



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

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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 8:3am.*

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



*Whole School Mass  
Friday 25th May 2018*

### Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It was lovely to see the Reception and Nursery children having a wonderful experience with all the farm animals, which you can read about in the body of the newsletter. Year 5 held their Passion Play to parent on Tuesday during the day and evening. The children were amazing and their play was enjoyed by both staff, children and parents. On Thursday Year 6 Ambassadors and some Year 6 children led the Stations of the Cross in the environmental area where we welcomed parents and parishioners, it was a moving and reflective service. Thank you to all the parents who attended and stayed for tea and coffee afterwards, it was lovely to see you all.

Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless you all.

**DO NOT  
BLOCK  
DRIVE**

### Parking

Our relationship with our neighbours is very important. There has been occasions where parents cars have blocked drives and parked in allocated bays. Please be mindful of your parking arrangements. We have been in contact with the traffic police who will be patrolling the area.

### Film Workshop

Representatives from MN Academy will be running workshops for pupils in Years 5 and 6 next week. The workshop will focus on developing filming skills and if there is enough interest, it will run as an after school club for pupils.

The company has a combined experience of working for over 25 years in the film and TV industry. It is an academy which plays a vital role in enhancing the performance of students by providing access to excellent coaching. The children will have the opportunity to experiment and focus on building their confidence as well as developing key skills.

## Absence

If your child is absent for a single period of 3 or more days at one time, then the School will require you to provide evidence from your Doctor or Hospital so that this may be held for Slough Borough Council.

May we also remind you that **NO** holiday will be authorised at any time during term time and 5 days of absence or more will incur a penalty notice (fine) from Slough Borough Council.

Any absences **attached** to a School holiday will need to be backed up with medical evidence, i.e. either an appointment card from the Doctor's surgery to say your child has been seen and please make sure this is dated for the day of absence or proof provided of any prescribed medication. This can be brought to the School Office on your child's return. Without this, your child's absence will be marked as unauthorised and again, if your child is away for 5 days or more (*including either side of a School holiday*), this could incur a penalty notice (fine) from Slough Borough Council.

As a parent/guardian it is your responsibility to ensure your child attends School on a regular basis.

## Year 6 PGL Residential trip

Please be reminded of the Year 6 PGL residential trip parent Information evening on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Mufti Day

The school will be holding a mufti day on the last day of term (Friday 5th April). Children can wear their own clothes but instead of bringing in a pound we are asking parents to donate an Easter egg.

Friends of OLOP volunteers will be in the school car park between KS1 and KS2 at drop off to collect the eggs. Please can we remind you we are a nut free school so please can you ensure all Easter eggs do not contain any nuts.

The Easter Egg tombola will be held on the same day at the end of school, at 1:15pm, in the car park. All money raised will be put towards buying interactive whiteboard equipment. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.



## Reception Farm Visit

On Monday, Reception and Nursery children had a visit from farmer Pete and his animals. Farmer Pete talked to the children about how to be safe around the farm and then the children got the opportunity to engage with the animals. The children particularly enjoyed feeding the animals and brushing the ponies.



### Year 5 Passion Play

Year 5 pupils performed the Passion Play to parents on Tuesday afternoon and evening. Everyone performed fantastically and sang beautifully. It was a very respectful and moving experience for all. A big well done to all the children for learning their lines so quickly. A special thank you to the children that were able to attend the evening performance, some who even had to act a part for the first time! Many thanks to all the staff involved and to all the parents who were able to attend and support the performances.

### 3CK St John Bosco Class Assembly



On Friday 22nd March Year 3 Saint John Bosco held their class assembly. The class recited a poem about Boudica from their topic about the Romans. They also shared what they had learned about their class patron, Saint John Bosco. This was followed by class liturgy on the Hidden Treasure found in the Gospel of Matthew, verse 44. Parents and children enjoyed their assembly, thank you all for supporting the children.

### 1MB St Teresa Class Assembly



On Friday 22nd March the children from 1MB (St. Teresa) presented their assembly for the parents. The children talked about the topics covered this term: English: non chronological reports about rainforest and its animals, Science: birds and trees, RE: Eucharist and events leading to Easter. The children showed different Easter traditions from around the world and they sang our favourite class songs. The children performed beautifully making all the parents very proud.

## Stations of the Cross



On Thursday 28th March, Year 6 Ambassadors' and Year 6 held the Stations of the Cross in the school environmental area. It was a lovely service, joined by parents and parishioners. The service was followed by refreshments in KS1. Thank you to all who attended, a big thank you to all the children, they are a real credit to the school and their singing was beautiful.





### Reminder: Dogs on School Grounds

Please may we remind you it is school policy that dogs are not allowed on the grounds of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School at any time (unless used as an aid to visual impairment or disability) Governors' also kindly request that dogs are not tied up and left unattended at the school gates.

### LRC Manager at St Joseph's



#### **LRC Manager**

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to manage our Learning Resource Centre after Easter.

37 hours per week, term time + 5 Inset days, plus an additional 5 days during school holidays. Monday – Thursday 8.00am – 4.00pm. Friday 8.00am to 3.30pm.

Salary – Grade C point 14 – 17

An application pack can be downloaded from our website – [www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs.slough.sch.uk). Please email applications to [o.mcateer@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk](mailto:o.mcateer@st-josephs.slough.sch.uk)

School visits are welcome

### Easter Art Competition

The children have been invited to submit a piece of Art no bigger than A3 for the Easter Art Competition over the next two weeks at home. If your child would like to enter, the closing date is Monday 1st April. The theme is Lent and Easter. Thank you.

