



Weekly Newsletter

13th September 2024

Dear Parents,

We are back into the swing of things in school now. I have been walking around regularly and there is a very calm and purposeful atmosphere. Homework and reading books should have started this week so please check that your child's doing everything they have been asked to do. It is really important to remember that reading and times tables are still the most important thing to overlearn at home. They were when you were growing up, they are now and I'm sure they will still be in 50 years time.

As part of our school improvement plan this year, we are working on giving the children more opportunities to develop leadership skills. This might be from doing jobs in class all the way up to leading different areas in school. You never know we might have a future Prime Minister in our midst.

I am looking forward to seeing all the new families at the PTA barbecue this weekend.

God Bless

Mr Holdsworth

Early Reading and Phonics

Next week, the phonics groups will really get going. When they do, your children should be bringing three reading books home. They will all be matched to their phonics level. You will get two books that the children use in their phonics lesson (the one they are doing at the moment and the next one). They will also have a book which they have chosen themselves. This is matched to the other books. It is important to remember that it is good practice to read these books multiple times.

Reading with you child every day will help to develop good reading habits.

These habits are the best indicator you have to how your child will do in GCSEs and A-Levels.

Attendance

I'm really pleased with the children's attendance at the start of this term We are already about a percent up on last year at this point. Kepp it up everyone.

Thank you



Equipment - KS2

This is just a reminder of the equipment the children need to have in school every day as a minimum. It is really important that they are in school with the right resources so they are ready to learn. We do have a shop in school if 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

The colouring pencils are particularly important as they really help the children make sure their work looks great.

Homework Club

We are running a homework club on a Tuesday and Friday lunchtime for any children who are struggling with accessing any of the homework on a computer at home. If your child is struggling with doing their homework on a computer at home then please remind them that they can do some of it in school.

Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Betty, Beatrice
Year 2	Charlie, Varun
Year 3	Mason, Caolan
Year 4	Aoife, Elise
Year 5	Jaeda, Simeon
Year 6	Bea, Finlay



Please let us through...
SOMEONE NEEDS HELP



EMERGENCY VEHICLES REQUIRE
A MINIMUM OF 10FT (3 METRES) CLEARANCE

Inconsiderate parking
CAN COST LIVES

News From The Parishes

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

New Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

email: freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org

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

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

NEXT YOUTH MASS on Sunday 6th October at 6pm: everybody welcome!

Children's choir/band practice and Youth Club on Saturday 5th October at 5-7pm

(For catering purposes, please contact Federica if you wish to attend the Youth Club).

IHM – Great Missenden

New Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

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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)

A joint First Holy Communion programme for both parishes will be held at St Columba's starting on **Saturday 5th October at 4-5pm** for children in year 3 and above. Registrations are open until the end of September.

Please contact either Federica (federica@olschesham.co.uk), Karen Walder or the parish secretary, Sam on:

parish.stcolumba@northamptondiocese.org

Our Lady's and St Aidan's parishes

Priest: Father Roy

Sunday Mass times:

St Aidan's - Saturday 6:15 pm, Sunday 9:00 am (Polish) and 11:00 am

Our Lady's - Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am (with Children's Liturgy)

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion in 2025 in either parish, please contact the parish secretary, Debbie (parish.ourladycbstaidanlc@northamptondiocese.org), as soon as possible. The first meeting will be at the end of this month.

OLOPS Toddler Group, for parents/carers and children aged 0-4 years, is held in the guildroom at the back of Our Lady's church every Friday of term time, officially 9:15-10:30. You're welcome to pop over as soon as you've dropped your older child at school.

