



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

*"A place of learning – A community of Christ"*

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22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents,

This week has been a busy one with many highlights, the majority of which have been on the sporting front. On Saturday, several children took part in the cross-country event and what an event it was! The children of OLS certainly made their mark. Many thanks to all the staff who took their time, both before the event and on Saturday morning, in order to make it all possible. All the participants were fantastic and did OLS proud. It has been a long time since OLS has won any medals and this time there were several. A huge congratulations to Jack in Year 5 who came first in his race and also to the Year 5 boys' team (Ewan, Finlay, Jack, Harry H and Albert) who came second overall in their race. There was an additional medal given out after the event. On Tuesday morning, a medal for Harry V was brought to OLS. The reason for the medal was that Harry had fallen during the race but had got back up again, and despite having been ill in the previous week, continued on to complete the race. What a fabulous example for us all. This reminded me of the Scripture in Philippians 3:13-14 *Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.* Thank you for being such an inspiration Harry.


In addition to the cross-country, Year 2 have been to a boogie bounce, Y5 to ultimate frisbee and the girls in Years 3 and 4 participated in a football festival. Reception had their first outing as they took part in a multi-skills festival at the Amersham school. I hear that the children had a great time at their respective events.

### **A trip to Whipsnade**

This Monday saw the Year 2 class trip to Whipsnade Zoo. The children were very excited and were certainly full of fantastic information on their return. It is such a joy to be able to embark on school trips again.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and I look forward to seeing you all a week on Monday.

God bless,

M. Hold 

## Photos – Social Media

We do a lot of celebrating of our children's achievements over social media now. The children really like it and it is a great way of promoting the school. We have permission to use the photos of the majority of children and I completely understand if there are families who are trying to keep photos of their children off social media altogether. However, it can be really hard when we are trying to take a photo of a group of children and have to take one child out. Unless you feel really strongly about it, please give us permission to use your child's photos. We don't use their names and if you go onto the school Instagram page you will be able to see the types of things we post.

[@olscheshambois · Instagram photos and videos](#)

## Good News Certificates

Last week's good news certificates went to the following children:

|        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| Year 1 | Seraphina, Maja |
| Year 2 | Olive, Joshua   |
| Year 3 | Mark, Elodie    |
| Year 4 | Emilio, Marieke |
| Year 5 | Bella, Tu Nhi   |
| Year 6 | Callen, Mylee   |

Well done everyone.



## Teaching Assistant Post

We are currently recruiting for a teaching assistant post full-time or part-time to start a couple of weeks after half term. If you are interested, or know anyone who would be interested, please have a look at our advert.

### [Buc03277 - LSA](#)

We are also looking for people to work in the breakfast and after-school clubs and will be recruiting to these posts after half term. If you are interested, or know anybody who would be interested, please contact the office.

## Accelerated Reader

Top readers this term

| Words Read    |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| <b>Year 6</b> | <b>3,989,710</b> words |
| <b>Year 5</b> | <b>2,894,029</b> words |
| <b>Year 4</b> | <b>1,594,173</b> words |
| <b>Year 3</b> | <b>348,696</b> words   |

Children who are reading above their target and have scored above 85% in the quizzes:

### Year 3

Mia  
Ivor  
Ralph  
Spike  
Leonardo  
Charlie  
Bea  
Robert  
Emily

### Year 5

Harry  
Wiktor  
Louis  
Florence  
Thomas  
Alex

Stella George  
Luna Callen  
Alasdair Mirella

### Year 4

Leo  
Isabella  
Nathan  
Ellie  
Kome  
Jordan  
Ava

### Year 6

Harrison  
Jimi  
Kester  
Florence  
Maya  
Valeria  
Finley

## **Fun at Whipsnade**



## **Parking**

We have received a couple of messages regarding parking at drop off and pick up. When parking in nearby streets, please ensure that you are putting the safety and wellbeing of others before your own convenience.

## **Chiltern Forest Rangers**

Please see this great opportunity for your children to use the skills they have been learning in Forest School with Chiltern Forest Rangers to help improve the local area for wildlife.



# Coleshill Common Community Conservation Day



**Volunteer with Chiltern Rangers  
and the Coleshill Common  
Committee to help manage the  
Common for wildlife**

**WHEN: Saturday 23rd October 2021**

**TIME: Start at 10am and finish at 2pm**

**WHERE: Meet on the Common**



**Learn about conservation management  
and the benefits to nature and the  
environment**

*All tools are provided!*

*Families and individuals  
are all are welcome!*

**There is no need to book but if you'd like more information**

**email [steph@chilternrangers.co.uk](mailto:steph@chilternrangers.co.uk)**



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## A Couple of Messages from the PTA and St. Columba's

The PTA were overwhelmed by everyone's support over the weekend! We really enjoyed being back in action and you'll be pleased to hear that over £1000 was raised from the coffee morning, cake and uniform sale and the Kids' Disco! This will go towards revamping KS1 playground, which we will talk about more after half term!! A huge thanks once again!!

1) Youth Mass at St Columba's church on Sunday 7th November at 6pm - everybody's welcome! For those wishing to sing at that mass, you are invited to our lively music practice on Friday 5th Nov at 5.30-6.30pm

2) The FHC 2022 journey is about to start at St Columba's church. Information meeting with parents will take place on Thursday 4th Nov at 7.30pm; the first kids' session will take place on Saturday 6th Nov at 11-12 in person. We are still taking last minute registrations!

