.co.uk/become-a-teacher/open-mornings/.

ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2024: The Diocese of Northampton is pleased to announce the publication of our second Annual Report, which is available on the diocesan website <https://northamptondiocese.org/safeguarding/> and includes new additions; training feedback, detailed case work data, nature of safeguarding advice enquiries and identified case learning. Please take the time to read the report.

1st Reading: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 'I Am' has sent me to you.'

Psalm 103(102) R/ The Lord is compassionate and gracious.

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 The way of life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down for our instruction.

Gospel Acclamation: **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9 'Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.'

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 sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **Amen.**

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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 & Annamaria Coppola.

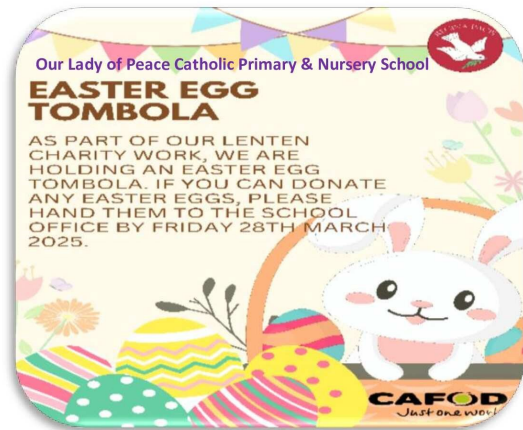
They intend getting married at Parrocchia di San Marco Evangelista in Rigoli, Italy.

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 second reading of the banns of marriage.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY RETREAT: The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Saturday 26th April 2025 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. For more information call Millie on 07957 594646. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

CHRISM MASS: A reminder that the Chrism Mass this year will take place on Wednesday 16th April at midday at the Cathedral. We encourage parishioners to attend this joyful diocesan celebration.



Luke 13:5

But unless you repent, you too will all perish."