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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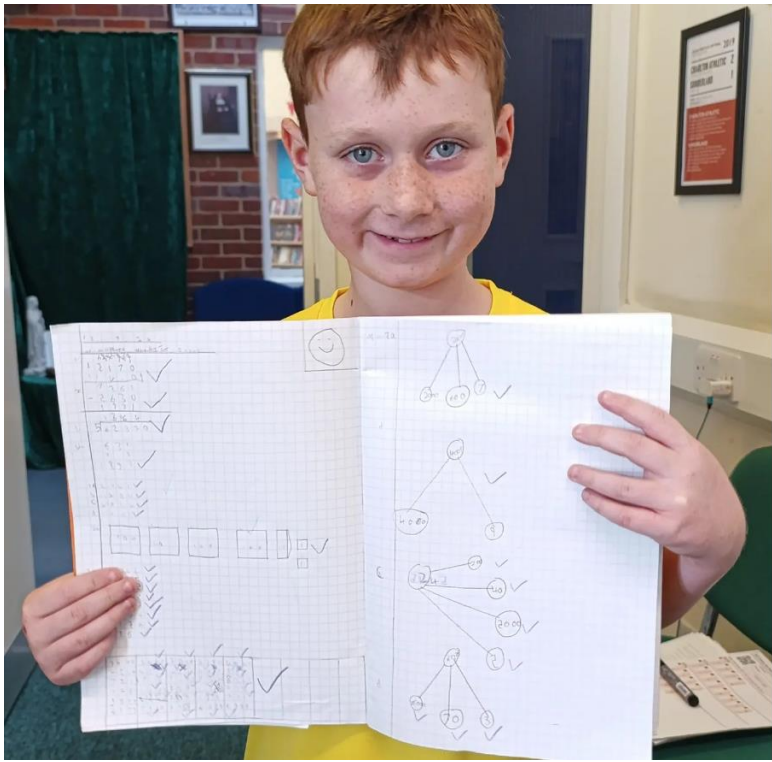
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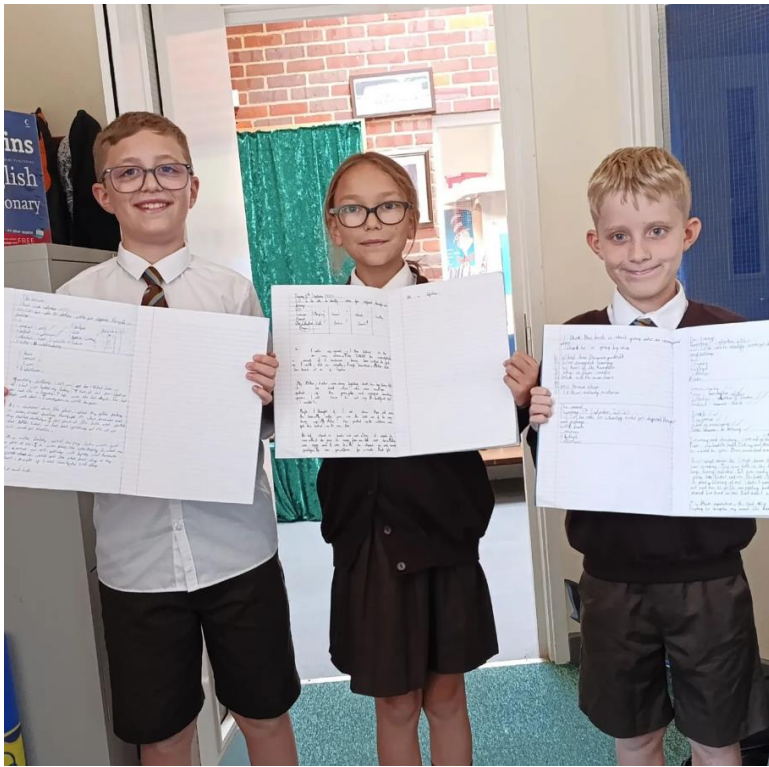
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olscheshambois Year 1 are learning all about where they live in #OLSGeography

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September 2024

September marks the return to term-time and as your children get used to routines, a new class or maybe even school, the new term promises to bring lots of change.

Our September resources have a new look and introduce new ways of praying but, in amongst all the change and newness, this month we remember God's unchanging nature and how extraordinary change can come when we allow God's love to work in and through us.

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

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