



# Newsletter

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In Our Lady's Catholic Primary School we learn about God and try to follow his footsteps by showing care and respect for one another.

## Welcome

A warm welcome back to everyone.

It has been an absolute pleasure to see all the children return to school, looking extra smart in their uniforms and with smiles on their faces. We extend our welcome to our new families in Reception Class (Robins) and any families from across the school who are joining us for the first time this Autumn Term.



We are excited to introduce our new class teacher joining the Our Lady's Team, Miss Ashton is teaching the Year 6 children (Swallow Class). We also have two new teaching assistants, Miss Simpson and Miss Seward, as well as Craig and his team working hard in the school kitchen. We are sure you will join us in giving them all a warm welcome to our school community.

Class dojo is being used in all classes for communication between home and school. If you do not have an account, or your email address has changed over the summer, then please see your child's class teacher.

P.E lessons have started this week. On your child's P.E day they should come to school in their P.E kit, including the school P.E hoodie. On all other days normal school should be worn in school including the school jumper and not the P.E hoodie. Please see Mrs Silverlock in the school office for all of your uniform needs.

We wish you, all our staff and children an enjoyable and successful year and we look forward to seeing you all throughout the year.

**Rob Meech, Executive Headteacher and Lorna Wilby, Head of School**

## Autumn Term Dates

Mon 16th Sep	Flu Vaccinations in school
<b>Wed 18th Sep</b>	<b>Y6 Swimming</b>
Thu 19th Sep	Y5 & Y6 Open Evening at The Park School 5.45pm
<b>Mon 23rd Sep</b>	<b>Open Evening for Y6 at Pilton Community College 6pm</b>
Mon 23rd Sep	Open Evening for Y6 at Pilton Community College 7pm
<b>Mon 23rd Sep</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Open Morning at The Park School 9am to 10am</b>
Tue 24th Sep	Y5 & Y6 Open Morning at The Park School 9am to 10am
<b>Tue 24th Sep</b>	<b>Author Visit to school —KS2</b>
Wed 25th Sep	Y5 & Y6 Open Morning at The Park School 9am to 10am
<b>Wed 25th Sep</b>	<b>Y6 Swimming</b>
Fri 27th Sep	School Council Application to be in
<b>Thu 3rd Oct</b>	<b>Open Morning for Y6 at Pilton Community College 9.30am</b>
Wed 2nd Oct	Y6 Swimming
<b>Fri 4th Oct</b>	<b>School Council announced</b>
Wed 9th Oct	Y6 Swimming
<b>Fri 11th Oct</b>	<b>School Photos</b>
Wed 16th Oct	Y6 Swimming—Last one
<b>Fri 25th Oct</b>	<b>Last day of half term</b>
Mon 28th Oct	Half Term Holiday
<b>Thu 31st Oct</b>	<b>Deadline for secondary school places</b>
Mon 4th Nov	Non Pupil Day—School Closed
<b>Tue 5th Nov</b>	<b>Pupils Return to School</b>



### Special Educational Needs

I would like to introduce myself to new parents; I am the school's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator. I would like to make sure all parents are aware of the SEND section of the school website which gives information about our school's provision for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities as well as support for families who may be experiencing difficulties at home. There are lots of helpful information sheets and links to other sites too, so please take a look in the Parents' section labelled 'SEND'.



I hope you find the resources useful. Please get in touch, via the school office, if you need further advice or support.

Eve Daunton  
SENDCO (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator)

### Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that all Key Stage 1 children receive a free healthy snack for morning break. You are welcome to send Key Stage 2 children into school with a healthy snack (not chocolate or crisps).

### Breakfast and After School Club

Sessions for our Breakfast and After School Clubs are available. At present please phone the school office if you would like to book your child in for a session. These can then be paid for on parentpay (log in letters will be sent home today). Breakfast sessions are from 7.45am until 8.45am at £5.00 without breakfast and £5.50 with breakfast. Afterschool Club sessions are from 3.15-4.15 with a snack for £5.00, or 3.15-5.15pm for £9.00. You can pay for these sessions in advance via Parentpay, your parentpay account will shortly reflect any credit or debt that was on the old SCOPAY system before this was closed and any extended day sessions that have been used since this. Please see a member of the Admin Team if you need log in details.

### PE Days

When your child has PE they should be coming into school in their PE kits and remaining in them all day.

