



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

10th March 2023

Dear Parents,

Last Friday, the Minnie Vinnies from Year 5 and Year 6 went to St Mary's church in Chesham to meet some Ukrainian refugees who have English lessons there every week. It was absolutely great. We took part in some of their lessons, made them some cakes for tea and coffee, and sang a few songs to them. It was a fabulous morning. It is a great way for the children to learn compassion for others. As Father Ken used to say, "Jesus has no hands other than ours." These children really were doing some of His work on that day.

Also, last weekend we had the last cross-country race of the season. It was great to see so many children out running as it is a great thing to do to stay fit and healthy. Special mentions must go to Thomas in Year 3 who came 5th and Elodie in Year 4 who came 9th. Also, well done to Year 6 who again got Bronze in the team event. They have done really well all the way through school and it was lovely to see them going out on a high. We need another year group to take up the mantle next year and I would love to see more girls in the older year groups running.

This week, we have also had several football matches. On Monday we had a friendly match against Great Missenden where the boys who haven't played for the school yet this year got to play. I don't think they won but they had a great time. Football was the winner. Yesterday, the girls played their next Chiltern League match and won 2 – 0 against Waterside School

Finally, good luck to Connie, Sophia, Harry and Pierce who are swimming in the English Schools Team County Championships this evening in Watford.

Have a great weekend

God bless,



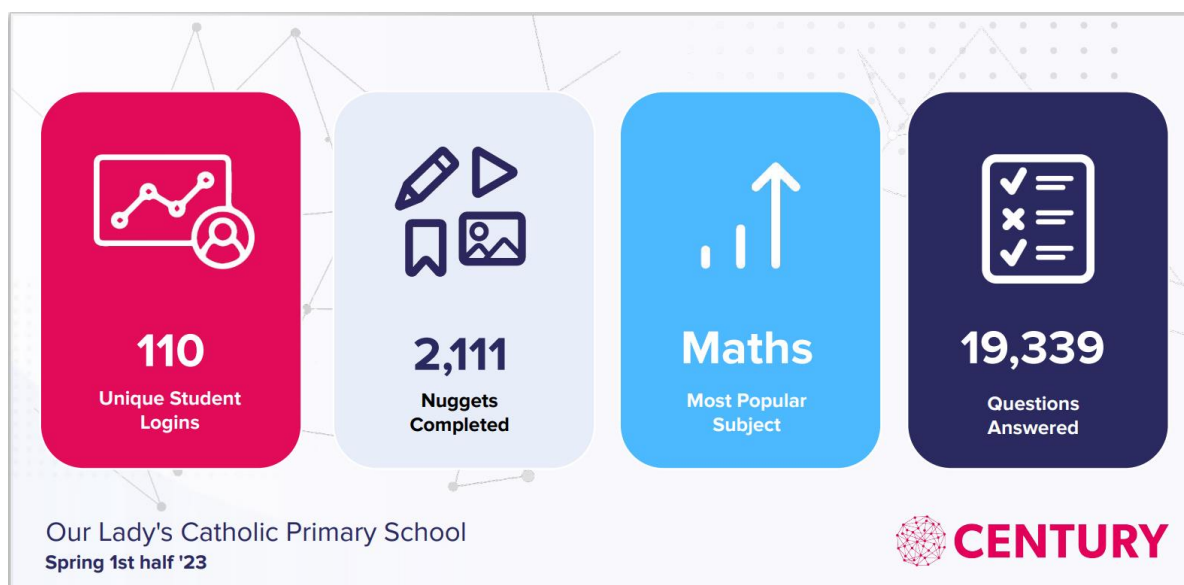
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A massive congratulations to Keera in Year 2 who was baptised last Saturday. I got to sample the party food on Friday and, from what I experienced, I am sure they had a great celebration. What a special day and in many ways lovely that Keera isn't a baby so it is a day she can remember.



Century Homework

We have just had our Century Homework report for the first half of the Lent term. Here is a snapshot:



That is basically 2,111 mini lessons. Well done everyone!

Our Lady's Trust Fund

Thank you so much to everyone who donates to the Trust Fund. This week, we were given a cheque for just over £8000 which paid for the groundworks connected with the Key Stage 1 and Reception Playgrounds as well as the 10% contribution for some work we did over the summer. This money is invaluable to the school and the children. We are really grateful for your kind donations.

