



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

12th January 2024

Dear Parents,


Winter has finally caught up with us; everything seems a lot colder this week. The children don't seem to feel the cold quite like adults. Some of them, including my own son, came into school in shorts today and didn't seem bothered at all.

It was lovely to take part in the #LoveLowndes Chesham Mufti day today. It is really nice to take part in something local. Two strands of Catholic Social Teaching that we talk about are Family & Community, and Stewardship. Well, this project hits both of these areas. Even if we can't change the world we can always change our community. #OLSBUILDINGTHEKINGDOM.

Also, yesterday was the first match of the Chiltern League tag rugby against Waterside school. We've played quite a lot of rugby but most of it has been contact so switching back to tag was a bit of a challenge. Nevertheless, we were involved in a great game and in the end won 11-9. The skill level from both schools was so much higher than last year which really shows the value of what we are doing across Chesham.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

God bless,

M. Hold 



Friday 12th January

Children of Chesham

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Curriculum

This week's focus is writing. We are really working with the children in securing punctuation in sentences on their own. If a child can't write and punctuate one sentence independently, then they are never going to be able to do it in a more complex piece of writing. This can then be progressed further, for example, by making sure they can write a sentence with commas in a list, or a comma when a sentence starts with a subordinate clause. We are trying to use the same terminology throughout the school so the children progress chronologically (Reception through to Year 6). Here is the sheet we are using with the children:

Which of these things can you write in isolation on your whiteboard?

Sentence – Full stop

The tiger walked down the street.

Sentence – Question mark

When did the tiger walk down the street?

Sentence – Exclamation mark

What beautiful walking Tiger!

Walk slowly!

Direct speech

◇ “What beautiful walking Tiger!” said his teacher.

Comma – Fronted adverbial

Briskly, the tiger walked down the street.

Commas in a list

Tiger walked down the dark, gloomy, unlit street.

Comma – Subordinate clause first

After jumping down the steps, the tiger walked down the street.

Commas – Relative Clause or added information

◇ Tiger, the naughtiest boy in town, walked down the street.

Parking

Thank you to everyone who is parking more considerately this week. I know the local resident who emailed me last week was very appreciative of the message I sent out.

Term Dates

I know many of you will be thinking about next Christmas, especially if you have family who live abroad. Next Year's term dates are now on the website. Please make sure you look at them before booking any holiday. Unfortunately, for the first time ever this year I have had to make referrals to the local authority who have issued fines.

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

Ten-Ten PSRE

You should have received a letter about PSRE this week. All of the resources can be found on the Ten-Ten website:

[Life to the Full Plus - Ten Ten Resources](#)

The username and password are as follows:

Username: our-ladys-hp6

Password: queen-peace

If you have any questions, then please feel free to ask your teacher or arrange to see Mr Holdsworth.

Thank you

Good News Certificates

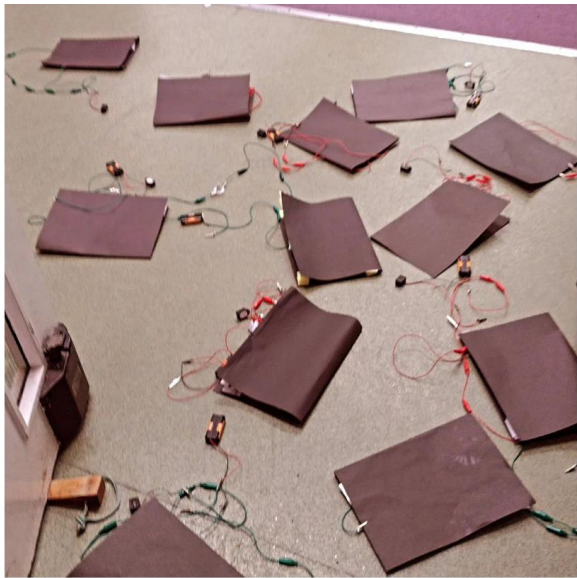



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

	Good News
Year 1	Marilyn, Robyn
Year 2	Allison, Thomas
Year 3	Adam, Hannah
Year 4	Dominic, Jude
Year 5	Leo, Ralph, Zuzanna
Year 6	Luna, Purv

@OLSCheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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There is no sneaking into @OLSYear6 this afternoon. It is burglar proof with these alarms
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In RE today, year five have been working in discussion groups to think about how the Beatitudes link with the 10... more

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January 2024

The new year has arrived and some of you may have already taken your Christmas tree and decorations, but it's not yet time to put away all signs of Christmas. Some families like to leave the crib on display until the wise men have visited and delivered their gifts to Jesus, the newborn King.

The 6th of January is the Feast of the Epiphany and is celebrated in many churches on the Sunday of that week. We have created a special assembly that may be used in schools, and which explores the Epiphany through children's experience of giving gifts.

This is a perfect opportunity to reflect on what we can give to Jesus as we start afresh in 2024 with the reminder that Jesus is the most perfect gift of love from God to all of us!

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout January and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope and pray that the new year brings peace and blessings for you and your family.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Accelerated Reader

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

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Amelie	Jude	Archie	Shaun
Aoife	Karo	Rio	Grace
Renske	Jaeda	Dominik	Stella
	Nathan		Jake
	Florence		
	Erin		