

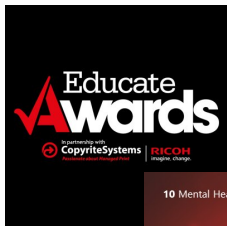


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# THE SCOOP



## OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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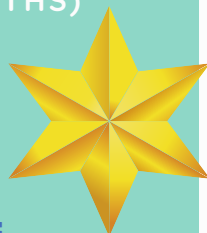
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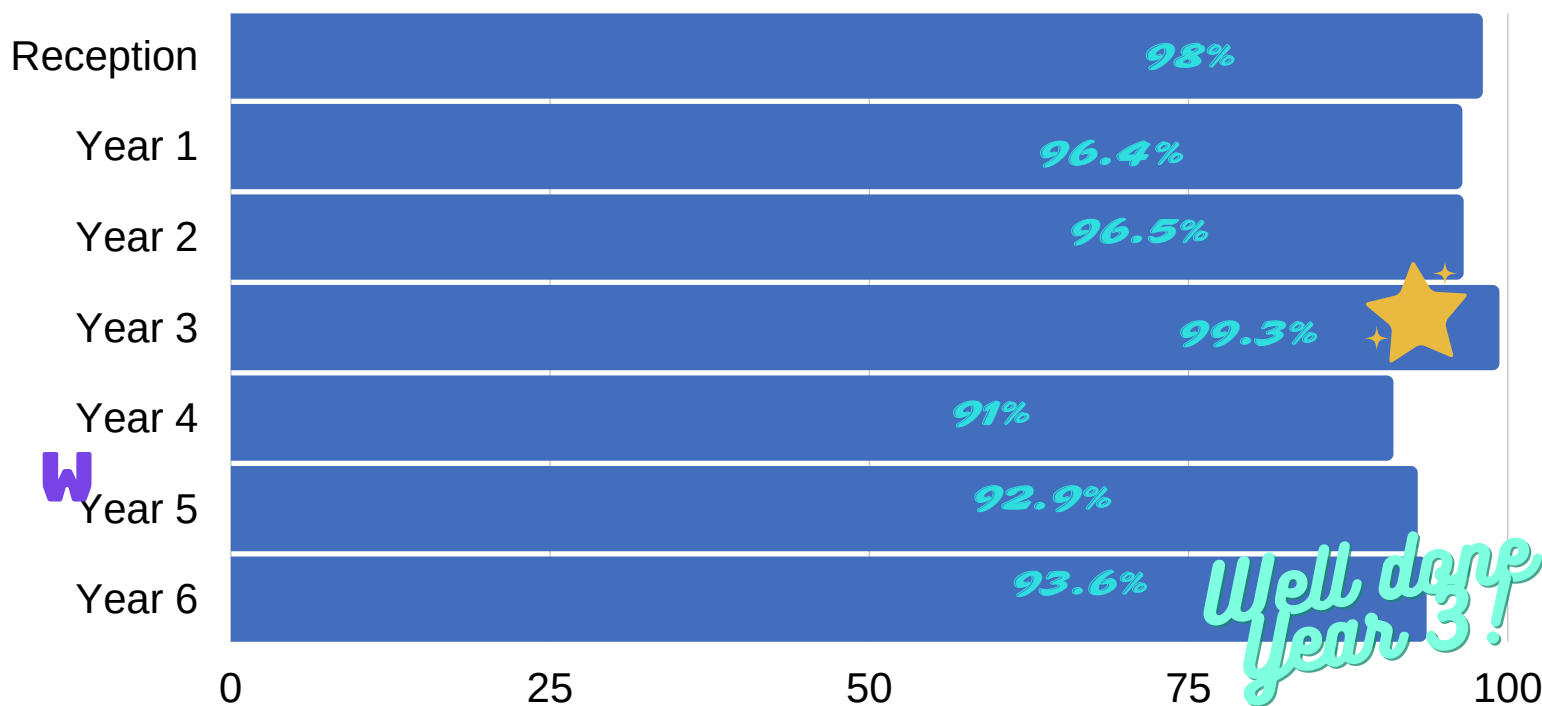
SCHOOL APP: OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

One of the highlights of the year is always the Year 6 Assembly for Remembrance Day, so I was thrilled that Mr Lindsay and Miss McCann managed to film it this year and every class watched from their classrooms and respected the minute's reflection and silence. During our virtual assembly this week, I was astounded by our young children explaining that it is important to understand why people died for their country and to ensure that we don't make the same mistakes again.

