



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

12th July 2024


Dear Parents,

It has been busy this week! We started with the Strawberry Fair on Sunday and, although bits of it were a little wet, it was great to see so many people there having fun. It will take more than a few showers to stop us enjoying ourselves at Our Lady's! I want to say a massive thank you to Laura and her team for never thinking about cancelling and for the incredible work they do all year round. I know they have been a little depleted this year with a few key members leaving the school but they never complain and do so much to foster the OLS community spirit. Thank you.

My favourite part of the week wasn't watching the football on Wednesday evening, I have to be honest I could happily miss that altogether, but the Year 6 performances of "The Last Monster in Scotland." I can't remember ever enjoying a Year 6 production as much as this one. The children had so much fun and I know they really left their own mark on it. They have had a part in the scenery, the programme, adapting the script, adlib-ing their own jokes and their singing was amazing. You have to remind yourself sometimes that they were once in Reception starting out on their journey, learning to read, make friends, listen to each other etc. They really have turned into lovely young people. A massive thank you to Mr Weatherill for all of his hard work guiding them through a very important year which has been a real success.

Finally, today is Sports day. As I write this, I am hoping the weather is going to be kind. Most importantly I hope we have lots of fun and that the parents race isn't too competitive although I think a few of the main culprits are injured!

Have a lovely weekend,
God Bless

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Reports

Just to let you know that you will be receiving your child's end of year report on Tuesday or Wednesday next week. We would normally send them today but we are adapting them slightly this year to give parents more assessment information which is being generated centrally. We are just waiting for the STCAT data manager to finish putting the final template together. I hope the extra information will give you more informed about your child's progress.

Thank you
Mr Holdsworth

Curriculum – Reading – Chesham Library

Last week, we had two librarians from Chesham Library come in to speak to the children. They are very excited as the new library is opening in a couple of weeks on the 15th July. They did let the children know about the Summer Reading Challenge which I would really encourage children to take part in. Although the children need a rest over the summer, it is really important that they continue to read and this is a good way of encouraging them.



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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)

NOTE: Registrations for the First Holy Communion programme 2024/2025 are now open.
Please email the parish office: parish.stcolumba@northamptondiocese.org

The next Youth Mass is on **Sunday 6th October at 6pm**. Everybody's welcome!

Full calendar of the YOUTH MASSES/ YOUTH CLUB in 2024/2025 is available from:

federica@olschesham.co.uk

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (IHM) in Great Missenden:

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

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times:

Every SATURDAY @ 6pm

Every SUNDAY @ 11am

Youth Mass at 11am followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

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:

