



## Weekly Newsletter

11th October 2024

Dear Parents,

This has been an incredibly busy week but my highlight was definitely taking 6 children and Federica to the Diocesan Mass today celebrated by Bishop David. It really is lovely to remind us that we are part of something much bigger. I am sure it won't surprise you that the children were brilliant ambassadors for the school.

During the Mass, the children were commissioned as members of Bishop David's mission team, The promise they made was a reminder of what we are all about:

Will you follow the teachings of Jesus and try and follow in his footsteps, living your life by his example?

### **We will**

Will you join my Mission Team to share the Good News and your faith with others in your words and actions?

### **We will**

Will you look out for those who may feel lonely, sad, lost or worried?

### **We will**

Will you be a good role model for others by being kind, forgiving, caring and valuing others?

### **We will**

With young people making promises like that how can we go wrong?

This week we also had a “Quality” review which was conducted by Kristian Hewitt on behalf of the MAT. Kristian is an HMI (inspector) but also works with the MAT school improvement team. Although he hasn’t sent us his final findings, I am really pleased to let you know that his words were that “our provision is exceptional”. I know that it is what parents and children think that really counts, but it is nice to hear it from someone who visits so many schools. I’d like to thank all the staff for the work they do for your children because it really does go above and beyond.

Finally, I just want to let you know that today is Miss Burke’s final day at Our Lady’s. After 9 years of incredible service to the school it is time for her to move on to bigger and better things. We will all miss her smile and laugh and I wish her the best of luck as she pursues other opportunities.

Have a lovely weekend

God Bless

M. Holdsworth

Mr Holdsworth



## **School Chaplaincy**

Dear Parents,

Next week, we have a busy week with lots going on. You are invited to Adoration of the Eucharist and the beginning of year Mass. It would be lovely to see you all.



# OUR LADY'S SCHOOL CELEBRATES



Our beginning of the year  
school Mass on

**THU 17TH OCTOBER @ 10AM**

*'A place of learning, a community of  
Christ. With the help of Jesus we prepare  
to live as Christians bringing faith, hope  
and love to our world'.*

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## **School Football**

We've had a lot of football matches this week with Year 5 playing in the English Schools FA Cup on Monday and then the Year 6 team playing matches on Wednesday and Thursday. Year 5 played really well winning one but losing the other two. Although they were a bit disappointed, I am sure they will learn and get better. As I said to them, if you've never lost, the winning wouldn't be nearly as good.

Then Year 6 won two matches in two days beating Hawridge and Cholesbury 3-1 and Chartridge 4-1. The Year 6 children really meant business and are making picking a team for the finals day very tricky for Mr Weatherill next week. I saw a fabulous short corner which resulted in an incredibly salmon like leap by Leo to score a header.

Well done everyone and good luck at the finals next week.



