



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

10th May 2024

Dear Parents,

Well the weather certainly seems to be turning! I love this time of year. We can get the children outside more and I love driving home seeing people out and about.

The highlight of the week this week was definitely the Ascension Mass yesterday. It was such a joyful celebration. I visit a lot of the other Catholic schools in the Diocese in my role for STCAT and you would be surprised how many schools don't have Mass on Holy days of Obligation. As always, the children's behaviour was impeccable and it is lovely to see so many children involved in ministries whether it is reading, playing music, the offertory or serving.

Clearly, the month of May is a very important one for us as it is the month of Mary. We hope many of you will be able to join us next Friday for our May Procession. It would be lovely if all of the children could bring in some flowers that we could lay at Mary's feet. It doesn't need to be an expensive bouquet just a flower or two from your garden will do.

Finally, please keep Year 6 in your prayers next week as they get to show how fantastically they have progressed in the End of Key Stage 2 tests. They have worked really hard and this is their chance to shine.

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless

M. Holden

Curriculum – Staying Safe Online

This morning I heard of a safeguarding issue in another school in STCAT where a stranger (an older man) had managed to get onto a WhatsApp group involving their Year 6 children. The most alarming thing was that the children didn't really see any problem with it.

The most important thing is that we keep a dialogue open with the children. CEOP have some really useful resources aimed at different ages.

4-7 Year Olds

[Jessie & Friends \(ceopeducation.co.uk\)](https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/jessie-and-friends)

8-10 Year Olds

[Play Like Share \(ceopeducation.co.uk\)](https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/play-like-share)

Remember this is their future and there is no way of stopping them using it forever. We have to teach our children to stay safe and make sure we keep the channels of conversation open.

Prayer and Liturgy



“For all those who have no peace, let us invoke Mary, the woman who brought into the world the Prince of Peace.”

Pope Francis

In this month of Mary, it would be lovely for parents to join us for our procession next Friday.

Friday 17th May – May Procession 2.30pm

News From The Parishes

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

Website: <https://stcolumbas.church/>

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times: on SUNDAYS only

@ 9am (traditional choir)

@ 6pm (Youth Band)

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (IHM) in Great Missenden:

Website: <https://www.ihmmissenden.org.uk/>

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times:

Every SATURDAY @ 6pm

Every SUNDAY @ 11am

St Aidan's Church

Priest: Father Roy

Mass times:

Every SATURDAY @ 6.15 pm

Every SUNDAY @ 11 am

@ 9 am (Polish Mass)

Our Lady's Church

Priest: Father Roy

Mass times:

Every SATURDAY @ 5 pm

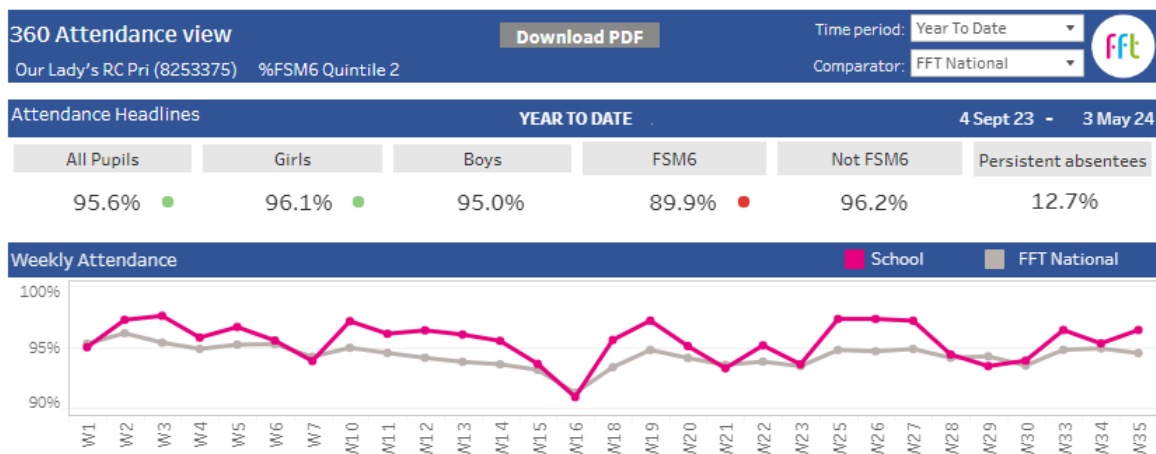
Every SUNDAY @ 9 am (including children's liturgy, including during the holidays)

OLOPS toddler group is every Friday of term time, 9:15-10:30. All parents/carers with children aged from birth to school age are welcome. We have playtime, singing and a snack, and if you have an older child at OLS, you are welcome to come as soon as you have dropped them off at school. We request a voluntary donation of £1-£2.

Attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Overall attendance is slightly up this week but it is down for children from less affluent families and there are slightly more children who have absence over 10%.



Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 2	Ruby, Sophia
Year 3	Miya, Mason
Year 4	Eleanor, Nathan
Year 5	Adam, Louie
Year 6	Bella, Eliza

#OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





**olscheshambois**...




olscheshambois Year 1 and Year 2 had a great time at #OLSTreeSchool yesterday with @chilternrangers #OLSTree1 #OLSTree2
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May 2024

May begins amidst the joy of Eastertide and there is more rejoicing at the end of the month when Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church at Pentecost.

May is also known as 'The Month of Our Lady', a time to remember that Mary is Jesus' mother and our mother too.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout May and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

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

Praying the Rosary

The Rosary is a meditative prayer that helps us to reflect on the life, ministry, and death of Jesus and on His Blessed Mother, Mary. As we repeat the traditional prayers, we use the beads to help us to keep track allowing our minds to think about the lives of Jesus and Mary here on Earth.

The Rosary is made up of four parts or 'mysteries' each having five different events to focus on. Thinking of praying the entire rosary can seem daunting but the prayer can easily be simplified for younger children by focusing on one mystery or one focus event within the mystery and limiting the prayer to one decade. We've created a Rosary resource that we hope will support families with this prayer.

With your child, why don't you...

- *Access our Rosary Resource which gives full explanations and guidance to help you pray the Rosary at home with your child(ren).*
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>
- *Focus on one of the mysteries and talk to your child about the stories and events that make up each of the five elements. Perhaps a good place to start would be the Joyful Mysteries which contain stories and events that may be the most familiar to children.*

Celebrating the Holy Spirit

In the Assembly for the week beginning 20th May we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (which is celebrated across the world on Sunday 19th May) and through a drama, two disciples recall the day that changed their lives forever.

Children learn that the Holy Spirit is the helper that Jesus promised His disciples and that the Holy Spirit helps us too.

With your child, you might like to...

- *Read the story of [Pentecost](#) allowing space for your child/ren to discuss or ask questions.*
- *Discuss with your child ways the Holy Spirit can help us today e.g. helping us to be peaceful, forgive others, say sorry.*
- *Sing along to 'Come Holy Spirit' by Dan Callow and Emily Clark, by logging into the [Collective Worship Parent Portal](#). (If you don't have the details for the Parent Portal, ask your child's school.)*

Prayer

The daily prayers for the week beginning 13th May invite children to focus on God's Word and consider what God is saying to them through the Scriptures. Children will be guided through a pattern of meditation based on the acronym 'TRUTH'. You might want to try this with your children, perhaps using verses from Sunday's readings.

TUNE IN - Listen to the Scripture reading.

REMEMBER – Notice which word or phrase stands out.

UNDERSTAND - Listen again to the reading asking God to help you to understand more about the word or phrase that stood out to you.

TALK - Speak to God now about what you remember or need help to understand.

HEAR – Be still and listen. What is God saying to you today through His Word?

God,
Your Word is truth.
Help us to listen and draw closer to you.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Accelerated Reader

The children who are already above their target and are higher than 85% in their quizzes are:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sofia	Alyssa	Tamsin	Archie	Ellie
Rory	Szymon	Sienna-Rose	Rebecca	Lena
Josephine	Renske	Donnie	Charlie K	
Juno	Misha	Dominik	Michael	
Francesca	Hansini	Elizabeth	Dominic	
Olivia	Steve	Simeon	Robert	
	Sharvil	Stash	Hannah	
	Annie	Eleanor	Joseph	
	Klara	Jude	Curtis	
		Lorcan		
		Aliza		
		Thomas		
		Florence		
		Olive		

Millionaire Readers

Sherlyn – Year 6
Arthur – Year 4
Matilda – Year 6
Dominik – Year 5

Triple Millionaire Readers

Harry – Year 6