Contact details: [parishsecstcolumba@gmail.com](mailto:parishsecstcolumba@gmail.com)

## Diary Dates 2021-2022

Please note:

- These dates are published to help parents and children attend as many events as possible. Although we will make every effort to stick to them, we may need to change the times or dates of some. When we do so, we will attempt to give as much warning as possible.

| Date                                    | Event  | Concerning   |
|---|--|--------------|
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct                    | School closes for Half Term holiday at 3.25 pm | Whole School |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov                     | Return to School                               | Whole School |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov                     | All Saints Mass                                | Whole School |
| Wk beg 1st Nov                          | Pupil -Teacher Meetings                        | All Classes  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov                    | Parent consultation evening (Late)             | All Classes  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov                    | Parent consultation evening (Early)            | All Classes  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov                    | Year 5 Hampton Court Palace Trip               | Year 5       |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov | Anti-Bullying Week                             | All Classes  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov                    | PTA Family Bingo                               | 6 pm-8.30pm  |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov                    | PTA AGM  | 7.00pm-9pm   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov                    | Advent Liturgy / Crib Blessing                 | Whole School |

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| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>         | <b>PTA Secret Gift Room</b>                                      | <b>During school hours</b> |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>         | <b>Immaculate Conception Mass – Our Lady’s School Feast Day</b>  | <b>All Invited</b>         |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>        | <b>Hollyberry Fayre</b>  | <b>.30pm – 5pm</b>         |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>        | <b>Year R Nativity Play – morning</b>                            | <b>Year R Parents</b>      |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>        | <b>KS1 Christmas Performance - afternoon</b>                     | <b>KS1 Parents</b>         |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>        | <b>KS2 Carol Service</b>   |                            |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>        | <b>School closes at 1.30 pm</b>                                  |                            |
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| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>         | <b>INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL</b>                         | <b>Teaching Staff</b>      |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>         | <b>School Re-opens</b>   | <b>Whole School</b>        |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>         | <b>Epiphany - Mass and Blessing of the School and Classrooms</b> | <b>Whole School</b>        |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>        | <b>STCAT Review</b>  | <b>Staff</b>               |
| <b>31<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>        | <b>Candlemas Mass</b>  | <b>All Invited</b>         |
| <b>Wk beg 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> | <b>Assessment Week</b>   | <b>Whole School</b>        |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>        | <b>School closes for Half Term holiday at 3.25pm</b>             | <b>All Classes</b>         |
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| <b>28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>        | <b>School Re-opens</b>   | <b>All Classes</b>         |
| <b>Wk beg 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> | <b>Pupil -Teacher Meetings</b>                                   | <b>All Classes</b>         |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>       | <b>Shrove Tuesday - Carnivale</b>                                | <b>Whole School</b>        |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>       | <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>                                     | <b>All Invited</b>         |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> March</b>       | <b>Parent consultation evening (Late)</b>                        | <b>All Classes</b>         |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b>      | <b>Parent consultation evening (Early)</b>                       | <b>All Classes</b>         |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b>       | <b>School closes for Easter Holidays at 1.30 pm</b>              |                            |
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| <b>25<sup>th</sup> April</b>      | <b>School Re-opens</b>   | <b>All Classes</b>         |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>      | <b>Easter Mass</b>   | <b>All Invited</b>         |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>         | <b>BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED</b>                                |                            |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>         | <b>International Day and Evening</b>                             |                            |
| <b>Wk beg 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>  | <b>SATS WEEK – Y6</b>  | <b>Year 6</b>              |

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| <b>Wk beg 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>               | <b>End of Year Assessments</b>   | <b>Year 1 to Year 5</b>      |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>                      | <b>May Procession</b>  | <b>All Classes</b>           |
|   | <b>Year 6 Residential</b>  | <b>Year 6</b>                |
| <b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b>                      | <b>School closes for Half Term holiday at 3.25pm</b>   | <b>Whole School</b>          |
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| <b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>                      | <b>INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL</b>   | <b>Teaching Staff</b>        |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>                      | <b>School Re-opens</b>   | <b>All Classes</b>           |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>                      | <b>Pentecost Liturgy</b>   |                              |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>   | <b>Year 1 Phonics test</b>   | <b>Year 1</b>                |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>  | <b>Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check</b>  | <b>Year 4</b>                |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>                     | <b>Meeting for new Reception children &amp; parents 6.00 pm (children starting September 2022)</b> | <b>New Reception Parents</b> |
| <b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b>                     | <b>St Peter and St Pauls Mass– Year 3 First Holy Communicants</b>                                  |                              |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>                      | <b>Sports Day (am – Foundation and KS1; pm – KS2)</b>  | <b>All Invited</b>           |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> July</b> | <b>Year 6 Production</b>   | <b>Year 6 Families</b>       |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>                     | <b>Reports to Parents</b>  | <b>All Classes except Y6</b> |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>                     | <b>Y6 Leavers Assembly at 9.30 am</b>  | <b>All Invited</b>           |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>                     | <b>Y6 Leavers Mass 9.30 am</b>   | <b>All Invited</b>           |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>                     | <b>School closes for the Summer Holidays at 1.30 pm</b>  |                              |
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