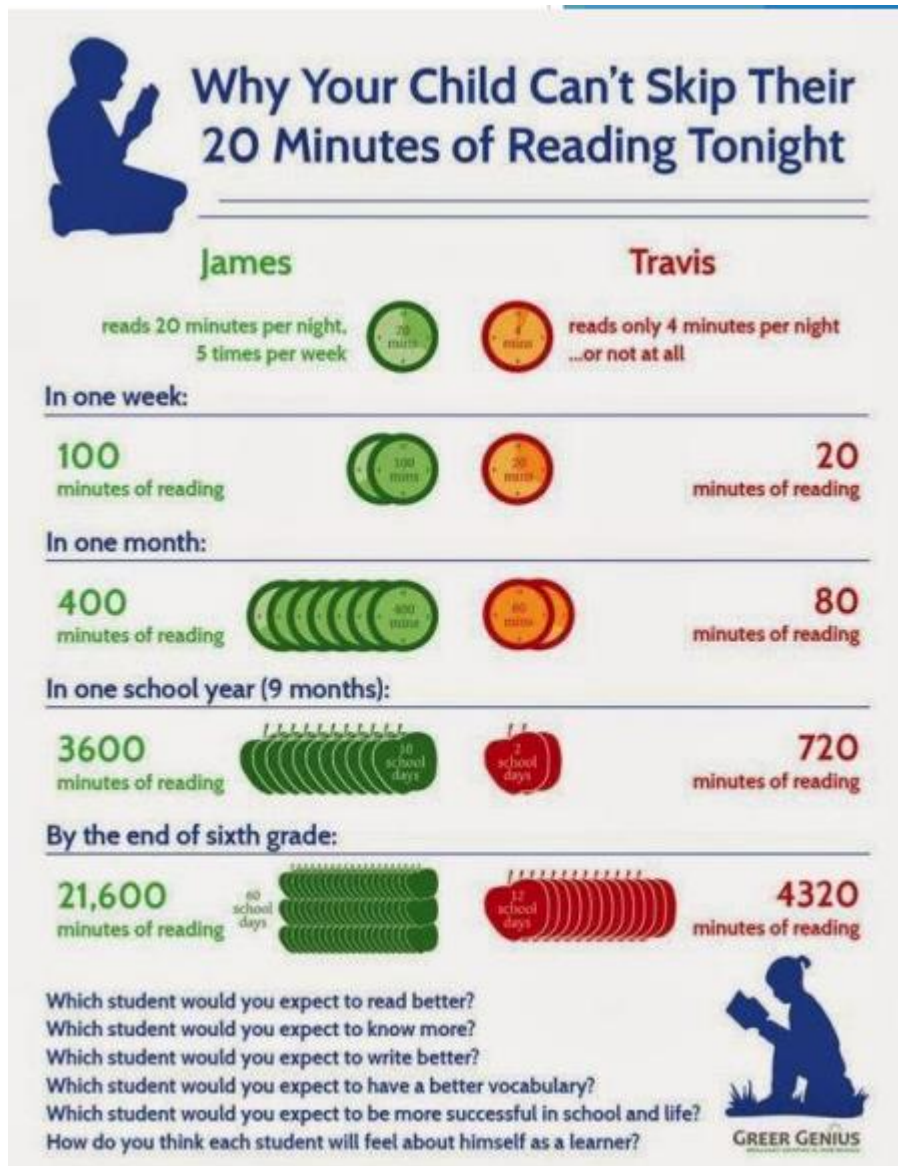
## **Northern Lights**

Our lovely neighbour sent this beautiful picture of the Northern Lights this morning.



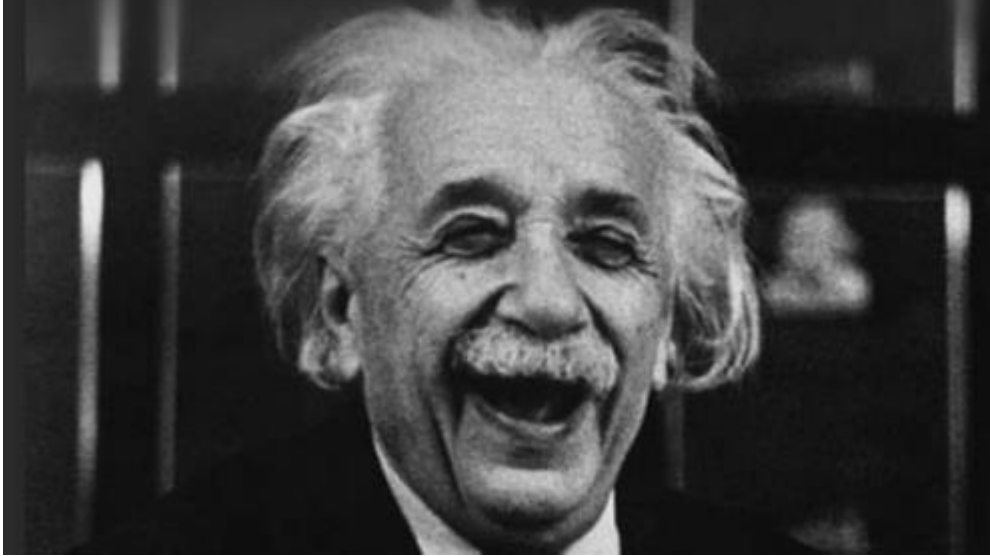
## Reading

Thank you to all the Year 1 parents who could make our phonics evening this week. I know it is really helpful for parents to know how the Read Write Inc scheme works because learning to read is very different from when we were children. However, what has never changed is that children who read to their parents more as they are learning to read, read better throughout their school life. Mrs Copley shared these great pictures that just highlights how important it is:



**“If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.”**

**- Albert Einstein**



## **Parking**

Please remember to park considerately in the local area. I know it is difficult out there but I am getting quite a few emails from local residents about inconsiderate parking. It is really important for the schools reputation that we nurture good relations with the local community.