<b>Robin</b>	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>Heron</b>	Wednesday and Friday
<b>Puffin</b>	Tuesday and Wednesday
<b>Owl</b>	Wednesday and Friday
<b>Eagle</b>	Monday and Thursday
<b>Kingfisher</b>	Monday and Friday
<b>Swallow</b>	Monday and Tuesday

PE lessons will continue to be held outside even in the rain so please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat, they may even need gloves and hats as we progress into the winter months.

As the weather gets colder, if you have not done so already, you can purchase, for £15, a PE Hoodie with the school logo for children to wear for PE. Alternatively children can wear their school jumper for PE. Please order these via Scopay.

Don't forget that Swallow class will be attending swimming lessons every Wednesday afternoon from Weds 11th September until Weds 16th October. Swallow class can wear their PE kits on a Wednesday during this time.

*God of wisdom and might,  
we praise you for the wonder of our  
being,  
for mind, body and spirit.  
Be with our children as they begin  
a new school year.  
Bless them and their teachers and  
staff.  
Give them strength and grace as their  
bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds  
as they search for understanding;  
and peace and zeal to their hearts.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.*

## Absence guidance for Parents/Carers

### What YOU must do:

Telephone the school (ideally before 8.30am) **each day** of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

### What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

## Author Visit from Simon Green

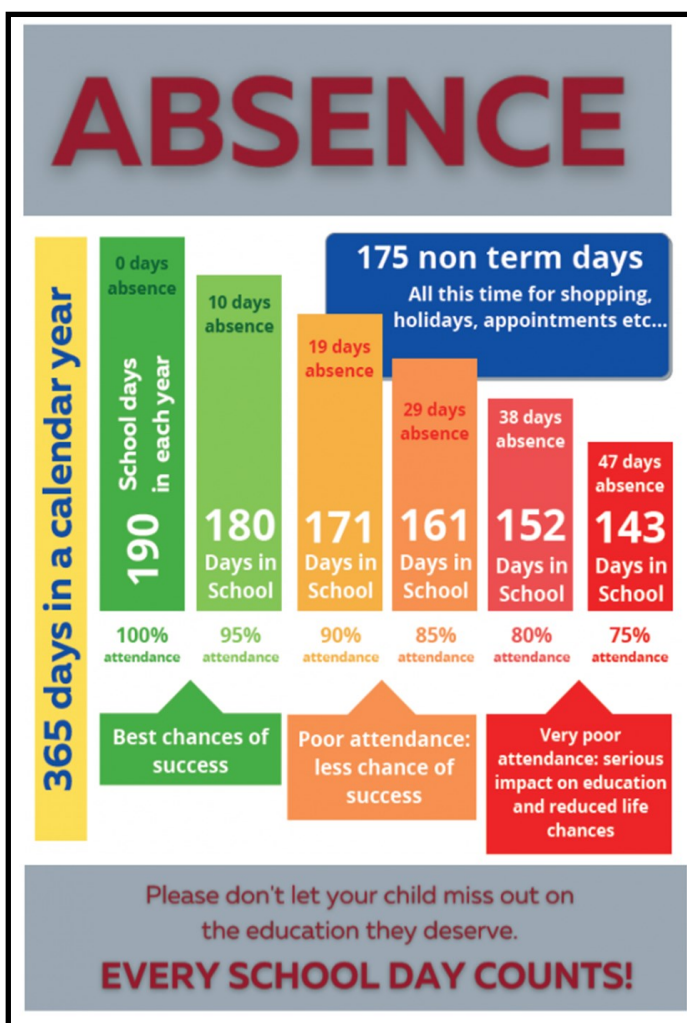
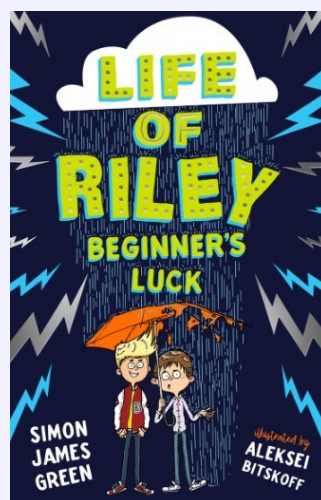
Miss Knill is excited to announce that we are having a visit from the author Simon Green in school on Tuesday 24th September for KS2 children. We will all be hearing Simon talk about a book talk called 'All the LOLs', featuring his books Life of Riley and Sleepover Takeover.



This will be a laugh-out-loud and feel-good session which has reading for pleasure (and kids squawking like chickens!) at the heart of it!

