Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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25th September

Dear parents,

Year 6 are settling so well into their new roles this week and it has been wonderful to see them proudly wearing their badges.

Thank you to the parents in Year 5 and 2 for attending the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week and our Reception families for attending the Phonics workshop.

A reminder that we offer Breakfast Club and After School Club for all year groups, including Nursery. Please contact the office if you would like more information about these and the costs.

Have a wonderful weekend, **Mrs Kelliher**

Stars of the Week
18th September

Rec: Niccolo & Marnie
Yr1: Diana & Maia
Yr2: Sam & Skyler
Yr3: Bianca & Wiktor
Yr4: Diana & Bruno
Yr5 Elikya & Alek
Yr6: Gabriella & Frank

Stars of the Week
25th September

Rec: Tadgh & Omar
Yr1: Inaaya & Lorca
Yr2: Mikal & Susie
Yr3: Sofia & Alexanda
Yr4: Miki & Naod
Yr5 Elma & Leo
Yr6: Vivien & Artin





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. George's who received the most house points over the last week.

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

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

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	153
St Andrew	149
St George	184
St David	155
St John	167
Overall Winner	St George

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%
1st	Nur	100
1st	3	100
2nd	1	99.3
3rd	4	99.2
4th	5	99.1
5th	2	98.5
6th	6	97.7
7th	Rec	95.4

Important Dates

Tuesday 29th September

9:00 Nursery/Reception 2027 Prospective Parent Tour

2:30 RSE Parent Information Meeting

Wednesday 30th September

8:50 Y1 Reading & Phonics Workshop

Thursday 1st October

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

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

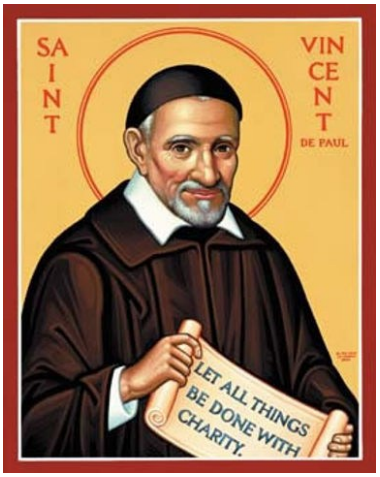
Friday 16th October

9:00 Year 4 Class Mass (parents welcome)

Congratulations to our Super-star swimmers this week.



RE and Catholic Life News



Feast of St Vincent de Paul—Sunday 27th September

On Sunday we remember **St. Vincent de Paul**, whose feast day falls on **27th September**. Affectionately known as the **"Apostle of Charity,"** St. Vincent dedicated his entire life to serving the poor, the sick, and those on the margins of society. He taught that by serving those in need, we are serving God directly a legacy that lives on today through the wonderful work of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** and our own **Mini Vinnies** at Our Lady and St John' School . As a school, we strive to follow his brilliant example by practicing kindness, generosity, and looking out for one another in our everyday lives.



The month of October traditionally focuses on prayer with the Holy Rosary, offering us a way to spend time together in prayer, and reflect on the life of Jesus with Mary. During this month KS2 will be praying The Rosary together as in the hall on Thursdays at 8.50am and parents are most welcome to join us. Please send your child into school with their Rosary beads.

We Need Mini Vinnies

Dear Parents,

Mini Vinnies is part of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), an international Christian voluntary organisation. It gives children a practical way to live out their Catholic faith. Guided by the motto **"See, Think, Do"**, the children spot needs in our school, local area, the wider world and then take action.

What will Mini Vinnies do?

- Meet regularly - during lunchtime - to pray and plan projects.
- Help local charities and food banks.
- Lead prayers, support school liturgies and fundraising events.

Why join?

- Helps children grow in confidence, empathy, and leadership.
- Connects their Gospel values with real service.

Gives them their own official membership pledge, prayer, and badge.

If your child would like to be a member of this worthy and rewarding group, please send their completed letter of application into school (addressed to Ms Grimshaw) by **Friday 2nd October,** stating why they want to join the group and the difference they can make.

All applicants will be invited to meet with me to discuss their application. Successful applicants will be notified before the October half term. I very much look forward in continuing to support this group, as well as working alongside the children.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Grimshaw

'Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love.'

(St Therese of Lisieux).

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.'

Scholastic Book Fair



A huge thank you to all our families for your wonderful support of our Scholastic Book Fair this week! It has been lovely to see so many children excited about choosing new books and developing their love of reading. Your generous support makes a real difference to our school, as the funds raised from the Book Fair allow us to purchase new books for our school library and classrooms. Every book bought helps us to continue building a rich and engaging collection for all our pupils to enjoy. Thank you once again for helping us to promote a love of reading and for supporting our school community.

Reception Reading & Phonics Meeting

Thank you to all our Reception parents who joined us for our Reading and Phonics Meeting. It was lovely to see so many of you and to share how we are beginning to build the foundations for reading in Reception. We explored how we teach phonics, the importance of practising sounds and blending at home, and how you can support your child's early reading journey. We hope the meeting gave you a clear understanding of how we teach phonics and the simple ways you can help your child develop a love of books and confidence as a reader. Please log on to Google classroom to access the PowerPoint and video of the presentation.

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