Thank you

Avoid bad parking,  
**walk, cycle or  
scoot to school**

**#BeConsiderate**



## Accelerated Reader

Well done to the following children who are reading above their reading target (the lower end of their **ZPD**) and are scoring above 80% in the quizzes.

| Year 2                  | Year 3   | Year 4   | Year 5  | Year 6   |
|-------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Reuben<br>Rex<br>Oliver | Evie<br>Ruby<br>Ralph<br>Thomas<br>Allison<br>Zoe<br>Zachary | Keera<br>Alvyn<br>Alyssa<br>James<br>Szymon<br>Aoife<br>Renske<br>Adam<br>Cuthbert<br>Victoria<br>Hansini<br>Cat Cat<br>Xavier<br>Sharvil<br>Annie<br>Klara<br>Nikolay | Tamsin<br>Evie<br>Dominik<br>Elizabeth<br>Grace<br>Arthur<br>Jacob<br>Jaeda<br>Shanaya<br>Lorcan<br>Aliza<br>Hansika<br>Chanuga<br>Hugo | Leo<br>Behtin<br>Mark<br>Mia<br>Archie<br>Wanda<br>Rebecca<br>Charlie<br>Finley<br>Evelyn<br>Dominik<br>Robert<br>Curtis |

## Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

|        |                        |
|--------|------------------------|
| Year 2 | <b>Laiza, Reuben</b>   |
| Year 3 | <b>Nathan, Olivia</b>  |
| Year 4 | <b>Chloe, Joseph</b>   |
| Year 5 | <b>Lorcan, Jude</b>    |
| Year 6 | <b>Behtin, Rebecca</b> |

# News From The Parishes



## **ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):**

*New Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo*

*email: [freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org)*

Sunday Masses @ 9am (traditional choir) & 6pm (Youth Band/ Choir)

Polish Mass @ 12 noon (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)

**Next Youth Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.**

**Next Music practice for Youth Mass on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 5-6pm.**

**Next Youth Club on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6-7pm.**

***A splendid art exhibition designed by the children from Our Lady's school about God's creation and the care of our planet is still on display at St Columba's church next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October around Mass times. Please come and see!***

### **IHM – Great Missenden**

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Saturday Mass @ 6pm

Sunday Mass @ 11am (with children's liturgy), followed by refreshments in the hall.

Polish Mass @ 12.15pm (2nd & 4th Sunday of the month)

**Youth Mass this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 11am followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Music practice from 10am in church. Everybody's welcome!**

### ***Our Lady's and St Aidan's parishes***

*Priest: Father Roy*

Sunday Mass times:

Our Lady's - Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 9 am (with children's liturgy and a choir for children in Year 3 and above - all welcome to come and sing, and there's a brief practice after Mass)

