Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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2nd October

Dear parents,

Another great week at OLSJ. We welcomed prospective families on Tuesday to tour our wonderful school. Please let your family and friends know we have tours if they would like to see our school for their children starting Reception or Nursery in September 2027.

Thank you to the parents who attended the RSHE parent workshop on Tuesday. Please respond to the consultation if you have not so far for more information click here www.ourladyandstjohns.org.uk/rshe-consultation.

We had a fire alarm test this week and the children were super sensible and we evacuated quickly and calmly. These are important to ensure in the event of a fire we all know the procedures.

Today's Celebration Assembly was very exciting with our school council and librarians announced. I am excited to see them develop into their new roles. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, **Mrs Kelliher**

Stars of the Week

Rec: Lana & Vedran
Yr1: Claire & Ilaria
Yr2: Szymon & Marybelle
Yr3: Salina & Sofia P
Yr4: Oliver & Antoni
Yr5 Diar
Yr6: Albert & Emily



Writers of the month

Rec: Rose
Yr1: Evan
Yr2: Mabel
Yr3: Cleo
Yr4: Jackson
Yr5 J .C
Yr6: Matilda



Safeguarding: The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff.
Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's well-being, please inform the school's designated safeguarding officer: Mrs Kelliher or in her absence the deputy safeguarding officer Mrs Sheehan.
In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with their line manager, Mrs Kelliher to seek further advice.

Congratulations to the children in St. Andrew's who received the most house points over the last week.

The children in St. Andrew 's will receive 15 minutes of extra play in Key stage 1.

The children in St. Andrew 's in Key stage 2 will receive a Homework pass for this weeks' homework.

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	87
St Andrew	168
St George	135
St David	102
St John	110
Overall Winner	St Andrew

Important Dates

Tuesday 6th October
8:50 Early Years and KS1 English Workshop

Thursday 8th October
8:50 The Rosary for KS2 in the hall (parents welcome)

Friday 9th October
9:00 Harvest Mass (parents welcome)

Wednesday 14th October
9:00 Nursery/Reception 2027 Prospective Parent Tour

Friday 16th October
9:00 Year 4 Class Mass (parents welcome)

Tuesday 20th October
Parents evening Rec-Yr6

Wednesday 2st October
Parents evening Nursery-Yr6

Friday 23rd October
2.40pm Year 2 Celebration Service (parents welcome)

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%
1st	6	100
2nd	4	99.2
3rd	5	99.1
4th	2	98.8
5th	3	97.6
6th	1	97.4
7th	Rec	96.5
8th	Nur	94.4

Excellent attendance from Reception to Year 6 last week. If they all achieve over 96% they get extra playtime. Well done everyone.

Congratulations to our Superstar swimmers this week.



50 to Read—5 books Certificate

Emma, Maks, Ray, Francis, Oscar



Congratulation to our librarians

Wanda, Katia, Yana & Tom



Congratulation to our new school council members



RE and Catholic Life News

St Francis of Assisi Feast Day

St Francis of Assisi's feast day is on Sunday 4th October.

In school we will reflect on his life during Monday's Gospel Celebration

Who Was Saint Francis?

• Born in Assisi, Italy, around 1181.

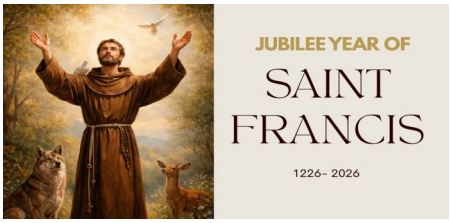
• His father was a rich cloth merchant, so Francis grew up with fine clothes and plenty of money.

• As a young man, he wanted to be a brave knight, but he changed his life after hearing a call from God.

• He gave away all his fancy clothes and money to help poor people.

• Lover of Nature:

• He called all animals, plants, and the sun his "brothers and sisters".



In January 2026, Pope Leo XIV declared a special Jubilee Year in honour of Saint Francis of Assisi.

This special Jubilee year, which runs until 10th January 2027, commemorates the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis's death.

The year is not only a celebration of Saint Francis's legacy, but also an invitation for all to embody his spirit of peace and charity in their daily lives.

The Holy Rosary

During the month of October we focus on prayer with the Holy Rosary. Yesterday, KS2 prayed The Rosary together and we were joined by parents. It was a wonderful way to start the day in prayer, and reflect on the life of Jesus with Mary. This will continue every Thursday during October at 8.50am and parents are most welcome to join us. Please send your child into school with their Rosary beads.







Our younger children joined in the Mark 10 Mission Rosary Challenge.

www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge

which is for schools all over the country to pray the rosary. It would be lovely, if as a family, you could keep this going over in the evenings or over weekend too. It would become a really powerful prayer time across our community.

The Mini Vinnies need your help…

We have been very busy discussing how we, as a school community, can reach out to help others.

We felt it would a good idea to turn our concern into an action and continue to support our local Foodbank. This is a wonderful way to show our faith in action.

We are asking everyone, if they are able, to donate some of the following items:

- **Tinned veggie main meals**
- **Tinned chick peas**
- **Tinned vegetables**
- **Tinned fruit**
- **Tinned chunky soups**
- **Jam**
- **Marmalade**
- **Instant coffee**
- **Savoury biscuits**
- **Savoury snacks**

The Mini Vinnies will be collecting any items you have:

Monday 5th October – Wednesday 7th October

Parish Centre (8.25am-8.40am)

Thank you very much

'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.'
St. Teresa of Calcutta.'

Languages day

On Friday 25th September, we celebrated Languages Day. This was a wonderful opportunity for the school community promote diversity, intercultural understanding and tolerance for others, whilst learning about another country and language. Each class focused on a different language and came to school dressed in colours associated with the country. They had a French breakfast and took part in a variety of language learning and cultural activities. Additionally, we raised £351.30 profit for musical instruments and art resources across the school and we thank everyone for their contributions











PTA PRESENTS

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION



Send a picture of your carved pumpkin

Send your photo to
ptaolsj@gmail.com
with your child's name and year

21 OCT

Add photos in by
21st October

3 winners per year

£2
pay via ParentMail

Winners get a complimentary ticket to a private screening at **EVERYMAN**

Get creative, have fun and show us your pumpkins!



Dear parents,

At OLSJ we use a platform/app called Google classroom to set homework, send pictures and to send messages/reminders to parents/carers.

You can access Google Classroom on your phone and/or a laptop/chrome book.

Once you have downloaded the app or searched for the website, you will be asked to login.

All children have a login for Google classroom - it will look something like this:

email: tfrmt671.313@gs.stjohnrc.hounslow.sch.uk

password: flower4

Children in Years 1-6 will have this login & password stuck into their reading record books. Children in Nursery & Reception will be given their login details from their class teacher.

Once you have logged in you will be asked to join or decline your child's class dashboard. Here you will see messages on the stream tab and homework instructions on the classwork tab.

Homework will be completed in your child's homework book

If you are having problems logging into Google classroom or you are experiencing any problems please let me know or speak with your child's class teacher.

Regards

Mrs. Sheehan