

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025



Our Lady Of Peace Catholic  
Primary and Nursery School



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

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy couple of weeks with lots of exciting things happening.

Last week we had the Year 2 and 3 nativity. The children put together a fabulous nativity with fantastic singing and acting. The hard work that the children and staff put into this play was evident in both performances. The children should be incredibly proud of themselves.

This week we have seen the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 4 Christmas performances. All children performed and sang beautifully and it has been a great addition to our Advent celebrations. Well done to all the children and staff for organising these special events.

My thanks also go to all the staff for a wonderful Christmas dinner day on Wednesday. My special thanks go to Mrs Brown (Lunchtime Manager) for organising and preparing for the lunch as well as June and her team in the kitchen. Without the dedication and commitment of the staff, we wouldn't be able to put on these special occasions for the children.

## Reminders:

We have one final week for this term and we will be ending the term on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 12:15pm.

Thank you to those parents who have read my email regarding parking on the main road. Please ensure that you do not park on the double yellow lines as this will ensure the traffic can flow easily and keeps parents and children safe.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend.

Mr Stopps

## Important Dates

18<sup>th</sup> December-Nursery Finishes

19<sup>th</sup> December-Last day of term 12:15pm

5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - INSET Day

6<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Start of term

14<sup>th</sup> January - Start of Term Mass



**Our Lady Of Peace**



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# Catholic Life and Religious Education



## **Message from the Mission Team**

"Thank you so much for your generous donations in our third year of the Love Christmas campaign. You helped bring light and hope to people who are struggling and truly spread the spirit of Christmas. Your kindness reflects the love Jesus calls us to share. Wishing you a Christmas filled with hope, joy, and love."





# Advent Calendar






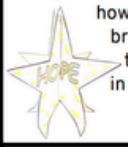























As we enter into this special time of preparation in school and at home. We would like to share our Advent Calendar that we will be following in school. There is a digital and printable version for you to share as a family.

Please do share with us any way in which you celebrate Advent at home or how you are preparing.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/digital-advent-calendar/>

## Mission Together Advent Calendar 2025

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>Today's reading from the Prophet Isaiah speaks of a time when people will hammer swords and spears into what?<br>+ Isaiah 2:1-5<br> <b>30</b>           | An Advent wreath's circular shape and evergreen leaves are signs of God's unending love. What might the candles be a sign of?<br> <b>1</b>   | Advent is a waiting time. Waiting for good things isn't easy, but prayer helps. Today, ask God to help you wait patiently for Christmas Day.<br> <b>2</b>                           | Listen to our Advent carol <i>We are Waiting</i> .* Try learning the carol, as a way to help you get ready for Jesus!<br> <b>3</b>  | <b>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT:</b> During Advent in the Philippines, homes are decorated with paper lanterns called Paroles. They are to light the way for Jesus.*<br> <b>4</b> | Make a Mission Together <i>Star of Hope</i> today, and think about how you can bring hope to others in Advent.*<br> <b>5</b>  | Write an Advent prayer or poem. Try to include the words: <i>Advent, hope, wait, light, God, Jesus, love.</i><br> <b>6</b> |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>Today's reading from the Prophet Isaiah speaks of God's kingdom. How does the prophet describe God's peaceful kingdom?<br>+ Isaiah 11:1-10<br> <b>7</b> | In this 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of Advent we think about peace. Today spend a moment remembering children who live in war zones. Ask God to keep them in His care.<br> <b>8</b>                 | One way we prepare for Jesus is by being peacemakers. Make a Mission Together <i>Peace Paper-chain</i> . On each link write ways you can build peace.*<br> <b>9</b>                 | Listen carefully to the carol <i>Silent Night</i> . This peaceful carol once stopped soldiers fighting. Try singing along, too.*<br> <b>10</b>  | Make peace today. Say sorry to someone you may have upset this week; or forgive someone who has upset you.<br> <b>11</b>  | <b>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT:</b> Tomorrow is the feast of St Lucy. In Denmark, children join candle-lit processions to honour St Lucy, and as a sign of the light that Jesus brings.*<br> <b>12</b>   | Today, find somewhere peaceful to sit and thank God for the people who love and care for you.<br> <b>13</b>                |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>Today's reading from Isaiah speaks of the joy that God's love brings. How can you share that joy today?<br>+ Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10<br> <b>14</b>          | Yesterday was <i>Gaudete</i> Sunday. <i>Gaudete</i> means <i>rejoice!</i> The pink candle lit on the Advent wreath is also a sign of joy. Why is there a growing sense of joy?<br> <b>15</b> | <b>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT:</b> Mauke is an island in Oceania. As Christmas nears, Christians there share the joy of Jesus' birth by giving food hampers to strangers.*<br> <b>16</b>    | Today, make a Mission Together <i>Joyful Paper Angel</i> and think about how you can share the joy of Jesus' birth with others.*<br> <b>17</b>  | Joy is easy to pass on! Look out for people who are lonely today and invite them to play.<br> <b>18</b>   | Singing helps us to feel joyful – especially when we sing with others. Try singing the carol <i>Joy to the World</i> today.*<br> <b>19</b>  | Today, say a prayer for children who are sad or lonely. Ask God to help you share His joy with them.<br> <b>20</b>         |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>In today's reading from the Gospel of St Matthew, what does God's angel say to Joseph?<br>+ Matthew 1:18-24<br> <b>21</b>                               | Christmas is a time for welcoming visitors – Jesus himself is coming! Today, ask your parents if you can help them get things ready for Christmas Day.<br> <b>22</b>                         | Around the world, billions of people are preparing for the birth of Jesus. Today, say the <i>Our Father</i> for those in our global family who need God's help today.<br> <b>23</b> | <b>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT:</b> In DR Congo (Africa), people of all ages will take part in big nativity plays this evening. Can you share the Christmas story with someone today, too?*  <b>24</b> | Rejoice! Jesus is born! Remember to thank God, and your family, for all the gifts their love brings.<br> <b>25</b>  | Cross symbol + refers to scriptures found in our <i>Advent Celebrations of the Word</i> . Asterisks * refer to assemblies, craft activities, and sing-along carols. Download all for free at <a href="https://MissionTogether.org.uk">MissionTogether.org.uk</a><br><br>Mission Together is the children's branch of Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission<br>Registered Charity No. 1056651 <b>missio</b> |   |



