

# Newsletter

Learning to Love: Loving to Learn



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15th March 2024

Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

We had the pleasure of announcing the winners of the World Book Day competitions this week. A huge well done to Pippa, Lola and Georgie who won prizes for their books in a box and to Austin, Kimberley and Jake who won the most unusual place to read a book prize. All of the entries were amazing and everyone who entered should be very proud of themselves.

On Wednesday Year 5 and 6 welcomed family and friends to their beautiful Lenten Liturgy. It was a very reverent experience and an opportunity to spend some quiet time with God thinking about the impact our actions and words can have on others.



Four children represented Y4 on Thursday at the Reading Celebration at Rugby Library. We were very proud winners of the best creative response to the BFG. Well done to the whole class for your amazing work.

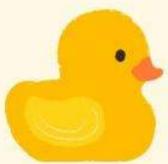


Please remember that next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March is a teacher training day and therefore the term will end for children on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Burch

## PTA

PTA ANNUAL DUCK RACE 2024



THE DUCKS ARE COMING..  
SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL  
11:30AM - 2PM

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
March  
3:15-4:30pm  
KS1 Easter Disco

Hop on over for our  
**EASTER**  
Bonnet Parade

Join us on  
**21st March at 1:30pm**  
for some egg-citing fun!



# This coming Sunday's Gospel 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

(Cycle B)

## John 12:20-33

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus uses the image of the grain of wheat, which dies to produce a rich crop, to show us that his death was necessary if many were to receive eternal life.

Through this Gospel Jesus is also encouraging his disciples to follow him – to give him first place in their lives. This message is for each one of us too. Jesus wants us to make following him our most important priority.

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my thoughts may all be  
holy.*

*Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
That my work, too, may be  
holy.*

*Draw my heart, O Holy  
Spirit,  
That I love but what is holy.*

*Strengthen me, O Holy  
Spirit,  
To defend all that is holy.*

*Guard me, then, O Holy  
Spirit,  
That I always may be holy.*

*Amen*



[Wednesday Word](#)

Catholic Life,  
Prayer and RE at  
Our Lady's

## St Patrick

Born in the late fourth century in the area now known as Scotland, Patrick was raised as a Christian but gave little notice to his religion. At age 16 he was kidnapped and carried off to Ireland, where he was sold as a slave to a landowner. For the next six years he tended the owner's flocks. This was a lonely job, with days and nights spent out on the countryside in solitude, in all sorts of weather. It was during this isolation that he experienced an overwhelming spiritual renewal. According to his own words, he began praying almost constantly, and his indifference toward God turned to adulation and love.

When Patrick was 22 he had a dream that he was meant to escape from his captivity and return to his homeland. Believing this was a heavenly message, he spent some 20 days walking 200 miles to the sea, where he was able to find transportation on a ship to Gaul (France). God, in his surprising, unpredictable ways, was calling this unknown youth to holiness, to sainthood, to become the apostle to Ireland.



Gospel Virtues – **Faith-filled** and **Hopeful**

Pupils at Our Lady's Catholic Primary School are growing to be...

**Faith-filled** in their beliefs and **Hopeful** for the future... by passing on the living and **Faith-filled** tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them in turn, to have faith and **Hope** in themselves and others.

15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

*For your information*

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER TEDDY



The Children's Liturgy will be offered on the following Sundays:

17 March  
21 April  
28 April

in  
Princethorpe College Chapel  
during the  
10.30am Mass.

The Liturgy will be lead by  
Clare Hill.

Fr Teddy looks forward to seeing you again.

## LATENESS

School starts at 8.55 a.m. every day.

Children need to be in their class line at 8.55 a.m. so that they can start their lessons promptly.

The gates will be locked at 8.55am promptly.

## SCHOOL PARKING

Following numerous requests from neighbours and our bus company parents are reminded to park safely and considerately at drop off and collection.

A gentle reminder that parents are not permitted on the school staff car park without prior written consent from the headteacher.

## CONTACTS IN SCHOOL

Parents are requested to contact their child's class teacher in the first instance for all matters.

Class Dojo is our most effective means of communication.

