



12th September 2025

Dear Parents,

As I have wandered around the school this week, there seems to be a really calm and purposeful atmosphere. The children and staff have really got back into the swing of things.

Yesterday was the first Chiltern League football match of the season. It was the first time our team had played together, and for quite a few children, the first competitive match ever. The children really grew into the game and, although we lost 5–0, we only let in one goal in the second half. There is definitely a lot of potential in the team, and I'm looking forward to next week's game against Thomas Harding.

This weekend, the new-to-Reception families have been invited to a barbecue organised by the PTA. I really hope the weather is kind. Unfortunately, I'm not around on Sunday as I have tickets to the Women's Rugby World Cup semi-final in Bristol, but Mrs Cid-Fuentes will be here to welcome you all.

Don't forget, next week we have flu immunisations on Tuesday and individual photos on Thursday. Make sure the children come in looking really smart!

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,

Mr Holdsworth



## **Gratitude Assembly Certificates**



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Kissy, Thea
Year 2	Agnes, Tom
Year 3	Ayla, Isaac
Year 4	Gigi, Harish
Year 5	Annie, Michael C
Year 6	Arthur, Giovanni

## **Homework**

This week, you will receive some information about homework. We are completely revamping homework to ensure it is manageable for families, while also avoiding the creation of lots of marking that gets in the way of staff planning inspirational lessons. More of the homework will be offline, which will hopefully support parents who are limiting their children's screen time.

At the moment, we are ordering homework diaries for Key Stage 2 and folders for the children to bring the sheets to and from school. Hopefully, they will arrive next week, and we can get the homework started the week after.  
Thank you for your patience!

## **ParentPay and School Lunches**

Unfortunately, due to a computer system problem, ParentPay charges weren't being added from the beginning of term. This has now been rectified, so all the charges should come through in the next few days.

Also, our supplier has increased the cost of lunches, which have gone up by 5p a day to £2.75. This is simply to cover the cost-of-living increases we've seen over the last few years. It is still incredibly good value when you consider what you would pay for a meal anywhere else.

Thank you for your understanding.

## **Equipment - KS2**

This is just a reminder of the equipment that children need to have in school every day, as a minimum. It is really important that they come to school with the right resources so they are ready to learn. We do have a shop in school in case you can't get the equipment elsewhere.

- School handwriting pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- 30 cm ruler
- Colouring pencils
- Small pair of scissors
- Glue stick
- Pencil case
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The colouring pencils are particularly important, as they really help the children ensure their work looks great.

## **Meet The Teacher**



## **Breaktime Snack**

Just a reminder that children are allowed fresh fruit at breaktime but they shouldn't have anything in packets. I don't want to be a school that bans crisps etc because I don't believe I want to become the food police. But these things should be part of their lunch meal and not a snack.

Thank you

## **Extra-curricular Clubs**

We have had a great uptake for the clubs this term which is great. The number of children in free clubs run by staff are as follows:

<b>Monday</b>	
Choir	14
Construction Club	24
Rugby	11
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Chess	35
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Art	27
Creative Club	24
Sports Club	23
<b>Thursday</b>	
Comic Club	19
Italian	28

It is great that so many children are taking part in these clubs. Lots of these clubs are oversubscribed but the staff have agreed to take all of the children so no one misses out. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff for giving up their time to run them.

## **Parking**

I have already received several complaints from local residents about parents' parking. Please remember to park considerately and only on the inside of the road. Some people are parking on the opposite side, which either blocks the road or prevents pedestrians from using the pavement.

Also, please do not park on the double yellow lines, as this is extremely dangerous for children walking to and from school.

Below are pictures showing examples of the kind of parking we want to avoid. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.





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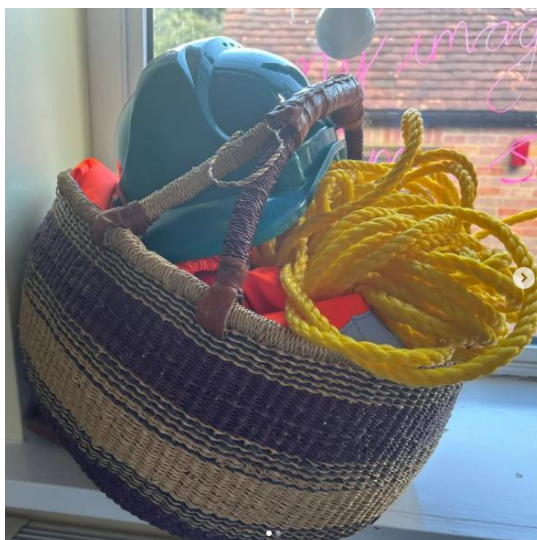
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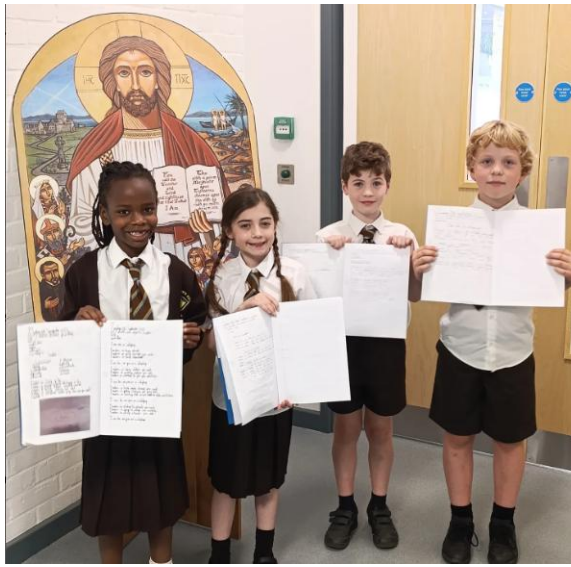
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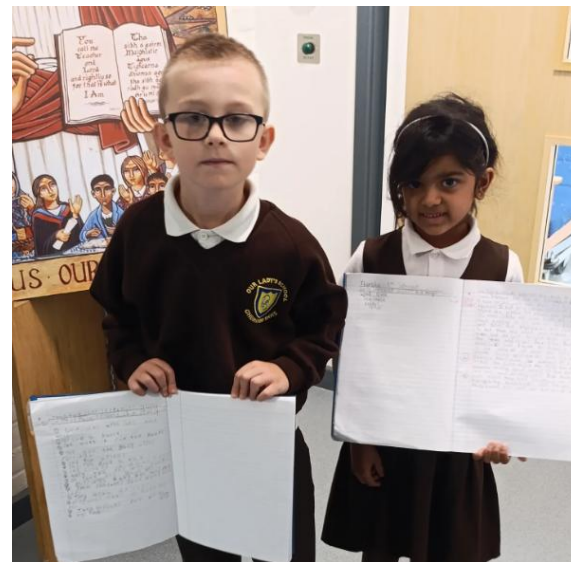
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# **News From The Parishes**

## **Youth Masses**

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

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)

### ***First Holy Communion 2025/2026***

***Registration is now open for the First Holy Communion classes which begins in September and runs through to May next year. Please register your interest and to obtain a form by emailing either [parish.stcolumba@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.stcolumba@northamptondiocese.org) or [parish.ihm@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.ihm@northamptondiocese.org)***

### **IHM – Great Missenden**

Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

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

Sunday Mass @ 11am (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

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

***Our Lady's Church is having a birthday party for Our Lady after 9:00 Mass this Sunday (7 September), and the children are invited to come along and celebrate. We will be having Children's Liturgy during Mass as usual.***

***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 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. The first session for this term is on Friday 12 September.***