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*School starts at 8:55am
(Nursery 8.45am and 12.15pm),
gates will be shut promptly.
Please ensure children are in
class in plenty of time. Please
pick your child up promptly at
the end of the day at 3.10pm
(KS1) or 3:15pm (KS2)*

*Children **should not** be on the
school grounds before 8:30am
under any circumstances.
The school does not take re-
sponsibility for children who
are on the school grounds be-
fore 8:30am.*

*Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary
and Nursery School has a commit-
ment to safeguarding and promoting
the welfare of children.*



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary & Nursery School **'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'**

Headteachers Message



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Today classes St Francis and St Maximillian performed in their class assembly, they all performed beautifully and everyone commented on what a delight they were to watch, well done. This weekend is the start of the Holy Communion for Year 3, good luck to every one making their First Holy Communion. I hope the sun shines brightly for you all. I look forward to seeing you all on this wonderful occasion.

Thank you for your continued support.

We wish you all a restful weekend.

God Bless.

Reminder: Daisy's Dream

The school will be holding a fund raising event on Friday 11th May to support the amazing work of the Daisy's Dream charity who support children throughout bereavement. May we ask that children come into school dressed in their own clothes, with a donation of £1 to help this worthy cause. Thank you.

Cafod 'Give it up Campaign'

Many thanks to all of you who donated money to the CAFOD Give it up campaign during lent. As a school, we managed to raise £382! This figure will be doubled by the Government, therefore making a total of £764.

Our aim was to raise the money so that families would have access to safe water. The money raised will enable 23 families to have access to clean water that we all take for granted every day. So again, a huge thank you to all those who donated.

'Learn to Balance and Ride' sessions for 3-9 year olds' from Slough Borough Council

Slough Council is keen to help all children who live or study in the borough to learn to cycle confidently and competently on two wheels this summer. After school and holiday sessions delivered by Cycle Experience will be running at Salt Hill Park from 14 May onwards. All sessions are subsidised, bikes are provided and can be booked online or by phone for just £5.00 for two 50 minute sessions. For more information and to book please visit: <https://www.cycleexperience.com/Booking/BookNowAllCourses> or call 0330 024 1783 (Mon-Fri 0900-1700).

The Royal Wedding Lunch Menu

On Thursday 17th May we have a change of menu to celebrate The Royal Wedding. We ask that children come to school wearing either red, white or blue. There will be no donation required, this will be a fun celebration for everyone to enjoy. If your child has not tried a hot meal before, this would be a great opportunity for them to try. Please see menu attached.



Reminder: Punctuality

Children are expected to enter school between 8.45am and 8:55am; any child arriving after this time will be marked as late in the register. Children who arrive after 9am are recorded as late after registration.

When your child is late, the following procedure **MUST** be adhered to:

- All late arrivals after 8:55am MUST report to the Main Reception with their child/ren.
- **(For KS1 only)** A late slip will be filled out by the school office and given to the parent/carer to take to KS1 and the slip should be given to a member of staff and the child will then be taken to their class. If you take your child to KS1 without coming to the main reception first, you will be directed back to the main reception with your child to sign in. The late mark will be entered onto the InVentry system and the class register by the Attendance Officer.

(For KS2) If your child is late, the late mark will be entered onto the InVentry system and the class register by the Attendance Officer.

Please ensure your child is in class on time, every morning. Being late has a detrimental effect on your child's education and that of other children in their class and being on time is a life skill that is extremely important. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder: Free School Meals – changes to eligibility and transitional protection

The eligibility criteria for free school meals came into force on 1st April 2018. These are changes being implemented by the government in relation to eligibility under Universal Credit. In addition, the government are introducing a transitional protection period to protect the FSM eligibility of those pupils who lose their entitlement as a result of the new criteria.

The current eligibility criteria remain, however, where a parent applies for free school meals under Universal Credit, they will only be eligible where their household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits they get).

If you wish to claim for Free School Meals, please contact Mrs O'Sullivan via attendance@olopprimary.co.uk or call the school on 01628 661886 for a form, alternatively you may go on the Slough Borough Council website and fill in the online form.

What is Pupil Premium?

Key facts:

The Pupil Premium is allocated to children from low-income families who are currently known to be eligible, or have been eligible for free school meals (FSMs) in the last six years and looked after children (LAC). As a group, children who have been eligible for Pupil Premium tend to have consistently lower educational attainment than their peers.

