



Our Lady of Peace Catholic Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter—Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents,

Hoping you have all had a good week.

On Monday, in the Gospel, we heard that it can be hard to focus on God when our hearts are distracted! Jesus recalls the two most important commandments - love God and love your neighbour. Children will learn that removing Earthly distractions can help us focus on putting God first in our lives, which in turn helps us to love our neighbours well.

'You cannot serve God and money.' (Luke 16:13)

This year we are focusing more on Catholic Social Teaching and what each of the principles mean. This half term we are learning about Stewardship and how we need to care for God's creation. We will also look at Human Dignity as this links closely with Stewardship when thinking about how we care for each other. We must remember that we are also part of God's creation and need to show respect to one another. Each week, teachers will be looking for pupils who are showing Catholic Social Teaching really well and they will be awarded with a 'OLOP Love in Action' certificate as recognition.

In the next couple of weeks, we will be opening up the parents evening booking system. Parents evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 14th October and Thursday 16th October. We are just finalising plans on how this will work as we are now in one building. We will notify parents when they can book. Please do sign up as this will be a good opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and see how they have settled in to the new school year.

Next Friday we have the school disco. This is the first time, in a very long time, such an event will be taking place. Please do sign up. I'm sure it will be a good event.

Thank you also to the friends for organising MacMillan Coffee morning today and for those able to join us. It is a great event to meet other parents but to also give to a worthy cause. This also links in with our Catholic Social Teaching principles.

Wishing you all a happy and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr N Stopps

Important September/ October dates:

26th September- Coffee Morning

3rd October– School Disco

14th/16th October– Parents Evenings

17th October- Rock & Roll Bingo

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

RHA—St Valentine –**96.7%**

RRP—St Joseph – **94.2%**

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska –**90.1%**

Yr1—St Bernadette –**97.4%**

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta –**94.3%**

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene –**93.7%**

Yr3—St Paul –**97%**

Yr3—St Martin de Porres – **99%**

Yr4—St Peter – **89%**

Yr4—St John-Bosco – **96.3%**

Yr5—St Thomas More – **96.3%**

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi – **93.4%**

Yr6—St Maximilian— **94.1%**

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita –**90.8%**

Whole School—93.8%



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ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS



This week's pupils of the week are:

NURSERY-- **Timothy & Grace**

RHA—St Valentine—**Anthony**

RRP—St Joseph—**Rory**

Yr1RS—St Faustina Kowalska—**Freddie**

Yr1EH—St Bernadette—**Tiffany**

Yr2SK—St Teresa of Calcutta—**Sienna**

Yr2SS—St Mary Magadeline—**Kyra**

Yr3MB—St Paul—**Maria**

Yr3CK—St Martin de Porres—**Ellie**

Yr4SS—St Peter—**Riley**

Yr4RB—St John-Bosco—**Tyler**

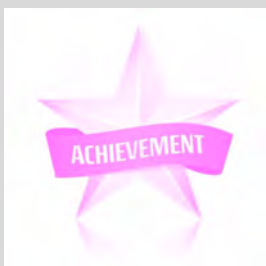
Yr5TH—St Thomas More—**Karolina**

Yr5HH—St Clare of Assisi— **Grace**

Yr6JOK—St Maximilian—**Valentina**

Yr6SP—St Josephine Bakhita—**Leon**

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





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Reminders & Contacts

Reminders:

Please note that scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the school site. Please come off any bikes and scooters at the top of the driveway and walk them onto the site. We are having a new bike shed being installed soon.

It is of paramount importance that it is the responsibility of Parents or Guardians to ensure children have been handed over safely in the morning to the staff on the doors.

Office Contacts:

For Attendance queries (i.e. absences, appointments etc.) please contact Mrs H Doherty on:

attendance@olopprimary.co.uk

For Admissions please email Mrs K Clarke on

admissions@olopprimary.co.uk

For general administration queries including Parent Pay, Lunches, School Clubs (.ie sports & drama) and eSchools please contact:

**Post@olopprimary.co.uk
01628 661866**

Office Contacts:

For Breakfast Club & After School Club queries- please contact:

ASC@olopprimary.co.uk

Forms are available from the Office.