# ATTENDANCE



Please ensure you are calling the Office on 0162 661886 or emailing [attendance@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:attendance@olopprimary.co.uk) before 9am to advise of any absence.

RHA St Valentine-89.7%

RRP St Joseph 97.4%

IEH St Bernadette 91.3%

IRS St Faustina Kowalska 97.5%

2SS St Mary Magdalene 95.8%

2SK St Teresa of Calcutta 90.6%

3CK St Martin de Porres 90.5%

3MB St Paul 90.9%

4SS St Peter 94.8%

4RB St John Bosco 99%

5TH St Thomas Moore 93.8%

5HH St Assisi 92.6%

6JOK St Maximillian 94.2%

6SP St Josephine Bakhita 96.1%





# Pupil Achievements



## Pupil of the Week

Nursery: Aurora

RRP: Kiara

RHA: Aurora

IEH: Whole Class

IRS: Jemimah

2SK: Zane

2SS: Micaela

3CK: Gabriel

3MB: Renesmee

4SS: Kaleesi

4RB: Dawid

5TH: Cara

5HH: Gerome

6JOK: Levi

6SP: Casey

## Love in Action

Nursery: Grace

RRP: Ralf

RHA: Imani

IEH: Whole Class

IRS: Freddie

2SK: Moses

2SS: Amelia

3CK: Maryaam

3MB: Max

4SS: Ashlyn

4RB: Kalab

5TH: Amelia

5HH: Emmanuella

6JOK: Aizah

6SP: Jessica





# Friends of OLOP



Dates:  
Friday 16th January 2pm  
- Friends of OLOP AGM  
Friday 23rd January -  
Children's Disco's  
Friday 6th March Rock &  
Roll Bingo

## Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair, we are incredibly grateful to parents, friends, staff, local businesses and stallholders who made the event a success, and to all who came along on the day and made it such a festive day for our school community. The total raised was £376!!

## AGM

As a registered charity, Friends of OLOP are required to hold an Annual General Meeting each year, this will be held on Friday 16th January at 2pm at school. The purpose of this meeting is to present our results and financial accounts from last year, and elect our committee for the coming year. We have lots planned already for 2026 so it's a great opportunity to come along to find out more about how you can get involved and share your ideas, all are welcome and we'd love to see you there.



# OLOP News



## Christmas Unwrapped

On Friday 5th December 2025, our Year 6 pupils were delighted to take part in the Christmas Unwrapped workshop, led by Wayne Dixon. This energetic and engaging session explored the true message of Christmas and its significance for Christians today, with pupils excited, fully involved and eager to contribute throughout. The session opened with a fun festive round of 'Guess the Year?' using Slade's 'Merry Christmas Everyone', followed by a Discovery carousel where pupils moved around five themed stations, reading, discussing and summarising key ideas while 'Mary Did You Know?' played in the background. Pupils also enjoyed the lively 'Check It Out!' Christmas rap before finishing with a modern and thoughtful 'Re-tooning the Nativity' video.

Through these creative and interactive activities, children were encouraged to think more deeply about the Christmas story and its message of hope and joy. The workshop was both uplifting and thought-provoking, and we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Wayne for his continued dedication to sharing Christian teaching in schools.

The Year 6 Team





# OLOP News



## Walk to School Ambassador - Applications Now Open!



As part of our work towards the Slough Healthy School Award, we are delighted to invite children from Reception through to Year 6 to apply for the role of Walk to School Ambassador.