Provision

- All our work supported by the Pupil Premium will be aimed at accelerating progress and moving children to at least age-related expectations. Initially, this will be in the areas of English and Maths.
- The range of provision prioritised for these pupils includes:
 1. A focused approach to developing Quality First Teaching.
 2. Additional teaching and learning opportunities provided through trained teaching assistants (TAs) and enrichment activities.
 3. Enhanced C.P.D. for teachers.
- A crucial element of our work, which underpins academic progress, is the emotional support and personal development for children eligible for Pupil Premium.
- Pupil Premium resources may also be used to target more able children, in order for these pupils to make excellent progress.
- Pupil Premium is allocated following a needs analysis, which identifies priority classes, groups or individuals.

Provision for pupils with special educational needs are separate from Pupil Premium, however in some cases, pupils may have special educational needs and be eligible for the Pupil Premium.

Enriching the environment

The pupil premium also goes to support activity beyond the usual classroom timetable; this includes activities that will enrich the pupil's whole education and provide further opportunities such as:

- Educational and residential visits
- Gardening experiences and club

Enrichment opportunities with external professionals.

Targeted support

At Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary & Nursery School, we work closely with parents and carers to ensure we are fully supporting pupils in every way we can, in a planned and monitored process. This includes using external resources if necessary, such as the support tools below:

- Learning interventions according to need, short and long-term
- Additional Educational Psychologist time
- Evidence based strategies such as: Every Child Counts programme

Key Stage 1 Nurture group and Key Stage 2 Emotional Literacy Support

This list of activities is not definitive. It is continually under review and is adapted to the changing needs of the pupils at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary & Nursery School.

Positive of the Week

Positive comments received on how well the gardens look around the school, well done to all the children and the gardening lady Mrs Stevens for all their hard work and making our school look amazing.

We welcome your positive commentThank you!

Please find attached the following communications and information

- ⇒ **Church Bulletin**
- ⇒ **Celebrate Royal Wedding Poster**
- ⇒ **The Royal Wedding Lunch Menu**



***“This is the day which the
Lord has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it.”***

Psalm 118:24



Governor of the Month

Prithi Mascarenhas: Foundation Governor

My name is Prithi Mascarenhas and I joined the governing body in 2017 as a foundation governor. Since March 2018, I have served as a Vice Chair on the Finance, Staffing, Premises, Health & Safety Committee, which oversees the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent.

In my day job, I work as a HR Business Partner in the rail transport industry. As part of my governor role, I visited the school on Thursday 19th January 2018. I enjoyed the morning assembly which was focused on goal setting and resilience and it was good to see that the children were encouraged to keep hydrated during the hot sunny day. The children listened attentively to an interactive presentation on the key themes and were well behaved and keen to answer questions. I also attended a Year 6 Maths class. I noticed that the students were required to reason independently, and at times participate in a group discussion to resolve the various maths problems they were presented with. The children were engaged with the lesson and demonstrated a lot of focus and attention in class; they worked hard to complete the various activities.

I intend to do more visits to school this year as I thoroughly enjoyed this one and it gave me an insight into the day to day running of the school, and being around the children brought back some fond memories of my own primary school years. I must admit that some of the maths that the children were learning is now a distant memory!



KS2 Pupil of the Week

St Clare	Christopher James	For always working hard and trying his best in every lesson.
St Peter	Denis Mazur	For trying really hard in all lessons and concentrating hard.
St John Bosco	Celine Sidyk	For consistent hard work in all areas of learning.
St Columba	Joshua Saunders	For writing a fantastic report on Rainforests and trying really hard to work on his handwriting.
St Blaise	The Whole Class	For such lovely comments about your peers being put into the Good News Box. It is amazing to hear the nice things you are doing and recognising each other.
St Paul	Gabriela Wilczko	For her positive behaviour and attitude in class, always putting lots of effort into her work and trying her very best.
St Maximilian	Jamie Rance	For learning his lines for his class assembly.
St Ethelbert	Safiyya Mukhtar	For following all instructions throughout the week, working hard in all tasks and for making an exceptional effort to improve the presentation of her work.
St Dunstan	Ethan Farrell	For working really hard in maths and for always being polite and enthusiastic in class.
St Joseph	Kayden Richardson	For working extremely hard throughout the year. He has shown great enthusiasm in all subjects and has produced work to be extremely proud of.
St Brigid	Elliott Durkan	For showing a much improved attitude to his work this week. Settled down, stayed on task ensuring work edited and completed to the highest standard.
St Cuthbert	Hayley Mzondo	For her fantastic contributions in RE lessons.