Simon will recount the awkward events and mishaps of his own school days which inspired the books.

Simon will reveal his secret research about how to attract good luck into your life - including a fun interactive demonstration which will amaze our pupils!



## School Website

Please keep a check on the school website as this will be updated regularly. The class pages will be updated with class newsletters, photos, areas of topic etc. You will find details on all our key documents and policies together with the current school dinner menu.

Please visit:- [www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk](http://www.ourladys.devon.sch.uk)

## School Dinners

We have a wide variety of hot, freshly cooked, school dinners on offer on a 3 weekly cycle. As well as the healthy main choice there is always a vegetarian option and a jacket potato with cheese and/or beans available. The meals are all prepared on-site in our school kitchen. School dinners are free to all children from Robins to Puffin class and are a very competitive £2.81 per day for children in Owl class (Y3) upwards.



School dinners can now be paid via the school's on line cash system Parentpay. You will shortly receive individual log in details for your child/children and will need to download the Parentpay App. If you need any assistance with registering to use this facility please see the School Office. Meals cannot be selected on the App but the choice of meal for the day will be booked with the class teacher at registration in the morning. Parents can pay for meals in advance on parentpay. Parentpay will be updated shortly with any credit or debt (for dinners received) since our old payment system SCOPAY closed.

If your child has any food allergies please make the admin team aware as our catering team can usually adapt the menu accordingly for your child's needs.

**The next newsletter will go home on:  
Friday 27th September 2024**

**School photos will be taken in school on Friday 11th  
October.**

## School Uniform

Thank you for supporting the correct school uniform. Please could you ensure that all long hair is tied back for school, earrings are kept to small studs, no other jewellery is to be worn.

Girls should be wearing either navy coloured tights, knee high socks or ankle socks and boys should be wearing grey or black socks (not white).

Please ensure that all items of clothing, water bottles, lunch boxes and snack pots are clearly marked with your child's name. If they are misplaced or left lying around the school it is much easier to reunite items with their owner if they have a name clearly marked in it.

Jumpers, PE T-Shirts, PE Hoodies, Ties, School Rucksacks, book bags and water bottles are available to purchase from school throughout the year. These items will be available to order via Parentpay very shortly.

We do have some kindly donated second hand uniform. Please ask at the school office and we will check what sizes we have for you.

## Medicines in School

If your child is required to take a prescribed medicine please can you alter the times around the school day. If this is not possible then please complete a medicine form at the school office.

The school can only administer prescribed medicines in line with government requirements.

Non-prescribed medicines such as headache tablets, medicated lozenges, nasal sprays etc must not be carried by the children or left in school bags or book bags.

## Asthma Inhalers

If your child has a diagnosis of asthma and has a prescribed inhaler to use in school, please contact the school office and complete a 'parental agreement for school to administer medicine' form. Please see your class teacher if you wish to discuss any concerns about your child's medical conditions.

## Barnstaple Carnival Art

Some of our classes spent some lovely time with some ladies from Barnstaple Carnival. The children designed and painted some bunting that will be displayed in the Pannier Market and surrounding buildings for the Carnival this year.

Here are some photos of our Kingfisher class working on their bunting.



# INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate ££s to schools.

CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS



With Parentkind

## HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your primary school!
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can find it on exactly what they need.

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER, 11AM  
CROW POINT CAR PARK, BRAUNTON



One mile (ish) FOR AGES 4-16  
finishing on the beach

£5 per entry  
(on the day)



# CHILDREN'S FUN RUN

MEDALS FOR ALL!

WILL YOUR SCHOOL WIN THE BIG SHEEP TROPHY?

DRINKS & CAKES



RAFFLE PRIZES

TOMBOLA

Sign up online at [www.sientries.co.uk/event/barneytobeach](http://www.sientries.co.uk/event/barneytobeach) or scan the QR code. OR register on the day at Crow Point Car Park, Braunton between 10.00-10.45am.



Event in support of The Wave Project and Families in Grief (FiG)

We have signed up to the Asda's 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative, which was launched at the beginning of this week and runs until mid November. If you or any of your friends and family shop in Asda, please do opt in as we get £1 for everyone who does and then a further 0.5% on any spend made. We have already raised £93.53 for the school.

## Ten:Ten RE Resources

Mrs Cohen would like to share the link for the September Newsletter for ten:ten resources with you. As well as the newsletter there are some lovely links to prayers that you can share at home with your child.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>



## School Council 2024-25

Mrs Tucker is delighted to announce that School Council applications are now open for Years 2-6. Your child will need to get a form from their class teacher and complete it to be handed back to their class teacher by Friday 27th September.

