

# Spring Term

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Our Lady & St Swithin's



Catholic Primary School

## Important Information

### Dates for Your Diary

St Valentines Disco - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

OLSS Sleepover - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Coffee Mornings - 30 January, 9am, Bully Busters and 6<sup>th</sup> February 9am, Mental Health Support Team

### SENDCo Contact

Please contact Mrs Allen for any questions, advice or support regarding your child's SEN needs. Please note, our SENDCo is available by appointment only. Please contact - [sendco@olss.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:sendco@olss.liverpool.sch.uk)

### School Uniform

Uniform is an important part of the school's identity and therefore our uniform policy must be adhered to unless there are special circumstances like non-uniform days. Please see our school website on this policy to clarify our expectations for students and parents. If you are unsure if a piece of uniform is acceptable, please consult school. School tracksuits are for Wellness Wednesdays only. PE kits to be brought in on designated PE days and not worn to school. Thank you for your support.

### Protected Characteristics at OLSS.

We work to ensure that our children understand that:

- There are no outsiders at Our Lady & St Swithins CP
- Everyone is different
- We celebrate our differences
- We are all equal in our differences

At Our Lady & St Swithins CP, we actively promote this in our curriculum and work to embed this into our ethos.

### ParentPay Activation

As you are now aware, we are no longer taking cash for school meals, breakfast club, trips or events as we will be using our ParentPay account. Thank you to everyone who has already activated their account. If you haven't done so yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. Please contact us if you have any problems with activation.

### School Attendance

Please remember to be in on time each day. Our school day starts at 8.45am prompt. Your child's attendance is vital for them to gain their full potential. Please check school website for our term dates

### Homework

Please encourage your child to log in to their PIXL TT account/Maths Seeds and Reading Plus/Reading Eggs account at home. Five assignments completed each week on Reading Plus, in and outside of school, is their target. Homework menus have also been sent home. Child's reading books are changed weekly so please remember to send them in with your child and encourage them with their spelling homework.

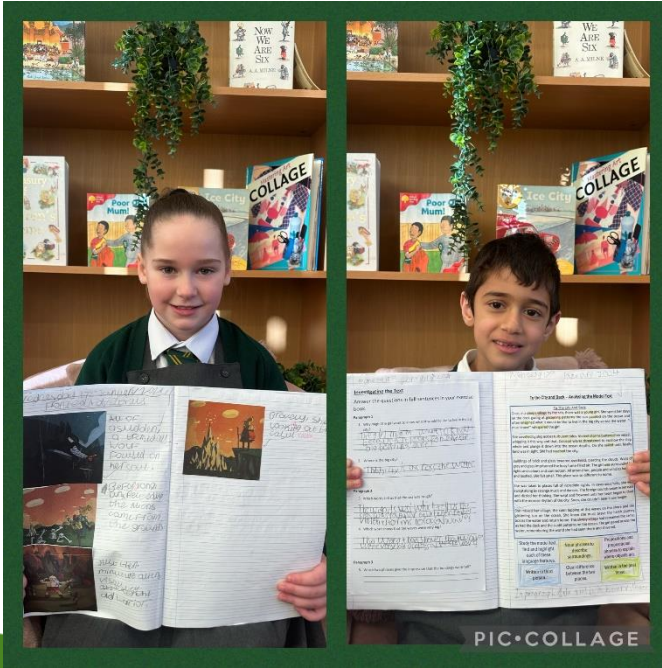
### Studybugs

Register here for your free Studybugs account, allowing you to report illness and school absences online.

<https://studybugs.com>

## Wow Work!

What great pieces of work from these superstars this week!



## Stars of the week

Nursery - Lena & Zuza

Reception - Olivia

Year 1 - Lucca

Year 2 - Coral

Year 3 - Myla

Year 4 - Lily-Mae

Year 5 - Estrella

Year 6 - Xyfiel

ARC - Lilly

Well Done to all our amazing Stars of the Week!

## Attendance

Reception - 95.8%

Year 1 - 99.1%

Year 2 - 92.4%

Year 3 - 95%

Year 4 - 89.2%

Year 5 - 94.1%

Year 6 - 92.7%

ARC - 84.4%

Whole School Target - 97%

OLSS Attendance - 93.3%

## EYFS Bulletin Board



### Nursery -

This week, the nursery has been learning all about Winter. Our focus book was 'One Snowy Night' so they were thrilled when they woke up to find we actually had a snowy night! We experienced the snow first hand by making marks with sticks, having a snowball fight and building a snowman.

### Reception -

This week, we have had lots of fun in the snow. When our snowman froze overnight, the children explored different ways to make it melt. They discovered pouring water over it made the snowman begin to melt.

## PTA

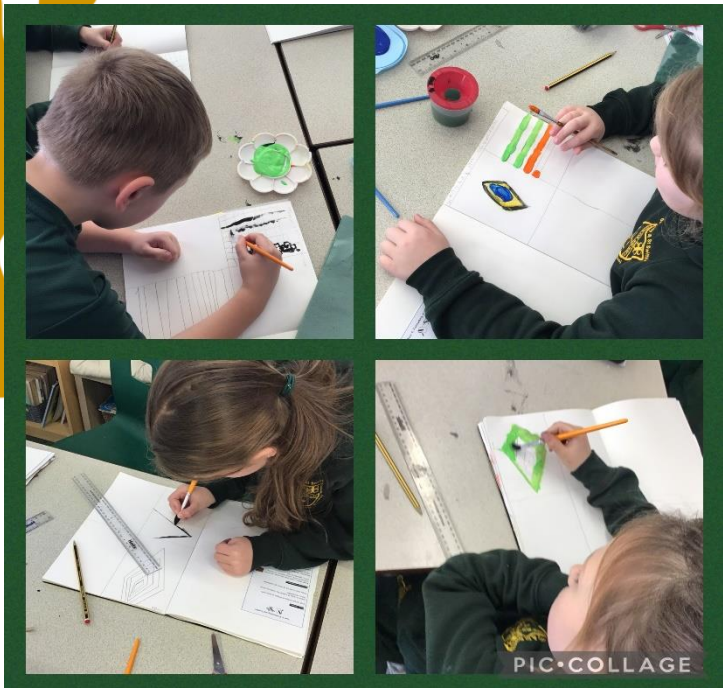
### 6 REASONS TO JOIN OUR PTA!