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Open Days



OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

'With Christ in our hearts, together we grow'

AN INCLUSIVE SCHOOL WHERE ALL
CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

OPEN DAYS

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2025

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2025

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2025

THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2026

9:15 - 10:15AM



In July 2025

76% achieved a Good Level of Development in Reception

88% passed the Phonics Screening Check

90% achieved the expected standard in Reading and
Maths in Year 6

88% achieved the expected standard in Writing in Year 6

"Pupils thrive, feeling valued and secure. No matter what their starting point, pupils achieve highly." (Ofsted, April 2025)



01628 661 886

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK
EMAIL: ADMISSIONS@OLOPPRIMARY.CO.UK



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FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS

Dates:

School Disco - 3rd October

Rock & Roll Bingo - 17th October

Little Recyclers Clothing Collection - 6th and 7th November

Friends of OLOP Christmas Fair - Saturday 29th November - SAVE THE DATE !

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for supporting our MacMillan Coffee Morning today. Whether you baked, bought, donated or simply joined us for a cuppa, your contribution made the event a success.

Thanks to your generosity we have raised >>>> £197 for MacMillan cancer support - a charity that does incredible work supporting people living with cancer and their families.

If you would still like to donate, please use the following link:

School Disco

Our first School Disco is only one week away! They are taking place on Friday 3rd October at the following times:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Year 3 and Year 4 - 5.15pm to 6.15pm

Year 5 and Year 6 - 6.30pm to 7.30pm



Children can be dropped off 15 minutes before their disco start time at the gate of the Year 1 and Year 2 playground. At the finish time, please collect your child promptly from the main playground gates by the bike shelter. No children will be allowed to walk home unaccompanied.

Tickets can be purchased on ParentPay and are priced at £3 each and include a drink and bag of crisps. Please be advised that ParentPay will close on Thursday 2nd October at 10.00am.

We hope to see all the children there, ready to boogie and have a great time!



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Rock & Roll Bingo

Please join us for an evening of Rock & Roll Bingo - a fun-filled adult-only event with music and a little friendly competition - on Friday 17th October from 7.30pm at school.

We'll be swapping numbers for great tunes as we play a lively twist on traditional bingo - and sing-alongs are definitely encouraged. We'll play clips of well-known songs and if the title is on your bingo card, you mark it off; there will be prizes up for grabs for a line and a full house.

Tickets are available through Ticket Tailor for £6 per person, which includes 4 games of Rock & Roll Bingo.

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofolop/1870549>

Drinks and snacks will be available from our bar, so come along for an evening of fun and fundraising - all money raised will directly benefit the children in school.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Exciting News!

Exciting Competition – Help Us Name Our Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 Libraries!

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff, and Pupils,

We are thrilled to announce a fun new competition for the whole school community — **to name our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 libraries!**

Our libraries are special places where stories come to life, and we want their names to reflect the magic, adventure, and joy of reading that happens inside them.

Here's how you can get involved:

- Think of creative, inspiring, or imaginative names for our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 libraries
- Names can be inspired by books, authors, characters, or anything related to reading and learning
- Each pupil, parent, or staff member can submit one name suggestion for each library

Include a short sentence explaining why you chose the name(s)

How to enter:

Please send your suggestions to Mrs Saab or drop a note into the school office by **Thursday 23rd October 2025**

The winning names will be announced in a special assembly and will proudly label our libraries for everyone to enjoy!

We can't wait to see your brilliant ideas and create a wonderful identity for our libraries with your help.

Happy naming!

Library Naming Competition Application Form

Your Name:

Your Class (if a pupil):

Who is submitting this?

☐ Pupil

☐ Parent/Carer

☐ Staff

☐ Other: _____

1. Name suggestion for the Key Stage 1 Library:

Why did you choose this name?

2. Name suggestion for the Key Stage 2 Library:

Why did you choose this name?

