



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

A Place of Learning -
A Community of Christ

12th June 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderfully full and memorable week here at OLS, with so many moments that have reminded us of the strength of our school community - past and present.

Last Sunday, it was truly lovely to welcome back a number of former pupils who last walked our corridors some 40 years ago. Their reunion was a very special occasion, made even more meaningful with the return of our former headteacher, Mr McMahon. There was real joy in hearing their stories and memories of school life, and many even brought along pottery mugs they had made during their time here. It was a beautiful reminder of how lasting school experiences can be and how they stay with us across the years.

In a wonderful link to the past, we have begun to revive that tradition over the past few years. Nancy, our resident artist, has been back in school working with Year 5, who have been busy creating ceramic crosses. These will be displayed in school before the children take them home next year - a lovely keepsake and a meaningful project that connects generations of OLS pupils. I hope they will bring them back to a reunion well after I'm gone.

Despite starting the week with rather wet and rainy weather, it certainly didn't dampen spirits! Year 3 spent the day out on their river trip, showing fantastic resilience and enthusiasm. Although the river itself wasn't suitable for going in, the children embraced the trip and just got on with things, making boats, investigating river flow, and deepening their geographical understanding - all while having a great deal of fun.

Tuesday brought an exciting highlight with our annual theatre visit from M&M Productions - huge thanks to the PTA for continuing to support this each year. This year's performance of Treasure Island was thoroughly enjoyed by all, sparking imagination and excitement across the school. This was followed by an engaging drama workshop for Years 5 and 6, giving them the chance to explore performance and storytelling further.

It has been a week full of connection, creativity and adventure! I hope you have a great weekend

God bless,
Mr Holdsworth

#OLSAumni - Class of 1986/1987



Attendance

I know you have heard this from me many times but quite simply, when children are in school every day, they thrive. They build friendships, grow in confidence and, of course, make the most of every learning opportunity.

I am delighted to share that our attendance remains strong and continues to improve. According to our latest figures from Fisher Family Trust, our overall attendance is sitting at around 97.4–97.5% in key measures, bringing us within touching distance of the Department for Education target of 97.5%. Also, the persistent absence is down from 4.2% to 3.7%

That really is an incredible achievement and a testament to the commitment of our families, staff and, most importantly, our children.

Every single day counts, and it all adds up to something quite special.

So, here's the exciting part...

If we can push ourselves that final little bit and reach that 97.5% target, I will happily buy every child in the school an ice cream!



Leavers

Thank you to the families that have let us know they are moving away over the summer and therefore leaving school. This has given us the opportunity to offer a school place to other children which is good for the school. It is really important for schools to be full not only financially but also to help with stability.

Thank you

Soft Start

Please can I remind parents that although we have a soft start the children shouldn't be dropped off until 8.45 am and they must be in school by 9.00 am. There is no supervision on the playground in the morning.

If your child arrives before 8.30 am and you aren't here, they will be put into Breakfast club, and you will be charged.

Thank you
Mr Holdsworth

National year of Reading 2026

The National Year of Reading 2026 is the biggest campaign in a generation designed to help more people (re)discover the joy of reading and make it part of their everyday lives.

Reading expands our world and sharpens our minds, yet fewer people are making time to read. A Department for Education initiative, in collaboration with **the National Literacy Trust**, the campaign aims to tackle the profound **decline in reading enjoyment in the UK** and reconnect people of all ages with reading as a relevant and immediately rewarding activity. The campaign asks the nation to Go All In on their passions and interests for 2026 and discover how reading can unlock the things they already love – be that music, football, baking, family-time, sci-fi, or ... anything.

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL
CHESHAM BOIS

The best stories start together.

When you read with your child, you're building more than vocabulary—you're building **confidence, connection** and a lifelong love of learning.

Take time. Turn pages. Make memories.

Read together. Grow together.

Every book. Every day. Every moment matters.

Thank you for being your child's first teacher.

Accelerated Reader

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

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Rose	Theresa	Jessica	Harish	Alvin	Tamsin
Mika	Mayra	Reuben	Sofia	Alyssa	Sienna-Rose
Zoe	Manny	Cairo	Evie	Chloe	Giovanni
Patrick	Thomas	Joseph	Arthur	James	Donnie
Ambrose	Margot	Alex	Rory	Michael C	Dominik
Bertie	Bettie	Rex	Ruby	Malwina	Elizabeth
	Minmanee	Maksim	Josephine	Renske	Rory
	Julian	Oliver	Ann	Joseph	Simeon
		Rory	Juno	Cuthbert	Stash
		Sofia	Francesca	Mason	
		Noelia	Thomas	Misha	Eleanor
		Isaac	Allison	Victoria	Jude
		Robyn	Roberto	Hansini	Arthur
		Harvey	Zoe	Maadhavan	Jacob
			Zachary	Cat Cat	Nathan
			Arthur	Elise	Shanaya
			Ralph	Xavier	Aliza
			Niamh	Sharvil	Thomas
			Olivia	Annie	Hansika
			Caolan	Catherine	Florence
			Martha	Klara	Erin
			Genevieve	Hanna	Olive
			Daisy	Nikolay	Divine
			Jan	Minchun	Hugo
			Nathan		Emilio
			Mason		

Please remember ensuring your child is reading every day is the most important thing you can do for them educationally.

