

Our Lady Catholic Primary School



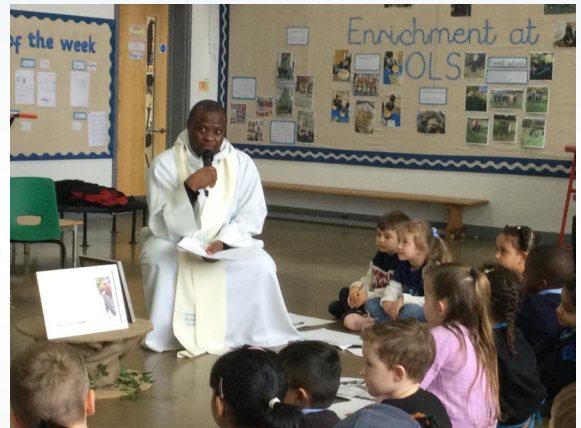
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NEWS from Mrs Snowball

It has been a short but busy first half of the Spring term. It has been wonderful to see so many parents in school to share in our community celebrations. The class liturgies were a lovely opportunity to reflect and come together with Fr Justin and our OLS Has Abilities show was a fantastic celebration of the gifts and talents our children have. We have ended with the year 6 children showcasing their learning so far this year in their class assembly. As we start our Lenten Journey this week, we move into half term and the second half of the Spring term filled with hope for all we have to look forward to.

Class Liturgies

Thank you to Fr Justin and the children for leading 3 beautiful liturgies this half term. The children reflected on their gifts and talents, forgiveness and love. Fr Justin shared some very important messages with the children and everyone took time to think about how they can show their love to God by being the best versions of themselves in everything they say and do. Thank you to all the parents that joined us for these special liturgies.



Catholic Social Teaching – Solidarity and Peace

This term our Catholic Social Teaching focus has been 'Solidarity and Peace'. The children have been thinking about how they can be a peace maker.



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Sporting news

A huge well done to our sporting teams this term who have represented the school in football, netball and boc-
cia. Our boys A team won the ESFA small school county

football competition and now go onto represent
Hertfordshire in the next round. The B team and our
girls football teams continue to excel and have been

great ambassadors for the school. Children in Year 6 took part in a boc-
cia event recently
which was a great success. A huge well done to all the children who have represented OLS
this half term.



Secret Reading

The children in Reception, year 1 and year 2
have been enjoying their secret visitors this
term. Each day a different OLS family member
has been coming into class to read their end of



day story.
Thank you to
all who have
volunteered.
Please speak
to the class
teacher to
sign up after
half term.

Year 1 Church visit

Year 1 children visited Our Lady Church and Fr
Justin gave them a guided tour and talked to
them about some of the features found in the
Church. Year 1 shared their learning from RE
lessons with Fr Justin. He was very impressed!



Ash Wednesday

Fr Justin visited all the classrooms this week to
mark the beginning of Lent. Each class led a col-
lective worship and Fr Justin distributed the
ashes to all the children and staff. We reflected
on the start of our Lenten Journey and thought
about the steps we could take during Lent this
year.

Mental Health Week—My abilities

This week has been mental health week and OLS has been celebrating how special and unique each child is. We held auditions through the week where children showcased their gifts and talents. The final 'OLS Has Abilities' show was a wonderful event where the children performed in front of friends, family and the judges. Well done to the winners Archie, Jaden, Mila and Nicholas and to all that took part.



The Big Lent Walk

Our Big Lent Walk is underway. Thank you to our Eco Council for launching the event in assembly this week.. Please sponsor your children to raise money for CAFOD and SCIAF. Every penny we raise will go towards fighting global poverty.



Goodbye and Good luck to Mrs Marinho

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Marinho who will begin a new role as Assistant Headteacher and Senco. We wish her every success and thank her for all she has given to OLS.

Mr Mudlay will be joining us after half term and is looking forward to working with Year 6.

A big thank you to our OLS community for your

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Meet our Governors

Chair of Governors and Operations committee —Giulia Lorenzini

Vice Chair of Governors—Fr. Norbert Fernandes

Chair of the School Curriculum Committee—Anne Stevens

Parent Governors—Daniela Simmons and Arikana Massiah

Foundation Governors—Colette Evetts and Fr Tom

Staff Governor—Jill Westbury

Head Teacher—Sarah Snowball

Parish Priest—Fr Justin

Dear OLS Community, it is a real honour and pleasure to have been elected Chair of the Governing Body in December 2023. I look forward to working closely with all the governors to ensure OLS keeps providing our children with the best possible learning experience in a nurturing and stimulating environment.

If you would like further information about what the governing body does (whilst our web pages are undergoing a make-over!) please contact me via email at g.lorenzini@ourladysherts.sch.uk

I wish you all (and especially the wonderful OLS staff) a well-deserved, relaxing half term.

Yours sincerely, Giulia

The Governing Body provides strategic leadership and accountability in the school working in partnership with and supporting the work of the Head Teacher and staff. The Head Teacher is responsible for the day to day leadership of the school.



Key dates for parents for the half term ahead

March 2024 events		
Date	What?	Where?
7th March	World Book Day	School
8th March	Year 1/2 PTA cake sale	3.15pm at school
11th March	PTA meeting	3.15pm at school
15th March	Year 2 class assembly	9.10am at school
15th March	PTA race night	School
21st March	Y3,4,5 Easter production	School 9.30am
22nd March	Year 1 class assembly	School 9.10am
26th March	Stations of the cross mass 10am	Our Lady Church
27th March	Lenten Games	School
28th March	Break up for Easter	School at 1.30pm