Optional: Any other ideas or comments about our libraries?

**Please return this form to the school office or email your ideas to Mrs Saab by
Thursday 23rd October**

Thank you for helping make our libraries extra special!



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Local News

Please see below for information on Baylis Court School:



PRIORITY PLACES FOR YEAR 7 AT BAYLIS COURT SCHOOL

Sign up now to attend

our aptitude evaluation evening for:

- Dance
- Drama
- Music

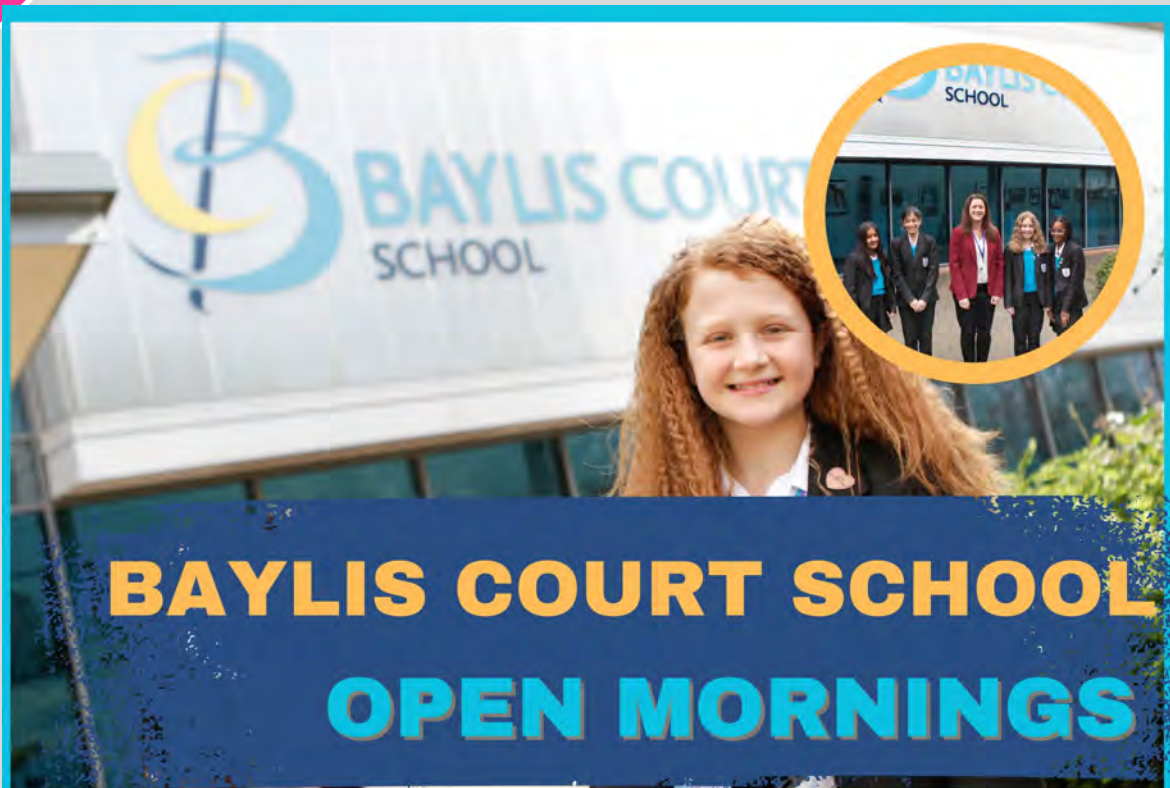


'Inspiring leaders of tomorrow'





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BAYLIS COURT SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

Year 6 pupils, with their families, are warmly invited to see Baylis Court School in action at our Open mornings in October.

- ✓ Meet our pupils and learn about life at Baylis Court
- ✓ Tour the school and observe lessons
- ✓ Our Leadership team will greet you and answer any questions



BOOK NOW

Monday 6, Tuesday 7, Monday 13
and Tuesday 14 October at 9am.
bayliscourt@bayliscourt.slough.sch.uk



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CHURCH BULLETIN



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



Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year (C)

Missal
Page 941

24-HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: You are invited to spend time in the presence of Our Lord during a special 24-hour Adoration, beginning at **10.00 am** on Friday 3rd October and concluding at 10.00 am on Saturday 4th October.