The trust have also been able to claim back about £2000 in Gift Aid over a two year period and that is with only a third of the donors having filled in a Gift Aid declaration. If you do donate to the trust, and pay tax, then please consider making a declaration with the form on our website. If everybody claimed, we would get about another £1000 a year. Just fill the form in and hand it into the office. It doesn't cost you anything!

Thank you

[Our Lady's Trust - Our Lady's Catholic Primary School \(olschesham.co.uk\)](http://olschesham.co.uk)

Car Park

I am appealing once again to parents not to park in the car park without permission. It is lazy, selfish and dangerous. It also sets a really bad example to your children about following rules. On Wednesday, we had a couple of members of staff who had to abandon their cars blocking people in because there wasn't enough space in the car park. This isn't fair and not at all helpful. In the future you may find you get blocked in yourself.

Thank you
Mr Holdsworth

A Message from Ten Ten Resources March 2023

Have you ever noticed how we like to characterise different months and seasons? For example, January is painted as the longest, bluest month of the year – so much so that 'Blue Monday' is a term coined to refer to the third Monday in January. Other months and seasons similarly characterised include February – romance and playfulness due to Valentine's Day and being the shortest, quirkiest month; and October – pumpkin-spice and all things nice! But these characterisations don't leave much room for nuance. Even the bluest Januarys will have some light, and the most playful of Februarys will have harder moments. And for most people, October doesn't consist of endless pumpkin-spice lattes!

This year, the month of March is taken up wholly with the Liturgical Season of Lent. In the Church, Lent is represented by the colour purple, worn by priests and seen on the altar. Purple, like the season of Lent, symbolises a time of prayer, penance and preparation for Jesus' death on the cross and Resurrection at Easter. It offers a chance for us to reflect on our relationship with God and make a fresh start as the Church focuses on the three pillars of Lent, almsgiving, fasting and prayer – or as children in school will know them, GIVE, ACT, PRAY:

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

But even in this somewhat austere season, there is room for nuance! On the fourth Sunday of Lent, called Laetare Sunday, Catholics are invited to celebrate! 'Laetare' is the Latin word for 'rejoice' and on this day only, the purple of Lent is swapped for rose pink, symbolising hope and a reminder of what is to come on Easter Sunday. This Sunday is also Mothering Sunday, where historically believers would return to the mother church where they received the Sacrament of Baptism.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout March and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray that your Lent will be a time of prayer, penance and preparation, but with lots of opportunities for rejoicing too!

Breakfast and After-School Club

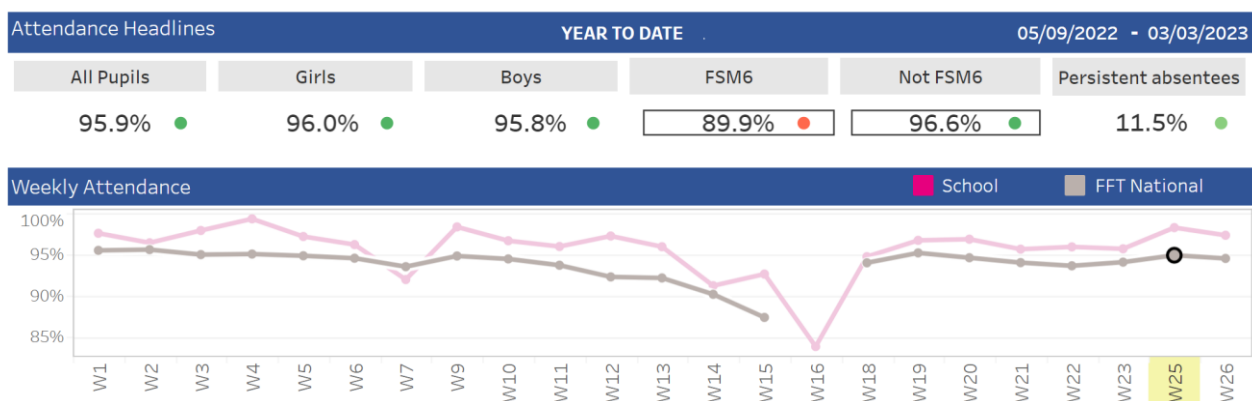
These child-care clubs have become really popular. We had over 50 children attend the After-School club yesterday. If you need to use these clubs please try and book in advance. If you ring or just turn up on the day there is a chance that we will have to turn you away. They are so popular now that we are going to have to start limiting the number of children we have attending.