Yesterday the 'Educate Awards' released their shortlist for this year - I am thrilled that we have been shortlisted for the 'Outstanding Mental Health & Wellbeing Award' - a list of 5 schools from across the North West. This was followed by a message from Ali Watt of South Sefton Sports Partnership:

*"Congratulations to all at @olw\_primary This is a truly remarkable school which positions wellbeing at the heart of all that they do. Their care & compassion for the entire community was a beacon of light that shone so brightly through lockdown" Well done everyone!*

# WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK= 95.4%



Should your child need to isolate, we will be setting work on Google Classroom, so please ensure that your child can access the platform.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Birthdays this week...**

- Chloe (Y6)
- Alise (Y1)
- Lewis (Y1)
- Ben (Y5)

## CALENDAR

Subject to change:



Year 5 Assembly	-	27th November
Year 4 Assembly	-	4th December
KS1 Play	-	8th December
KS2 Carols	-	10th December
EYFS Christmas 'Play'	-	15th December
Finish for Christmas	-	18th December





At the going down of the sun, we will remember them.

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**Year 6 hosted an excellent assembly for Remembrance Day which is on our website.**



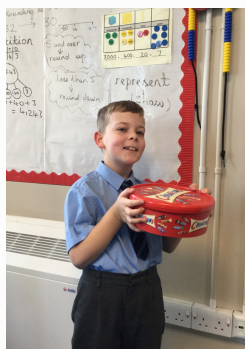
# STAY & PLAY – MATHS 2020/21



Stay & Play is always a highlight in our school as we love to welcome our parents into school, especially to show off our maths skills, but this year we have had to do things a little bit differently. So Mrs Lindsay, our Maths Subject Leader, set everyone a challenge....

## **How many item with numbers can you find in the classroom in 2 minutes....**

We had some very competitive results, but both Year 2 and Year 3 won with 47 items each! A tremendous effort!



Mrs Lindsay then sent the task home too - and we had a fantastic 73 responses - a huge well done to everyone! We held a draw this morning and Alex in Year 4 won a box of celebrations that he can share with his family - and count too!

## MEET A NEW MEMBER OF STAFF



As part of our commitment to 'catching up' with the lost learning time for our pupils during lockdown, we have employed a new teacher to our school - Miss Scanlan. Miss Scanlan started in our school after half term, but has been volunteering in Reception since September. She will be in school 3 days every week to help children with English and Maths - and she has also been helping out in Year 6! We are thrilled that Miss Scanlan will be with us until July and we are sure that many children will benefit from her excellent teaching!





# World Kindness Day



Today is World Kindness Day - 13th November - so let's help to spread kindness with kind words and actions across our community!

Since he was very young, Matt had spent all his spare time and efforts trying to find the Pet Sack, the most famous thing the great magician, Stardust, had ever created. No one knew what was inside the sack to make it so special, but rumours were that that pet bag was so special that it could do whatever its master asked of it. Matt became a powerful knight, and was determined to overcome all obstacles. One day he found the sack alive and hiding in a cave, Matt felt like the happiest man in the world. However, it turned out that the sack was far from being a good pet. Every time you asked something of it, it complained, even when the knight threatened to cut it up with his sword. If that bag got an idea in its head, there was no way to remove it. Disappointed after months of putting up with that insufferable sack, Matt decided to sell it at the market. Yet the bag was so shockingly impolite that hardly anyone came close enough to ask its price.

One of the few who did so was Diana, a very old blind woman, known throughout the town for her kindness and optimism. "I'll take your pet, but I can't pay you very much." Matt felt relieved that he would finally be rid of his troublesome companion, but he couldn't help noticing how the sack was being so playful and affectionate towards the old lady. It was even dancing.

Overcome by surprise, Matt grabbed the bag back, but as soon as he did so, again it became aggressive, insufferable. And so it was, that Matt realised there was nothing in the sack and it was just a mirror of himself. If I want the sack to be kind, he thought, then I need to show it kindness - which is all that Diana had done.



"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."

*Dalai Lama*