

# Our Lady Catholic Primary School



Autumn Term 2  
2023

## NEWS from Mrs Snowball

As our Advent journey draws to an end, we look forward to the wonderful celebrations on Christmas Day and begin our school break knowing our journey through December has created memories which our children will cherish. This is truly a wonderful time of year and the festivities around school these past few weeks have filled everyone's hearts with joy and happiness.

I hope you all enjoy a very happy and holy Christmas with family and friends.

### Advent service

We welcomed Fr Justin to his first OLS service to mark the beginning of our Advent journey. The Chaplaincy team and pupils across the school shared prayers, art work and songs with our whole school community and we lit the first candle of Advent. Focussing on light, Fr Justin led a lovely homily about Jesus providing the light to guide us through life and help us in leading a life which follows in his footsteps.



### Catholic Social Teaching - Option for the poor

This term our Catholic Social Teaching focus has been 'Option for the poor'. The children have been fund raising for two charities this term, Save the Children and The Hitchin Pantry. Thank you for your donations on Christmas Jumper Day and your food donations throughout December with the reverse Advent calendar.



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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 cross country events.

Our boys B team won their first match of the season. Our boys A team won the ESFA Hitchin small school Football competition. Our Girls football team have represented OLS this term and have grown as a team and our A and B netball teams have been excellent ambassadors of the school in all of their matches.

Children in Years 5 and 6 took part in the North Herts cross country event. Well done to Neriah and Riley who came 3rd and 2nd and received a medal for their achievements.

## Enterprise week

Enterprise week was a great success. Children across the school made products to sell at the Christmas Fair and all profits will go towards resources for their classroom.



## PTA Christmas Fair

The annual Christmas Fair was the OLS community event highlight. The school hall was full to the rafters and the buzz of laughter and joy filled the school. A huge thank you to our PTA for hosting such an amazing event for all our families.

A total of £1250.68 was raised. These funds will go towards our circus event in school next term and vital resources to further enhance our children's learning. There are more events planned next term but your help is needed to ensure these are successful. Please support our school by attending PTA meetings and supporting at the PTA events.





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## The Nativity

Well done to our youngest stars! Both the Reception and KS1 Nativity performances were wonderful. The children retold the best story ever told, beautifully. We were all so proud of them. Thank you to all our families for coming along to support the children.



## Nightingale House

Year 5 and Reception have been spreading joy to the Hitchin community. Reception visited Nightingale House to sing Christmas songs and Year 5 made Christmas cards for the Nightingale community.



## Exciting News!

As many of you will have noticed, Mrs Carpenter is pregnant with her second child. Congratulations!!!



A big thank you to our OLS community for your continued support this term.

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## DoWAT

### Key dates for parents for the term ahead

<u>January 2024 events</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>Where?</u>
4th January	Inset day	
5th January	Inset day	
8th January	Back to school	
15th January	PTA meeting	3.15pm at school
19th January	Year 5/6 class liturgy	School
26th January	Year 2/3/4 class liturgy	School
<u>February 2024 events</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>Where?</u>
2nd February	Year R/1 class liturgy	School
6th February	Internet safety day	School
12th February	PTA meeting	3.15pm at school
14th February	Parent consultations	3.30-6.30pm at school
15th February	Parent consultations	3.30-6.30pm at school
19th-23rd February	Half term	
<u>March 2024 events</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>What?</u>	<u>Where?</u>
1st March	Parent coffee information morning	9am at school
7th March	World Book Day	School
8th March	Year 6 class assembly	School
8th March	Year 1/2 PTA cake sale	3.15pm at school
11th March	PTA meeting	3.15pm at school
15th March	Year 5 class assembly	9am at school
15th March	PTA race night	School
22nd March	Year 4 class assembly	School
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