

Newsletter

16 June 2025

We are committed to safeguarding children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Amelia Harding
Deputy Child Protection Officers: Kate Davenport, Lauren Stone
Named Governor for Child Protection: James Beamish

Friday 20th June

Summer Fayre



This year's Summer Fayre will be taking place on Friday.

Leading up to the fayre, we are welcoming donations of sweets and chocolates for the tombola. The class with the most donations will earn an extra playtime!

All funds raised will support the school so please come along and join the fun!

Instrumental Music Concert



This year, as well as our Annual Whole School Music Concert on the last day of term, we will be holding a separate Music concert with performances from children that have individual or small group instrumental lessons.

If your child has instrumental music lessons outside school and would like to perform at the concert, please let Mrs Harding know.

Staffing Updates



As we bid a fond (temporary!) farewell to *Mrs Hill*, who is about to begin her second exciting journey into motherhood, we offer our very best wishes to her and her family.



This week, we are delighted to be welcoming *Mrs Passenger* into Year 2. We look forward to the energy and enthusiasm she will bring to the team.

Staffing Updates



We would also like to share that *Mr Farwell* has secured a full-time teaching role at another school and will be leaving us at the end of this term. We wish him every success in this next chapter of his career and thank him for his contributions to our school community.



In recent weeks, we have also welcomed *Miss Adiba*, who is currently working with Year 3. She has experience of supporting children with additional needs, and we are thrilled to have her as part of our team.

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Tillie will be working with children across the school to support their mental health and well-being.

She is a four-year-old miniature cockapoo, a breed known for being wonderfully affectionate and often more suitable for allergy sufferers due to their low-shedding coats.

She's gentle, calm, and has just the right temperament to be around children.

Tillie lives with Mrs Harvey and her family.

Please let the office know if your child has any sensitivities to dogs.

What we did last week!

As part of our Science topic in Year 1, we went outside and explored the flowers and plants on our school grounds. We found lots of familiar plants like daisies and buttercups and discovered some new ones too such as lavender and gum rockrose. We used our magnifying glasses to observe them closely and discussed the features of the plants we found.



What we did last week!

Year 1 have been working extra hard on their phonics and have been practising reading both green words and alien words. They have even been taking turns to be the teacher!

The children also had a lovely time during their music lesson, where showed great rhythm.



What we did last week!

This week Amelia Goodall came into Years 1 and 2 to show us her violin. She showed us different ways to play the violin and then played us some lovely pieces of music. The children all had an opportunity to play the violin by plucking and using the bow.



What we did last week!

Lunchtime gardening club has been very busy! The children have planted potatoes, peas, tomatoes and sunflowers so far. Of course there is also plenty of weeding to be done. If you are able to spare an hour to help us to get on top of it, please let Mrs Harding know.

Many thanks also to the PTA who have funded this super new greenhouse for us!



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This week in RE, Year 1 had a visit from some of Year 5 and 6 friends, who spoke to us about their experiences of attending church. They also spoke about some of the important objects and symbols we see in catholic churches.



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Year 6 did amazingly well at swimming, with many of them already completing their 25 metre swim target. They learnt how to breathe in a way that lets them stay underwater for longer and finished with a very competitive, but fun (and loud) game of volleyball!



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We have really enjoyed having Tillie with us at the end of the week! She was a firm favourite with the children and even helped the children to remain calm during her first fire drill!

Welcome to the OLOTA team Tillie!



Upcoming Events

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| Thursday 19th June | Welcome talk for new parents 9.00 am |
| Friday 20th June | New Reception Class - Meet the Teacher - by appointment |
| Friday 20th June | Summer Fayre 3.30 - 5.00 pm |
| Tuesday 24th June | Current Reception Class Trip - Steam Train |
| Wednesday 25th June | New Reception Class Taster session 9.15 am - 10.30 am |
| Thursday 26th June | Year 5 Taster day at Torquay Academy |
| Friday 27th June | Sports Day AM - everyone to wear something blue to honour Mr Brown |
| Thursday 3rd July | All children to attend the morning in new year groups |
| Friday 4th July | Pupil reports to parents |

This week's Gospel Value

Forgiveness



The Holy Spirit gently moves within us, opening our hearts to the power of forgiveness and guiding us toward healing, compassion, and peace.

- Can you simply forget that someone has made you feel angry, even if it was on purpose?

Dear Holy Spirit,

Thank you for your love that lives in our hearts.

When we make mistakes, help us say sorry and forgive others too.

Fill us with kindness, peace, and the courage to start again.

Guide us to do what is right, and help us grow in love each day.

Amen



Awards last week

| Year R | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Kiara Alexander Liyana A | Willow Ezra Regan | Pixie Sean Libby | Chloe Teddy Oceana | Harper Ashwal Hannah | Gerard Amirat Brian | Kamylle Katie Seren |

House points



Nye Bevan
Champion of Wealth Equality



Tanni Grey-Thompson
Champion of Disability Equality

Bevan
254

Thompson
161

Stephenson
394

Pankhurst
344



Paul Stephenson
Champion of Racial Equality



Emmeline Pankhurst
Champion of Gender Equality

Summer After School Clubs

Monday

Basketball 3,4,5,6
Really Wild club R,1,2

Tuesday

SEN Craft/games club
Cricket/Rounders 3,4,5,6
Choir 3,4,5,6

FULLY BOOKED

Wednesday

Dance 3,4,5,6
Girls football 3,4,5,6
Science R,1,2

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Friday

Boys football 3,4,5,6
Journalism 5,6

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All clubs are free and are available to book online via your ParentPay account.



Attendance Reminders

If your child is sick please ring on the first day of absence by 9.00 a.m. and every other day thereafter. If you don't do this we will ring you as we are required to check on the welfare of our pupils. You must inform us of your child's symptoms.

Is my child too ill for school? (Government advice)

Evidence of all medical appointments must be provided.

If your child arrives after 9am (after registers close) this is recorded as an unauthorised session (unless evidence of a medical appointment has been provided).



Our Target is 95%



Whole school attendance this week 92.3%

Current overall attendance 94.7%

This week's trend ↓1.5%

Library Opening



The library is open every day at hometime. Please feel free to pop in after school to choose books with your child.

We have books for sharing for younger children and the children's Accelerated Reader books.

Remember that research tells us that the more children read for pleasure the higher their academic attainment will be. [More information here!](#)

Holy Angels



Holy Angels Pre-school finishes for the summer break on Friday 18th July.

We will continue to offer Breakfast and After school club sessions for Our Lady's, on Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd July. They will not be available on Thursday 24th or Friday 25th July.

Any sessions required for the Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday of the last week, MUST be booked by Thursday 17th July. No ad hoc bookings will be taken after this date.



The main purpose of the PTA is to raise funds for extra items for the children. Last year we bought football kit, ukuleles and gardening equipment.

Our PTA is completely reliant on volunteers to be able to run events. All parents / carers are automatically PTA members and are welcome at all meetings and events.

Please let us know in the office if you would be able to help with the Summer Fayre on Friday 20th June.



Children across Torbay are going to be able to take a Deep Sea Adventure at their local library this summer as Libraries Unlimited launch their very own reading challenge.

Based on the charity's popular reading challenge for five to twelve-year-olds 'The Secret Book Quest', The Summer Book Quest sees beloved characters Pip, Zena and Libro head off on a new adventure. The theme for the first year is The Deep Sea Adventure, based on the Underwater Zone in The Secret Book Quest.



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