All staff will do their best to respond in a timely manner, which may be the following school day.

Additionally, for queries regarding Finances and ParentPay – please contact the school office.

Before & Afterschool Club – B4A Club via class dojo or the school office.

For queries regarding any extra curricular activity/club which is led by non-school staff – please contact the club directly. Such as;

Irish Dancing – please contact Declan McHale directly.  
Hot Shots Basketball – please contact Mark directly

Parents are reminded that staff well-being is high on our priority and would request parents consider the work-home life balance of staff when awaiting a response.

## ABSENCE

Following our absence policy – please could parents report all absences by 10am on each day of absence; stating the actual reason for the absence and when your child is likely to return to school. No reason will result in an unauthorised absence.

Parents are also reminded that children may not return to school for 48 hours after the last incident of sickness &/or diarrhoea.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in keeping all our children and staff healthy.

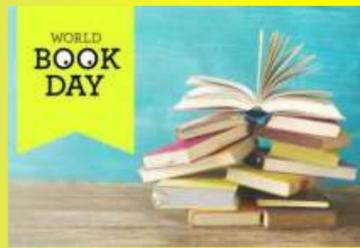
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**WORLD BOOK DAY DONATIONS**

Thank you to parents for your kind donations on World Book Day. The children all looked fantastic – dressed up as their chosen word.

Donations are still being gratefully accepted on Parent Pay – the money raised will be used to buy books for our library and reading schemes.

Thank you for your support.



Here is the link to the March/May digital version of Allsorts magazine

[https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS\\_MARMAY24](https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_MARMAY24)

You can tap straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone (please mention allsorts). There are lots of attraction to visit, services and articles to help your family. You can view this issue at [www.allsortsmag.com](http://www.allsortsmag.com) too or on the allsorts Facebook page

**DO YOU KNOW WE HAVE A PTA WHATSAPP GROUP?**

Time is precious, we know, but if there is anybody out there who has the potential to offer time for any of our events please do think about joining the group, we'd love to have you. Could be something as simple as helping sell biscuits for an hour, attending a meeting to get a wider view on ideas, wading in the brook collecting ducks, manning a stall or if you're brave enough.. being in charge of the bar at the summer fair!

As parents leave the school we're always on the lookout for others to join, it's our go-to place to share news about PTA events and check for parent/carer availability in order for them to be ran.

Currently, we're looking at fun ways to spend the money generously raised last academic year and to provide access to resources that may not otherwise be available. The PTA can help raise money for new books, new classroom equipment, well being events, playground equipment or classrooms. Whatever the school needs to help make the lives of the children better.

If you'd like to join, get in touch with Tanya, Kirsty, Tom, Laura or David (just ask Mrs O'Connor, they'll point us out) and we'll add you to the group.

Thank you.

**Skips Safety Net** Keeping children safe online

**A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying**



Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: [info@skipssed.com](mailto:info@skipssed.com) Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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**2024 CAMPS** Plan your year with us...

FEB 12 – FEB 16
MARCH 25 – MARCH 28
APRIL 2 – APRIL 5
MAY 28 – MAY 31
JULY 22 – JULY 26
JULY 29 – AUG 2
AUG 5 – AUG 9
AUG 12 – AUG 16
AUG 19 – AUG 23
AUG 27 – AUG 30
OCT 28 – NOV 1

**COST** £20 per day  
**TIME** 9AM - 3PM  
**AGE** 5 - 11

TO BOOK

Please scan QR Code for full details and venues

**SKYBLUES** in the COMMUNITY

02476 786 349 | [sbitc@sbitc.org.uk](mailto:sbitc@sbitc.org.uk)

15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

For your information



BOOST School Funds  
WIN up to £25,000

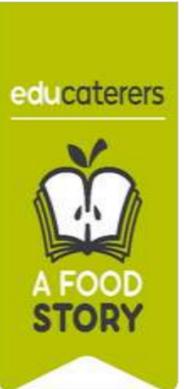


To start supporting, visit:  
[YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play](http://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play)  
and search for: Our Lady's Primary

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older.