HOUR OF GRACE – PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING: Join us on **Friday 3rd October** at Our Lady of Peace Church for an evening of prayer and encounter. We begin with **Mass at 7 pm**.

Mass Times & Intentions				
Sat	27 Sept	OLOP	6 pm	Paddy Mythen & Jim Mythen RIP (Liz Ryan) Emma Basey INT (John Basey)
Sun	28 Sept	OLOP	9.30	Marie Dalton RIP (Brid & Mairin) Thanksgiving for Robert Boundy INT (Boundy Family) Elizabeth & Bernard Reilly RIP (Boundy Family) Thanksgiving for Ben Conlon INT Michael Lee INT (Maura Lee) George Tasker RIP 95 th Birthday Remembrance (Connolly)
				St. A 11.30 Deacon Michael Ossei-Williams & Family INT (Kay) People of the Parish
Mon	29 Sept	OLOP	9.30	Eleonore Kempson INT (Maria Rawling)
Tue	30 Sept	OLOP	9.30	Adriana Pena-Torok Family INT (Maria Rawling) Thanksgiving for Eldred Mascarenhas Birthday INT (Zina & Family)
Wed	01 Oct	OLOP	9.30	Joan Berly Rees RIP (Miriam Balcerski) Nick Sharp Rees INT (Miriam Balcerski) Adesegun Agbaje RIP 37 th Anniversary (Edward)
Thur	02 Oct	St. A	9.30	P.O. Devassia RIP (Sheeba Martin & Family) John McElligott RIP (O'Donnell) Rev. Babatunde Adesilu RIP Birthday Remembrance (Edward)
Fri	03 Oct	OLOP	9.30	Maria Rawling INT (Florence Matwiejczyk) Denise McClintock INT (Florence Matwiejczyk) George and Clotilde Rawling RIP (Edward) Thanksgiving for Zane Cardoso Birthday INT (Cardoso)
			10.00	24-hour Adoration
			7 pm	Val & Marie Corcoran RIP (Corcoran Family)
Sat	04 Oct	OLOP	9.30	Benediction
			10.00	Debra McCarthy RIP (O'Donnell)
			6 pm	Lisa Timms & Family INT (R. Group)
Sun	05 Oct	OLOP	9.30	Michele Di Gangi RIP (Boundy Family) Kieran Cooper RIP (Boundy Family) Mairin Comfort & Family INT (Maria Rawling) Patrick J. Murphy RIP (Bridget & Dominic Murphy) Thanksgiving for Maria Corcoran INT (Corcoran Family) Flannery Family INT
			St. A 11.30	Angelo Nazareth RIP Birthday Remembrance (Sepala) Tina Koenig RIP (Bridget McGarry)
			St. A 3 pm	'Goan Mass'
			OLOP 4 pm	Syro-Malabar Holy Qurbana'

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Loose Collection: £769.04
Sunday Tea & Coffee: £19.51
DONA Plate: £189.92



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
☎ 01628 605764

✉ office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org

Lead Sacristan: Ms. Alma Pepaj

Safeguarding: Mrs. Mairin Comfort

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OUR LADY OF PEACE & ST ANDREW'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026

Registration is now open for our First Holy Communion Programme!

We warmly invite parents of **children aged 7 and older** to register their child to prepare for this special sacrament. Please note that children must be baptised to be eligible for the programme. To register, please use the **QR code**. The closing date for registration is **October 31st, 2026**.

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CHURCH BULLETIN CONTINUED

RETIRING COLLECTION: Next weekend, a retiring collection will be held for CAFOD at the end of all Masses.