### Hairspray

Today Year 6 were invited to the production of Hairspray at St Bernard's Catholic High School. The children were very impressed with their production and had a great time. Please may we take this opportunity to thank St Bernard's for their kind invitation.

### Priory School

We would like to inform parents Priory School finish at 12pm on Friday 5th April, gates between our two schools will be closed. Please pick up your children via our main entrance at 1.15pm. Thank you.

**Positive of the Week**

Just wanted to say how lovely the passion play was last night. The children did really well and sang beautifully. Well done to the teachers and children.

**We welcome your positive comment .....Thank you!**

**Please find attached the following communications and information**

⇒ **Church Bulletin**



*“Come unto me, all ye that labour and  
are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”*

***St Matthew 11:28***



# KS2 Pupil of the Week

3MP St Clare	Jakub P	For consistently displaying exemplary behaviour and trying his best in every lesson.
3NG St Peter	Anish M	For his fantastic progress with his Bug Club homework and for always working well in lessons.
3CK St John Bosco	Sirien J	For being a hardworking pupil who is frequently among the first to help and mentor other class mates.
4RS St Columba	Freddy L	For working really hard on improving his handwriting.
4BS St Blaise	Karolis M	For always working hard in every lesson and for being helpful to your class mates.
4KS St Paul	Yashleen K	For showing great improvement in her Maths skills.
5RR St Maximilian	Klaudyna P	For always being a kind, considerate and helpful member of the class.
5KD St Ethelbert	Wictoria O	For putting in 100% effort into absolutely everything she does.
5SS St Dunstan	Oliwier W	For great improvement in his attitude and determination.
6TH St Joseph	Katerina E	For working extremely hard throughout the year, setting herself high standards in her work and behaviour.
6SP St Brigid	Ciara M	For producing excellent work across the curriculum and being a role model to others in the school environment.
6JOK St Cuthbert	Julia K	For always taking great pride in her work and for contributing more to class discussions.

***Well done to you all!***

# KS1 Star of the Week

<b>RLC St John</b>	<b>Mishka F</b>	<b>For writing a wonderful story about Two Pigs and The Gruffalo.</b>
<b>RHA St Francis</b>	<b>Jake K</b>	<b>For always being kind, sensible and helpful in the playground and classroom with his friends and teachers.</b>
<b>RKB St Valentine</b>	<b>Olivia W</b> <b>Kieran D</b>	<b>For her kindness towards others.</b> <b>For his hard work in handwriting.</b>
<b>1EH St Bernadette</b>	<b>Zaheen A</b>	<b>For great improvement with his reading.</b>
<b>1OS St Jude</b>	<b>Lorena P</b>	<b>For having good manners and being a positive role model for others.</b>
<b>1MB St Teresa</b>	<b>Albert S</b>	<b>For being very actively involved in class activities and discussions.</b>
<b>2CW St Christopher</b>	<b>Muhammad M</b>	<b>For demonstrating his reasoning and explaining his work in Maths.</b>
<b>2KS St Thomas-Moore</b>	<b>Sen R</b>	<b>For trying his best in handwriting and using good adjectives in his English work.</b>
<b>2RC St Mary-Magdalene</b>	<b>Aanya B</b>	<b>For her hard work and focus in Maths.</b>

***Well done to you all!***

## Local Parishes Mass Times

Holy Redeemer Parish	Wexham Road, Slough,	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—2019



<b>02/04/19</b>	<b>Year 6 Residential Trip Information Evening—6pm to 7pm</b>
<b>04/04/19</b>	<b>End of Term for Nursery</b>
<b>05/04/19</b>	<b>End of Term—School Finishes at 1.15pm</b>
<b>23/04/19</b>	<b>Pentecost Term Begins</b>
<b>29/04/19</b>	<b>School Nurses visiting Reception—Vision and hearing</b>
<b>30/04/19</b>	<b>School Nurses visiting Reception—Vision and hearing</b>
<b>02/05/19</b>	<b>Class and Leavers Photographs</b>
<b>03/05/19</b>	<b>Year 3 Verulamium Museum St Alban's—10am to 3pm</b>
<b>03/05/19</b>	<b>Year 5 St Maximillian and Reception St Francis Class Assembly at 2.30pm</b>
<b>08/05/19</b>	<b>Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court</b>
<b>17/05/19</b>	<b>Year 4 St Blaise Class Assembly</b>
<b>23/05/19</b>	<b>Year 1 trip to Look out Discovery Centre, Bracknell</b>
<b>24/05/19</b>	<b>Whole School Mass with refreshments to follow at 10am</b>

Attendance of the Week—(25th March—29th March 2019)



<u>Year band</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Nursery	87.3%
Reception	94.72%
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>97.42%</b>
Year 2	95.42%
Year 3	96.71%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>98.78%</b>
Year 5	95.73%
Year 6	93.82%



**Well Done Year 4 !**  
**Whole School 95.35%**

**KS1 Class of the Week is 1MB & 2KS**  
**98.97 %**

**KS2 Class of the Week is 4BS and 6JOK**  
**98.57%**

**If your child is absent please email the Attendance officer on [attendance@olopprimary.co.uk](mailto:attendance@olopprimary.co.uk) or leave a telephone message selecting option 2. Thank you.**

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 can we remind you that all holiday taken during term time will not be authorised. All medical appointments will need to be verified with an appointment letter/text or email. If the school does not receive this all leave will be unauthorised.**

*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.*