Gratitude Assembly Certificates

Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:



Year 1	Alessandro, Harper
Year 2	Betty, Gaia
Year 3	Eoin, Tiernan
Year 4	Ruby, Sofia
Year 5	Catherine, Xavier
Year 6	Bianca, Olive



The following children have been awarded a Numbots certificate in the last week.

Rust	Iron	Tin	Brass	Copper	Steel	Chrome
	Greta	Evie			Thea K	
		Seth				
		Feliks				
Glass	Tungsten	Aluminium	Kevlar	Carbon Fibre	Titanium	Bronze
			Philip			Abraham Tadhg
Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond	Finished		
Theresa B				Manny		



These children have gone green in Times Table RockStars which means they know all of their times table facts. New children this week in bold:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Manny	Alex	Sofia	Joseph	Elizabeth
	Lorenzo	Arthur	Alysa	Eleanor
	Varun	Rory	James	Arthur
	Rory	Ruby	Szymon	Jaeda
	Ayla	Josephine	Malwina	Karo
	Rex	Ann	Adam	Aliza
		Francesca	Michael F	Emilio
		Thomas	Hansini	Divine
		Zoe	Cat Cat	Florence
		Niamh	Klara	Jude
		Olivia	Hanna	Hugo
		Jan	Misha	Tamsin
		Nathan	Sharvil	Sienna Rose
		Allison	Alise	Dominik
		Mason	Antra	Hansika
		Artie	Minchun	Stash
		Genevieve	Victoria	Donnie
		Harrish	Mason	Bianca
		Peregrine		Erin
		Daisy		Jacob
		Coalan		
		Juno		
		Zachary		

#OLS Learning



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Makana • Dancing in the Rain

olscheshambois Year 3 rivers trip. Even though there was rain and we couldn't go into the rivers the children still had a blast!! We still had a walk around the park. We got to make boats and had a race. We also did some catching and release with items we found in the rivers. It was a great trip! #OLSGeography #OLSYear3

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Scott Dugdale • The Gold Runner

olscheshambois After School Club are taking it in turns to cook some chicken nuggets for the rest of the group. They cool them and then serve them. Over the next few weeks they will all get a chance #OLSAfterSchool #OLSWrapAroundCare

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olscheshambois Thank you to OLS PTA for paying for the children to have a fabulous performance from M&M theatre company today followed by a workshop for Year 5 and Year 6 #OLSPerformingArts #OLS Drama

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heyyitsmenu • We Are The People (me n ü remix) ...

olscheshambois Year 6 reenacting the civil wars. #OLSYear6 #OLSHistory

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olscheshambois Reception are learning about St Peter trusting Jesus and walking on water. #OLSReligiousEducation #OLSReception

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justtrip.it • Original audio ...

olscheshambois Having read and discussed Corinthians 13:1-7,13. Yr 4 presented to each other about which order Christians today should place the three theological virtues of faith, hope and charity/love. #OLSYear4 #OLSReligiousEducation

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olscheshambois Mr. Holdsworth gave a pizza dough making masterclass to a year five student today who will be preparing and serving up pizza to some classmates over the coming weeks! #OLSdt #OLSYear5

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olscheshambois Year 5 are painting their ceramic crosses today before they get glazed #OLSart #OLSYear5

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News From The Parishes

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

Parish Priest: Fr Mirek Misiura

email: FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org

Sunday Masses @ 9 am (children's liturgy) & 6 pm (Youth Band/ Choir)

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

IHM - Great Missenden

Parish Priest: Fr Mirek Misiura

email: FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org

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

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

Our Lady's and St Aidan's parishes

Priest: Father Roy

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)

For those of you with younger children, OLOPS Toddler Group runs in the guildroom at the back of Our Lady's Church on Fridays in term time for children aged 0-4 and their parent or carer. We have lots of toys to play with and always finish with a snack and singing. The official timing is 9:15 to 10:30, but you are welcome to come earlier if you're at a loose end after dropping your older child off at school.

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

Our Lady's First Holy Communion Saturday 16th May at 12.00