### April 2024 Meal Price Increase

Unfortunately, due to rising costs, From 1st April 2024, the cost of school meals will increase by 25 pence therefore; the new cost of a school meal will be £2.73per meal (£13.65 per week). Children in Reception, Years 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive Universal Free school meals.



# FREE SCHOOL MEALS



School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

## So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding

Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?



To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact: [freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk) or call 01926 359189



## Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm)



Summer Term Menus have been sent home today. Available from 08.04.2024

Stars Of The Week

	Nursery/ Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Ruby	Georgia	Isla	Oliver	Charlie	Mia	Joe

Attendance & Punctuality  
Whole School 96%



Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	97%	98%	90%	99%	98%	93%

Next School Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> March	3.15 - 4.15pm	Hotshots Basketball
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	Music Lessons with Mr Roe
	3.15 -4.30pm	KS1 Easter Disco 
Thurs 21 <sup>th</sup> March	1pm	Easter Bonnet Parade 
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b> <b>STAFF TRAINING DAY</b>		<b>EASTER BREAK</b> All return Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<u>Sunday Mass</u> St Anne's Wappenbury Princethorpe Chapel	8:30am 10.30am Holyday Masses as announced Confessions as announced	 <a href="https://stanneswappenbury.wordpress.com/weekly-bulletin/">https://stanneswappenbury.wordpress.com/weekly-bulletin/</a>

School Lottery

Please consider signing up if you haven't already.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-ladys-primary-school-princethorpe>

 For up to date information and sharing what we are up to – keep an eye on our X feed @OurPrincethorpe



# OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Key Dates Spring 2023

### February 2024

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Ricky Dance Workshop

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

PTA Valentine Biscuit Sale

### Half Term

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
9:30am

Whole School Mass- All welcome

### March 2024

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

YR/6 NHS Weight and Height Check

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
1.30pm - 6.30pm

Parents' Afternoon/Evening

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
2:00pm

EYFS Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Class Liturgy (Y5/6 Parents invited)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
3:15-5:00pm

KS2 Easter Disco

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
6:00pm

Time To Shine

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
3:15-4:30pm

KS1 Easter Disco

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
1:30pm

Easter Bonnet Parade

### Teacher Training Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

### Easter Holidays

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

### HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday

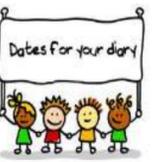
Good Friday

Easter Sunday





# OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Key Dates

Summer 2023

### April 2024

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
11:30am-2:00pm

PTA Duck Race

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Whole School Mass - All welcome

### May 2024

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Class Liturgies (Y3/4 Parents invited)

### Bank Holiday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
6:00pm

PTA Quiz Night

### Half Term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

### June 2024

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Y5/6 Alton Castle Residential

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Whole School Mas - All welcome

### July 2024

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
12:00pm onwards

Sports Day and Family Picnic

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
3:15-5:00pm

PTA Whole School Summer Disco

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
5:00-6:00pm

Year 6 Leavers' Party

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Year 5/6 Production

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Year 6 Leaver's Mass

### End of Term

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024



St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury with Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe

March 2024

To fulfil the required criteria for the General Data Protection Regulations that came into force on 25 May 2018, please read on and complete accordingly. Fr Teddy needs your consent to contact you directly.

1. If you wish your details to be retained at St Anne's parish and if you are content that Fr Teddy contacts you directly (rather than through Our Lady's School), please complete the form below, so that your information may be retained electronically and in paper form at St Anne's Presbytery.
2. Even if you have previously done this, it will help keep records up to date if you complete again and return

Personal Information Record

Please can you complete the form below in BLOCK capitals and return by EMAIL

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's First name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

House name/number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Landline telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

How we use your information: All information is held securely on the Presbytery database and will be processed fairly and lawfully in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Please tick one or more of the boxes below if you are happy for us to contact you by:

post  email  text/SMS  telephone

Please tick the box/es if you are happy for your data to be used for:

News about parish events (including sacraments)  Fundraising to support the parish

If you have any questions or concerns about how your information is used or you wish to opt-out at any time from the above, please let us know, email to Father Teddy at [fatherted2017@hotmail.com](mailto:fatherted2017@hotmail.com)

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_