If anybody is interested in working in the after-school or breakfast club for just one morning or afternoon, please will you contact the school office. These clubs are quite difficult to staff, so we are always looking for people who are keen to earn a few extra “pennies” flexibly.

Thank you

Absence

Our attendance continues to creep up. Hopefully we can get it above 96% very soon.



Good News Certificates

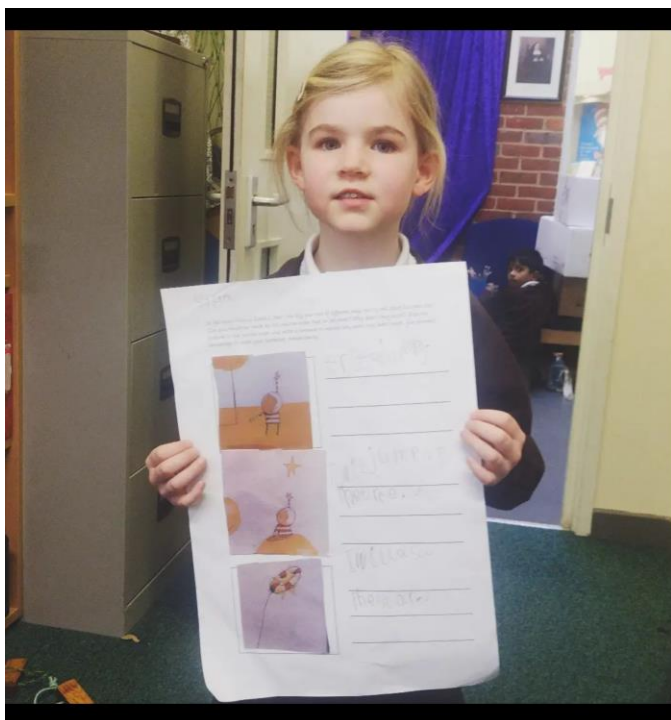
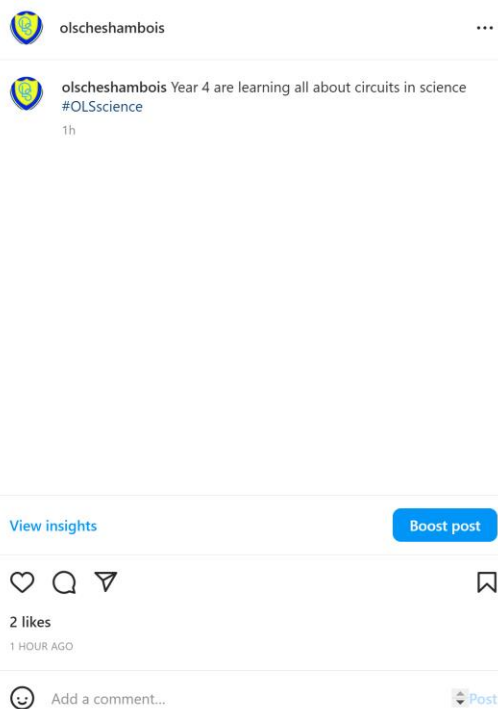


Last week's Good News certificates were:

Year 1	Elena, Nathan, Zachary
Year 2	Hanna, Nikolay
Year 3	Hansika, Stash
Year 4	Ivor, Emily, Zuzanna
Year 5	Matilda G, Harry
Year 6	Harry A, Tue-Nhi