Our ambassadors will help promote healthier, more active ways of travelling to school — such as walking, scooting, or cycling. They will play an important part in encouraging their classmates to make small changes that can lead to a healthier lifestyle and a safer, cleaner environment around our school.

If you would like to apply, it's easy! Simply write your name and class on a piece of paper and "post" it into the box located outside **Mrs Saab's classroom**.



The deadline for entries is **Friday 28th November 2025**, so make sure you get your application in on time.

We look forward to hearing from lots of enthusiastic pupils.  
Good luck to everyone who applies!





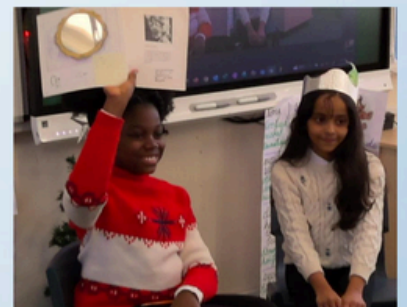
# OLOP News



## Latest News from our **Reading Champions**

This week all of our Reading Champions prepared and shared a story with children in every class in school. They did such a marvellous job!  
Well done to all of our Reading champions.

Take a look at some photos of our  
BRILLIANT Reading Champions...





# What is happening?



**FREE  
SESSIONS**



## The season to shine with Slough Libraries

Follow the trail of the magical comet to a sparkling line-up of free family activities in libraries this December.



### The Curve

#### The Comet story time

**Saturday 6 December, 11-11.30am.** A special edition story time, featuring the magical story of The Comet.

#### Caroline's comets

**Saturday 13 December, 2-4pm.** Join Museums Partnership Reading to explore Slough's comet-connected history. Celebrate the achievements of Caroline Herschel, discoverer of 8 comets, who looked to the skies over Slough through a giant telescope. Create your own comet to zoom around your room, along with other space related activities. Drop in. Age 5+

#### LEGO® Build to Give

**Tuesday 16 December, 4-5pm.** Children can give the gift of kindness by building a LEGO® heart and for each one made, LEGO® will donate a gift to a child in need. Drop-in. Age 5+

#### Papercraft

**Saturday 20 December, 3-4pm.** Transform your paper into dragon claws or a Christmas wreath. Drop in. Age 4+

#### Do you want to make a snowman?

**Monday 22 December, 2-3pm.** Turn paper plates into a friendly snowman who never melts! Drop in. Age 3+

#### Regular drop in events

**LEGO® (for age 5+)**

Tuesdays, 4-5pm

**Chess (all ages)**

Saturdays, 11.30am-12.30pm



Borrow up to 30 books with your library membership and take the magic of stories home. Access thousands of books, magazines and newspapers digitally, through our e-reading services, so you can always have something to read without venturing out in the cold.

Ask staff for details or visit

[www.slough.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.slough.gov.uk/libraries)

Parents/carers should stay on site. Please note the age guidance for each activity.

### Cippenham Library

#### Pop-up play featuring The Comet story time

**Saturday 6 December, 11am-12noon.** Enjoy a magical tale, then stay to play. Board games and puzzles available after your story.

#### Caroline's comets

**Saturday 6 December, 1.30-3.30pm.** Create your own comet and celebrate Slough's connection to space, with themed activities from Museums Partnership Reading. Drop in. Age 5+

#### Pop-up play

**Saturday 13 December, 11am-12noon.** A room full of puzzles and board games for an hour of family fun.

#### Do you want to make a snowman?

**Tuesday 23 December, 2-3pm.** Turn plain paper plates into a friendly snowman who never melts! Drop in. Age 3+



### Britwell Library

#### Lynch Hill School choir

**Friday 19 December, 4pm.** Enjoy a selection of seasonal songs from the young singers of Lynch Hill School.



### Langley Library

#### Caroline's comets

**Monday 15 December, 3.15-4.30pm.** Create your own comet and celebrate Slough's connection to space, with themed activities from Museums Partnership Reading. Drop in. Age 5+

#### Jingle bell pots

**Tuesday 16 December, 3.30-4.30pm.** Turn old pots into festive bells that really jingle all the way! Add your own colourful touches to create a delightful decoration for your home. Drop in. Age 3+

More comet adventures await at The Curve Venue seasonal show The Comet. See [curvevenue.uk](http://curvevenue.uk) for details. **Please note: ticket charges apply for this production.**







# HELP SHAPE A NEW PARENT CARER FORUM IN SLOUGH

## **Do you care for a child with additional needs?**

You can help improve services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

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**Have your voice heard | Influence decisions**  
**Connect with parent carers | Make a difference!**

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The parent carer forum will work to share the collective views and experiences of families with the local authority and health to help improve services for children and young people with SEND

**Together, we can shape better services for our children**

Call or text Catherine on 07990 643977 or email [catherine.ratcliffe@contact.org.uk](mailto:catherine.ratcliffe@contact.org.uk)

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