Well done to you all!

KS1 Star of the Week

RNG St Valentine	Ethan Sood	For his wonderful independent writing.
RHM St John	Sofia Carnovale	For her very good segmenting skills in her independent writing.
REH St Francis	Aoife Shannon	For her superb independent writing.
1GK St Bernadette	Chloe Olasunkanmi	For being a fantastic role model for her peers, making sensible and mature choices and being unfailingly polite at all times.
1CW St Jude	Josiah Sarquah	For writing an amazing innovated version of 'Hansel and Gretel.'
1MB St Teresa	Marvin Forrest	For showing great effort during English lessons this week and producing a beautiful piece of writing.
2JB St Christopher	James Rossiter	For his positive behaviour and attitude in all areas of his learning in the classroom.
2KS St Thomas-Moore	Musa Ditta	For really paying attention in class and making great improvements to his writing.
2DN St Mary-Magdalene	Muhammad Ashraf	For always trying to offer a helping hand in class.

Well done to you all!

Local Parishes Mass Times

Holy Redeemer Parish	Wexham Road, Slough, West Berkshire, SL2 5QR	Sunday – 9am and 11am
Holy Family Catholic Parish	226 Trelawney Avenue, Langley, Slough, SL3 7UD	Saturday – 5:30pm Sunday – 9:30am, 11:15am and 6:30pm
Our Lady of Peace The Presbytery	Lower Britwell Road, Slough, SL2 2NL	Saturday – 6pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday – 9:45am
St Andrew's Shared Church	Washington Drive, Slough, SL1 5RE	Sunday – 11.30am
St Anthony's RC Church	Farnham Road, Slough, SL2 3AE	Saturday – 6pm Sunday – 10:30am
St Ethelbert's Catholic Church	Wellington Street, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 1XU	Saturday – 9.30am Sunday – 9am, 11am and 6:30pm

Useful Dates for Your Diary—2018



05/05/18	First Holy Communion—OLOP Church at 11am (3CK) and 2pm (3TM)
7/05/18	BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
11/05/18	Daisy's Dream Fundraising Event—£1 donation please
12/05/18	First Holy Communion—OLOP Church at 11am ONLY— (Class 3SB)
14/05/18	Key Stage 2 SATS Testing (Monday to Thursday)
15/05/18	Year 5 Transition Meeting at 6pm—KS2 Hall
16/05/18	School Nursing Team Visiting Reception Children—Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing Assessments.
17/05/18	New Lunch Menu, for this day only. Children should come dressed in Red, White or Blue. No donation required. Thank you.
18/05/18	Year 4—St Blaise (4BS) Class Worship at 2.30pm
21/05/18	Photographer—Class Group Photographs/Leavers Group and Leavers Portraits
24/05/18	OLOP British Bake Off Competition—followed by cake sale after school
25/5/18	Whole School Thanks Giving Mass 10.00 to 11.00am —Parents Welcome
28/05/18	BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
29/05/18- 01/06/18	Half Term
04/05/18	Start of New Term

Attendance of the Week—(30th April—4th May 2018)



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	88%
Reception	96%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	97%



Well Done Year 2!

Whole School Attendance

96%

KS1 Classes of the Week is

2DN 100%

KS2 Classes of the Week is

5SS 99%

Attendance Information

Children with poor attendance may fall behind with school work and will attract the attention of the Attendance Officer. Pupils with 90% or below attendance will be brought to the attention of the Attendance Officer and put on the monitoring list. Once on the monitoring list, any absence will require an appointment card or letter from the child's doctor confirming their illness, before an authorised mark is granted. In extreme cases parents can face prosecution and substantial fines for failing to ensure that their child(ren) attends school.

Please note if your child gets an unauthorised late mark this will affect their overall attendance. All children should be in class by 8.55.am. Lateness is detrimental to your child's learning as they miss the vital part of the lesson.

Please arrive to school on time. Thank you.

The whole school attendance should be 95% or higher on a regular week. All children should aim for an attendance of 98-100% though as a school we do recognise that children may become unwell so will be absent from school.