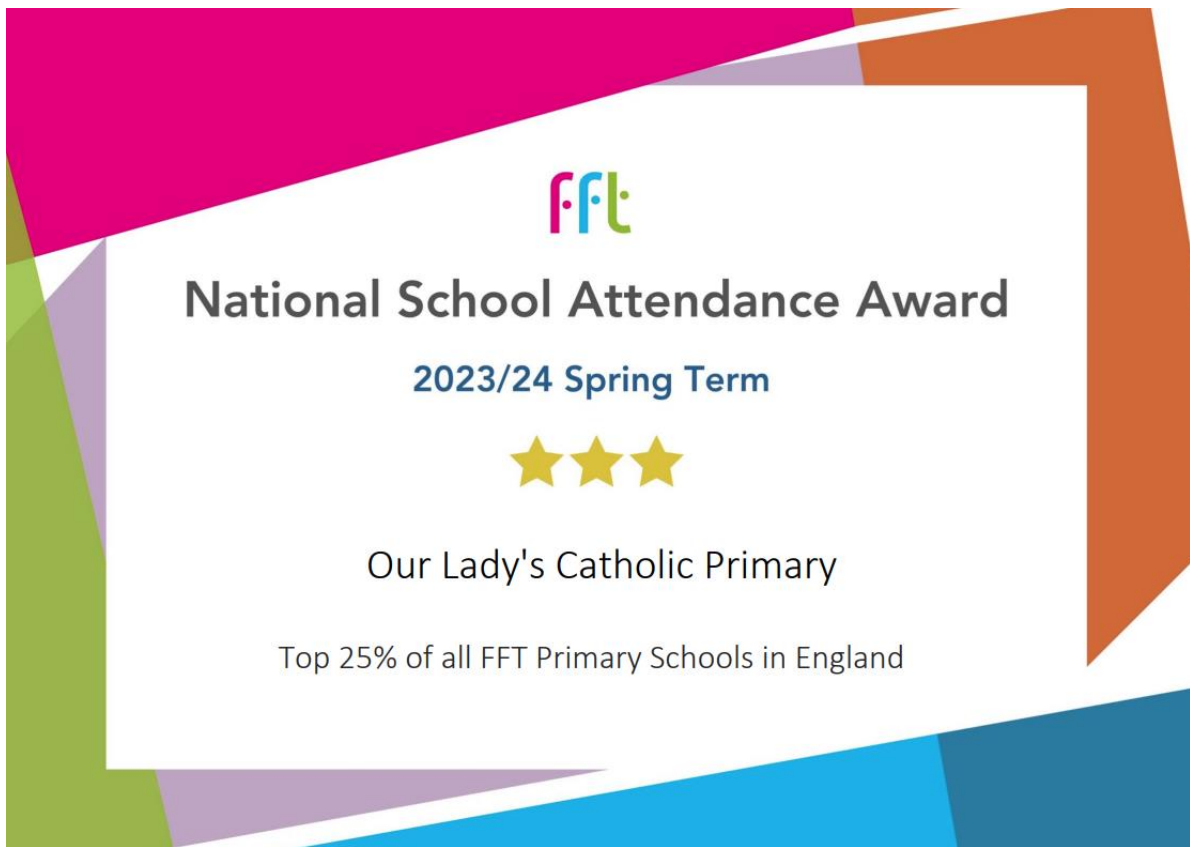
Every SATURDAY @ 5 pm

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

Well done everyone! We have received an award for being in the top 25% of schools for our Spring Term Attendance. Hopefully we will be back in the top 10% in the Summer Term.



New Department for Education guidance.

In September, new Department for Education guidance comes into force for attendance. It is important to note that the register code for **Authorised Holiday in Term Time** has been taken away. I am not allowed to authorise this absence anymore and have a legal obligation to consider a fine. Therefore, to be transparent and fair, I will have to fine anybody who takes their child out of school for a holiday even if it is a few days. Please note this will include coming back to school late. The new term starts on the **4th September**.

Thank you

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:




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Giulio Cercato • Paradise Beach



olscheshambois Great fun at After School Club #OLSSummerFun
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olscheshambois Reception have been doing some amazing independent writing around their trip to Whipsnade #OLSReception

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Abby Posner • Paint Me Happy



olscheshambois We had a fabulous guitar and keyboard assembly this morning #OLSMusic
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olscheshambois A mini performance for the parents from the OLS performing arts crew to see out the year.
#OLSPerformingArts
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#OLGgardening #OLSextracurricular
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July 2024

The final few weeks of the school year probably bring mixed feelings: the excitement and relief that the holidays are near may, for some, be tinged with a little sadness that the year is coming to an end, particularly for families with children preparing to leave for new challenges ahead.



July's resources encourage children to think about how they see themselves and others, to pray for children throughout the world, and to look back at the year with gratitude.

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

Great Expectations

The Gospel for the week beginning 8th July tells us that Jesus wasn't accepted in His hometown. Rather than believing or trusting in Him, they despised Him. This week's assembly considers the idea of first impressions and expectations through a traditional tale about a lion and a mouse. Children are encouraged to invite the Holy Spirit to raise their expectations of themselves and others, have open minds and hearts, and love everyone they meet.

With your child, you might also like to...

- Talk about how first impressions and/or stereotyping often impact how we see ourselves and others. How can we treat ourselves and others with fairness and kindness?***
- This might be a good opportunity to talk with your child about their talents, hopes and aspirations and discuss how having faith in Jesus and His power can help us to grow in hope and love for God and other people.***

God's Global Family

The last few days of June saw the joint feast day of St Peter and St Paul. These two great Saints continued Jesus' work and the Church grew. Thanks to people like St Peter and St Paul, the family of God spread far and wide and we have brothers and sisters in Christ, all over the world!

Taking inspiration from the work of the charity 'Mission Together', the prayers this week will enable children to celebrate belonging to God's universal family.

Children are encouraged to pray using the Mission Rosary, with each colour representing a different continent of the world. This is a lovely way to join our prayers with Mary as we think about and pray for children in different parts of the world.

With your child, you might like to...

- *Find out about children in the different continents and countries of the world using the interactive [Mission Together Map](#) along with other resources from [Mission Together](#).*
- *Explore the prayers and mysteries of the Rosary using our special Rosary resource.*

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

For All You Give

The theme of the final daily prayers for this school year is thankfulness, with a focus on looking back at the good things that children have been part of during the year.

Children will spend time in a posture of gratitude to God and be invited to respond in prayer to the good things 'He has showered on us'.

You might like to spend some time looking back over the year with your child, encouraging an attitude of thankfulness and gratitude.

Why not use this short rhyming prayer to conclude your personal or family prayer time...

Heavenly Father,
I'm grateful for all you give...
For food,
For love,
For a place to live.
I'm thankful for my family too
And want to tell
My love for 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 | Amelie | Tamsin | Archie | Pierce |
| Arthur | Alyssa | Sienna-Rose | Charlie K | Shuan |
| Rory | James | Donnie | Michael L | Freya |
| Josephine | Szymon | Elizabeth | Michael M | Ellie |
| Juno | Renske | Simeon | Finn | Eliza |
| Francesca | Mason | Grace | Dominik | Kome |
| Olivia | Misha | Eleanor | Robert | Lena |
| Alex | Hansini | Jude | Emily | Matylda |
| | Xavier | Arthur | Curtis | Ethan |
| | Sharvil | Lorcan | Zuzannah | Sabrina |
| | Klara | Aliza | | Hannah |
| | | Hansika | | Franek |
| | | Florence | | |
| | | Erin | | |
| | | Chanuga | | |
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Millionaire Readers

Shaun – Year 6
Cat Cat – Year 3
Jude – Year 4
Tamsin – Year 4
Jacob – Year 4
Curtis - Year 5
Aliza – Year 4
Freya – Year 6
Grace – Year 6
Stella – Year 6

Double Millionaire

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

Quadruple Millionaire Readers

Harry – Year 6