

Spring Term

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Our Lady & St Swithin's



Catholic Primary School

Important Information

Dates for Your Diary

The Big Lent Walk for CAFOD - Our school will be collectively walking 200km to raise funds for CAFOD throughout the whole of Lent. Please sponsor your child and let's stand in solidarity with communities around the world to help beat Global Poverty.

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

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.

- 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.

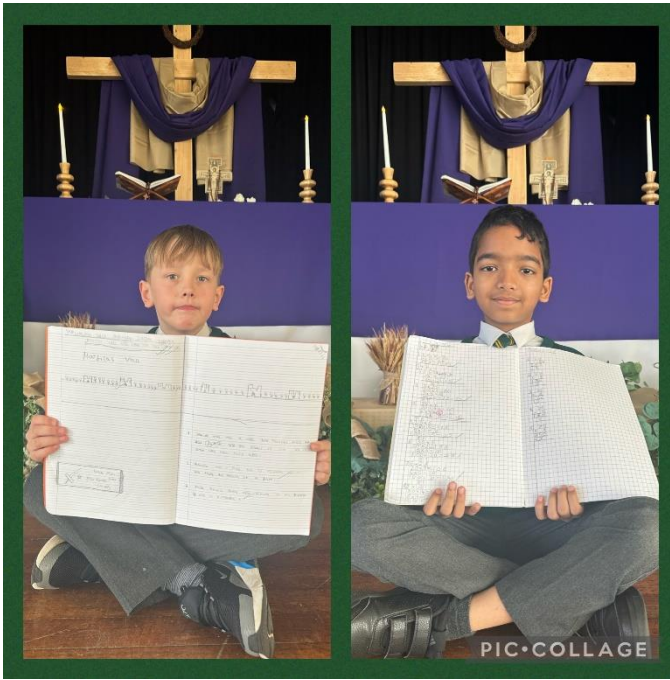
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Wow Work!

What great pieces of work from these superstars this week!



Stars of the week

Nursery- Harper McCully & Harper McKenna

Reception - Oscar

Year 1 - Jesse

Year 2 - Nate

Year 3 - Brooke O'N

Year 4 - Kaiden

Year 5 - Logan

Year 6 - Jucel

ARC - Jack L

Well Done to all our amazing Stars of the Week!

Attendance

Reception - 90.7%

Year 1 - 91.7%

Year 2 - 89.2%

Year 3 - 94.8%

Year 4 - 89.5%

Year 5 - 90.9%

Year 6 - 92.9%

ARC - 90%

Whole School Target - 97%

OLSS Attendance - 91.2%

EYFS Bulletin Board



Nursery

Nursery have been really enjoying playing in their new sand area. They have been exploring the science of sand. How it changes when it's wet and the mathematics of filling and emptying buckets to make sand castles.



Reception

This week, the children have had fun in our new sand pit. Lovely cooperative play and turn taking with lots of rich vocabulary and sharing of ideas. Tidying up skills are developing too. We're so proud of them!

Fundraising Goal

We're nearly halfway there!

A huge thank you for all the fundraising efforts of our school community over the past year. The children are delighted and looking forward to owning their own Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). It's been a busy year filled with all our regular events and we aim to strive on until we reach our target.

Thanks again to everyone for helping raise the funds through these events throughout the year, we are so grateful for your efforts. A special thank you to the friends and families on our PTA for their time and effort they put in each week, we couldn't do this without you. Let's keep going!



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 PE, our new topic was Line Dancing. We learned the Chasse step, the Strut and the Charleston. We then did our own choreography incorporating these steps into our own routine.



Year 5

In ART Year 5 have been looking at 3D art. We have used paper mache and tissue paper to create our own bowls. We looked at the colour wheel and decided to use colours that sat next to each other on the wheel to create our tissue paper bowl. Once our creations are dry we will be painting them! We can't wait to make some more 3D art.

Year 1

This week in DT, we have been learning how to weave with different fabrics and textures.

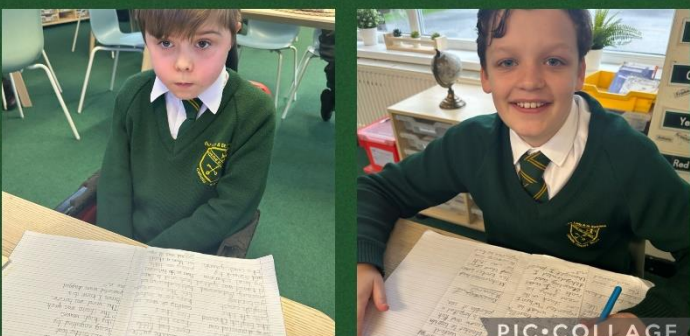
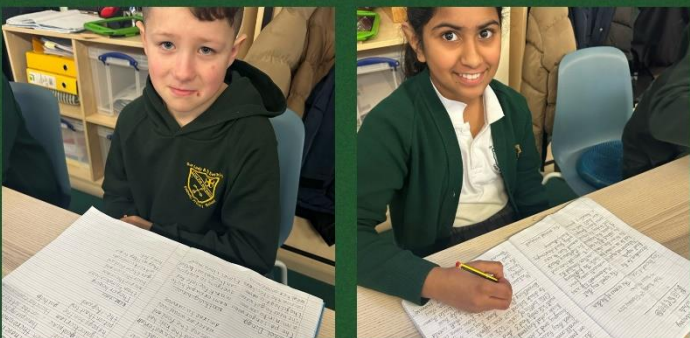


Year 2

In Year 2, we have become Archaeologists! We are studying The Stone Age and had a visit from an archaeologist, Dr Hill. We enjoyed exploring different artefacts and learning about our ancestors who were hunter gatherers in pre-historic times.

Year 6

We have finished our unit of work based on the book 'A story like the wind' we have written a newspaper article showing off our new writing techniques we have learned. We have focused on using speech within our writing and ensuring we have a formal tone throughout.



Year 3

Creating sculptures using Plaster of Paris and natural materials to prepare our work ready for painting with a metallic finish.