<b>FOR THE CHILDREN</b> BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION. THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.	<b>FOR YOU</b> VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE. WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.	<b>FOR THE SCHOOL</b> HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS. HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.
<b>BE CONNECTED</b> THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL. MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.	<b>IT IS FUN!</b> WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES. FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!	<b>KEEP THE PTA GOING</b> AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING. COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Come and join us Fridays at 2pm for a coffee and a chat. Be in the know, meet new friends and help us with all our upcoming events while raising vital school funds. We'd love to see as many of you as possible. So speak with your friends and bring them along too. We'd love to see you!

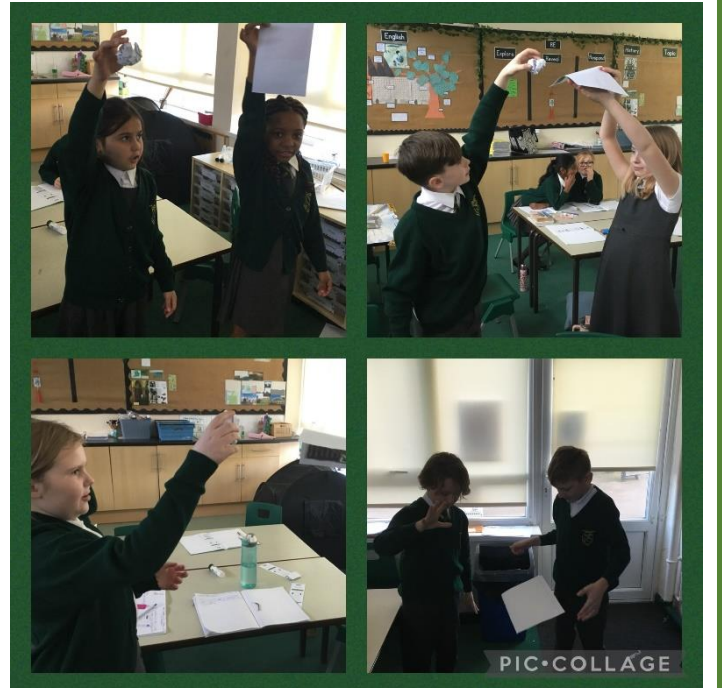
# Winners!

Well done to our Champion's Breakfast Winners this week, our Stars of the Week, School Values Champions, birthday celebrations and our Attendance Prize Winners.



## Year 4

This week in art, we have been learning 'Printing and Textiles.' We were looking at traditional designs. We created a range of surfaces by combining colour, texture and pattern.



## Year 5

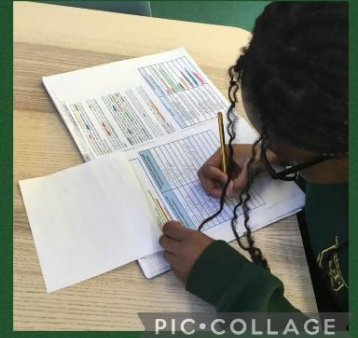
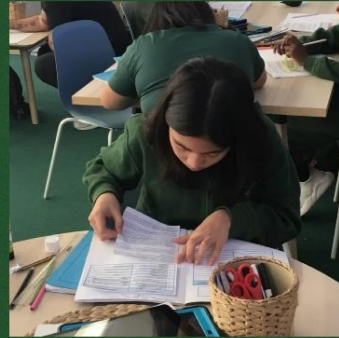
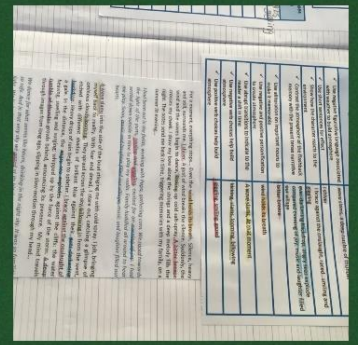
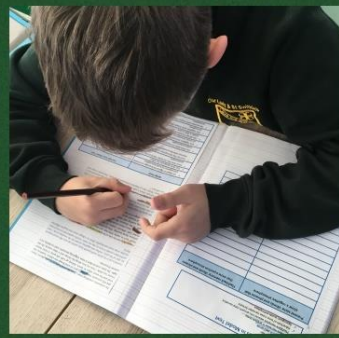
In science, Year 5 have been looking at different forces. This week we have been focusing on air resistance. We conducted an experiment to see if the surface area of a piece paper would affect the speed at which it fell.

## Year 1

This week in art, Year 1 have been making a stencil and using it to paint shapes using primary colours.



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## Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been reading their vehicle text 'A Story Like the Wind.' We have looked at language features in a flashback narrative and how to write in role as a character from our story.

## Year 2

Year 2 really enjoyed using a range of printing techniques to create repeated and symmetrical patterns.



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## Year 3

Our geography lesson was all about villages and places where humans live together.