Retiring collection for the Bishops' Conference – Evangelii Gaudium was £214.82. We are very grateful for your continued support.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST:

This Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to stand in solidarity with families affected by climate change and conflict. In Ethiopia, with CAFOD's support, communities now have safe water close to home. Across the world, including in Gaza, Ukraine, and Sudan, CAFOD's partners bring food, water, shelter, and medical care to those most in need. Please support this life-saving work through your prayers and generosity.

Donate at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING: The 1st Wednesday coffee morning takes place at Our Lady of Peace Church. Join us at OLOP after Mass this **Wednesday 1st October** for tea/coffee/cake & a chat.

PARISH LITURGY CONFERENCE: Saturday 11th October 2025 11 am – 4 pm at Our Lady of Peace Church, Burnham. The Second Vatican Council reminds us that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (**Lumen Gentium 11**). To deepen our shared understanding and love for the Sacred Liturgy, all parish volunteers who serve at the altar and within our celebrations are warmly invited to a Parish Liturgy Conference.

The day will be led by Monsignor Kevin McGinnell, who chairs the Diocesan Liturgy Committee, and will offer us valuable insights into the meaning and beauty of our worship.

We extend this invitation especially to all choir members, altar servers, readers, welcomers, and ministers of both Our Lady of Peace and St Andrew's churches. Your presence and participation will enrich our parish life and help us grow in the spirit of service to God and His people.

Please make every effort to attend this important gathering as together we renew our commitment to the liturgy that is at the heart of our faith.

SUPPORT SLOUGH FOODBANK

Slough Foodbank continues to help local families in need, and you can make a difference through **volunteering or donations**.

Volunteers Needed: Help with office tasks, social media, website updates, or handyman jobs. Contact Alison (Ali) Roff at coordinator@slough.foodbank.org.uk or **01753 55030**.

Donations Welcome: St Andrew's has a collection container under the table, and items can also be dropped at Our Lady of Peace. Needed items include long life milk, tinned food, toiletries, nappies (size 7/8), and strong carrier bags.

Thank you for your generosity and support in caring for our community.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM: Is excited to welcome you back for the new term on Sunday, 28th September, at the 9:30 am Mass at OLOP. Children from Reception to Year 3 are warmly invited to join us.

VOLUNTEER TO BECOME A CATECHIST

We're looking for new catechists to help guide our children and youth on their faith journey.

Becoming a catechist is a great way to deepen your own faith while building a stronger sense of community. If you're interested in learning more, please contact the Parish Office at office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org or Mrs. Mairin Comfort. We'd love to hear from you.

CONGRATULATIONS to Pius Manuel Fernandes who will be baptised on Saturday, 4th October. Please keep Pius, his parents, Grandparents and Godparents in your prayers.

HOST OUR LADY WITH A ROSARY - OCTOBER DEVOTION

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, a special time in the Church to grow in love and trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary through the prayer of the Rosary.

To mark this sacred tradition, Our Lady of Peace and Saint Andrew's Parish invites you to **Host Our Lady in your home**. A statue of Our Lady of Fatima will visit homes across the parish throughout the month of October.

Parishioners are encouraged to welcome the statue into their homes for a day and gather to pray the Rosary — either as a family or with neighbours. To sign up for a day to host Our Lady, please contact the parish office by email at office.ourladyofpeace@northamptondiocese.org or by phone at **01628 605764**, and let us know your preferred dates.

Let us honour Mary and ask for her intercession as we pray together for peace in our homes, our parish, and the world.

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – CONTACT INFORMATION

The Parish Pastoral Council exists to support the life and mission of our parish by listening to the concerns, questions, and suggestions of parishioners.

If you would like to raise any matters for consideration, please contact our Parish Pastoral Council **Chairperson, Mr. Cijo Joseph**, by email at pccc.olop@northamptondiocese.org

Your participation and insights are greatly valued as we work together to strengthen and nurture our parish community.

UPCOMING KEY DATES

11 Oct Parish Liturgy Conference
14 Dec Parish Annual Concert

Bank: NatWest Sort Code: 60-06-11

Account Number: 46716203 Account Name: RCDN Our Lady of Peace.

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Holy Communion Programme

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