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Great maths work in year four, finding fractions of amounts. What a hard-working class! #OISMaths
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 **teresawatson7** 🍌💙
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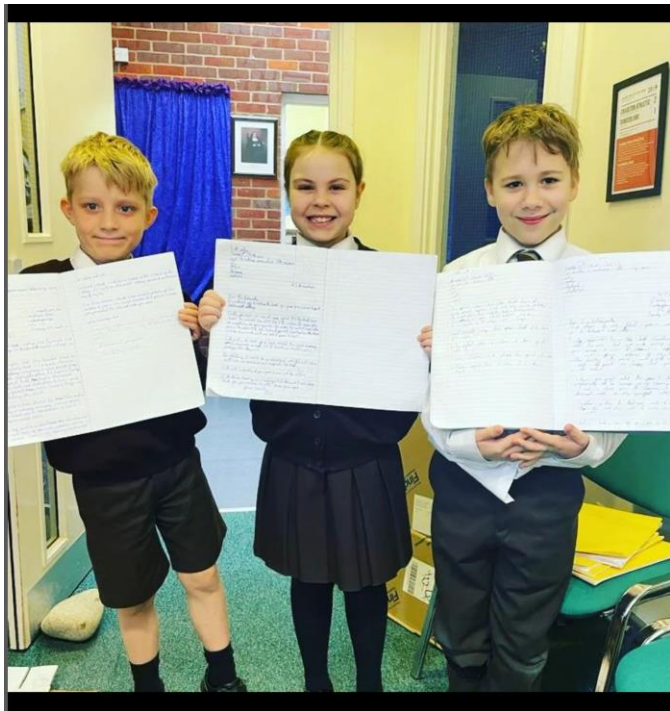



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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Some superb persuasive writing in year 4. #OLSliteracy
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 **teresawatson7** 🍌💙
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 **margo_basker** So proud 🍌💙 they really did a great job.
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**olscheshambois** ...



olscheshambois OLS@Great Missenden. An opportunity for some of the children who haven't played for the school team this year #OLSsport #OLSyellowsubmarine

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olscheshambois The year 4 girls and another medal #OLSsport

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**olscheshambois** Year 4 boys #OLSsport
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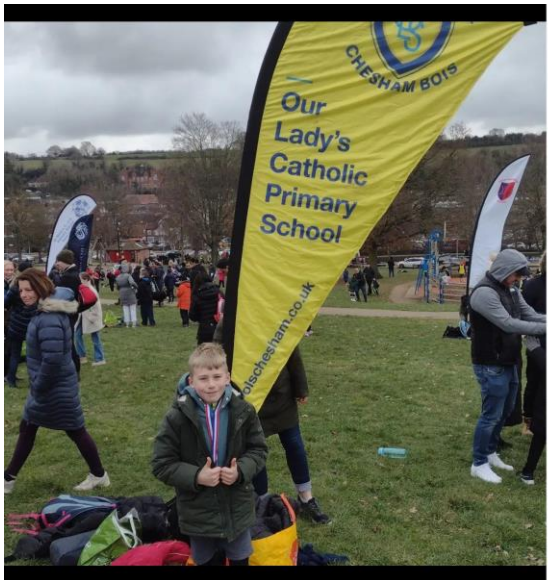
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**olscheshambois** ...



**olscheshambois** Our first medalist of the day. 5th overall. Fantastic. #OLSsport
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**olscheshambois** ...

**olscheshambois** Great running from the year 3 girls #OLSsport
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olscheshambois Year 3 Romans #olshistory
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olscheshambois Well done to these three children who won the Sunset and Sunrise @rotary_in_amersham art competition #OLSart
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sharondodd Wonderful pictures 🌟
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teresawatson7 🌟💙👉
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Accelerated Reader

Words Read	
Year 6	16,132,538 words
Year 5	11,668,393 words
Year 4	6,997,046 words
Year 3	2,374,473 words

Millionaire Readers

Kenandra (Year 6)
Harry (Year 5)
Pranav (Year 6)
Tue Nhi (Year 6)

Double Millionaire Readers

Dominik (Year 4)
Sherlyn (Year 5)
Ula (Year 6)

Meeting Targets and above 85% in Quizzes

Year 2

Hanisini
Cat Cat

Year 3

Dominik
Rory
Sean
Stash
Eleanor
Jude
Arthur
Jacob
Erica
Karo
Nathan
Theo
Thomas
Florence
Chanuga
Hugo

Year 4

Leo
Mark
Ivor
Ralph
Wanda

Elodie
Liam
Finley H
Charlie K
Michael L
Finlay M-S
Michael M
Evelyn
Dominik
Robert
Hannah
Louie
Curtis

Year 5

Bella
Xavier
Igor
Ellie
Lena
Ethan
Emilio
Franek

Year 6

Kenandra
Wiktor
Finlay
Autumn
Sophia
Lucy

Cliff
Thomas
Jack
Esther
Pranav