Voting will commence the following week to promote the British value of Democracy and the new school council will be announced on Friday 4th October.

# OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## KS1 FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

*Tuesday 17th September -  
Tuesday 22nd October 2024*



*Primary Sports  
and Education  
North Devon*



**ONLY £4 PER  
SESSION**

**ONLY 15 SPACES  
AVAILABLE**

**3.15PM- 4.15PM**



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INFORMATION AND  
TO BOOK!**

**For More information, contact us :**



**north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk**



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# OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL KS2 FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPT  
- WEDNESDAY 23RD OCT

ONLY £4 PER  
SESSION

3.15PM- 4.15PM



ONLY 16 SPACES  
AVAILABLE



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# OUR LADY'S COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

## KS2 NETBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



**ONLY 20 SPACES  
AVAILABLE**

**THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER  
-  
THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER**



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and Education  
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# NORTH DEVON TAIKO PROJECT

## Taiko Drumming Workshops for children & young people

Tuesdays 5.15 - 6pm

Wings Hall  
Lower Meddon Street  
Bideford EX39 2BJ  
£20 for 5 weeks

Contact Gillian Ashcroft  
email: [ndtaiko@gmail.com](mailto:ndtaiko@gmail.com)  
or scan the QR code to book in  
Suitable for Year 6 and above



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# NORTH DEVON TAIKO PROJECT

## Taiko Drumming Workshops for ADULTS

Tuesdays 6.15 - 7pm

Wings Hall  
Lower Meddon Street  
Bideford EX39 2BJ  
£20 for 5 weeks

Contact Gillian Ashcroft  
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or scan the QR code to book in  
Suitable for all - first 5 sessions  
FREE for school based adults



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# PRELOVED BABY & CHILDREN'S SALE



**SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
OCTOBER  
2PM - 3.30PM**



**ROUNDSWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRELOVED  
ITEMS FROM  
BIRTH TO  
TEENAGERS



TOYS  
CLOTHES  
BOOKS  
& MORE

**SAVE MONEY ON HIGH QUALITY, PRELOVED ITEMS**

**BAG YOURSELF A BARGAIN**

**BOOK A STALL & MAKE SOME MONEY**

**£10 FOR SELLERS & £1 ON DOOR FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN FREE**

**FREE ENTRY AFTER 3PM**

**INTERESTED IN BOOKED A TABLE, CONTACT LOUISE LINCOLN**

**07871 951439 OR [LOUMOIR@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:LOUMOIR@HOTMAIL.COM) OR SCAN ME**



# Year's 6+7 Girls Rugby Barnstaple Rugby Club Friday's @6:30pm

Rugby is a game for all shapes, sizes and abilities

We are a new, friendly and welcoming girl's team.

You can play with us even if you currently play for another team or club

**No experience needed, just turn up and give it a go!**



[info.barnstaplerugby@gmail.com](mailto:info.barnstaplerugby@gmail.com) for more information...

...or just turn up on Friday and play!



Our Lady's School takes incidents of bullying, including on-line safety seriously. For further information the school's policy is available on our website or please see your child's class teacher if you have any concerns. [www.safer.internet.org.uk](http://www.safer.internet.org.uk)

## Fully Funded School Support Course

[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

### Levels 1, 2 & 3

CACHE Certificate in Understanding  
Safeguarding & Prevent  
CACHE Certificate in  
Understanding Challenging Behaviours  
CACHE Certificate in the  
Principles of SEN

### Six Week Course

Mon - Fri

9:30 - 11:30am

12:30 - 2:30pm

4 - 4:30pm

(last optional session for  
reflection and support if needed)

#### Level 1:

- CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Schools
- CACHE Level 1 Award in Safeguarding in a Learning Environment
- CACHE Level 1 Certificate in Wellbeing
- Level 1 Occupational Studies for the Workplace

#### Level 2:

- CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
- CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours

#### Level 3:

- Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Special Educational Needs

#### Eligibility Criteria:

- Must Be Aged 19+
- Either Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit).
- OR, be in employment, able to attend the sessions and earning less than £23,500 per year
- You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Can't be an Asylum Seeker
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).

Go to: [www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online) for more info'

# Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

## PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

## ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

## AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

## DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.



## FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

## ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

## TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

## BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

## Meet Our Expert

Daniel Lipscombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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