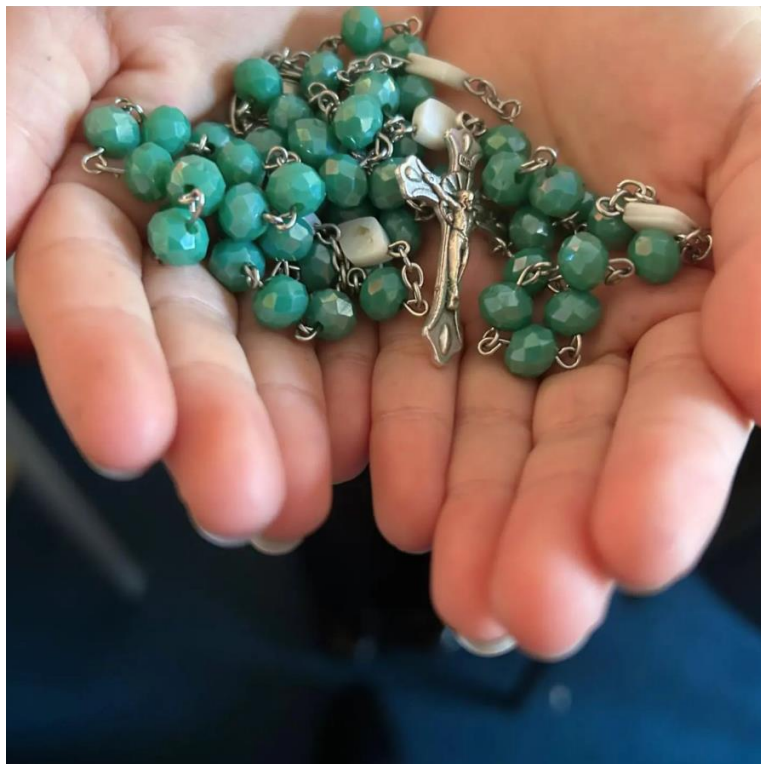
St Aidan's - Saturday 6:15 pm; Sunday 9 am (Polish Mass) and 11 am

There is a baby and toddler group in the guildroom behind Our Lady's Church on Friday mornings - officially 9:15-10:30, but you're welcome to come round as soon as you've dropped off your older child(ren).


The first First Communion classes will be held this week in both Our Lady's and St Aidan's - you should have received details of these classes if you have registered your child.


# #OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:









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olscheshambois In breaking news! Year 5 performed their own TV news reports today. Time travelling back to New York, summer 1974, our journalists reported the remarkable true tale of an incredible French acrobat who tight-rope walked between the towers of the World Trade Centre. #OLSLiteracy #OLsPerformingArts #OLsYear5


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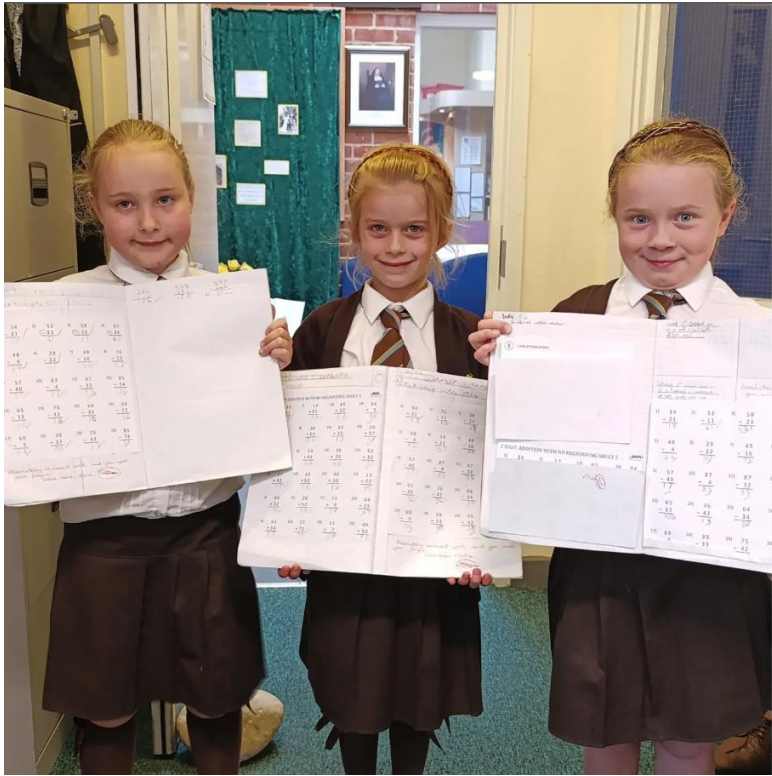
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olscheshambois Year 3 are doing some excellent work on written methods  
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## OCTOBER 2024

Our October resources explore Jesus' welcome for everyone and His leadership through loving service. We are encouraged to have an attitude of child-like trust in God who makes all things possible and to respond to Jesus' call to put others before ourselves.

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

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

**Jesus,  
We want to be like you.  
Send your Holy Spirit to  
help us to be good leaders in all we do.  
Amen**