



16th January 2025

Dear Parents,

This week has been relatively quiet in school – it isn't often I write that! The spring term extra-curricular clubs have started. On your behalf, I would like to say a massive thank you to the staff. In many schools, staff do not run clubs, so parents have to pay for them all. Here at Our Lady's, we see this as a really important part of our provision, but we can only do it thanks to the goodwill of the staff. Thank you.

Earlier in the week, I sent a letter home about the children's equipment. We have just ordered some more, and as soon as it arrives, we will make sure every child has everything they need. Please keep an eye on ParentPay, as we cannot afford to provide equipment for all the children free of charge. We hope that this new system means that you can always be confident that your child has the equipment they need in school. Thank you for your support.

Finally, you may have heard that Mr Weatherill is running the London Marathon for charity this year. I am sure we will hear a lot more about this as we get nearer to the big day, as it is great for the children to have such a positive role model. I have included some more information later in this newsletter, but if you would like to sponsor him, please follow this link.

[Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - James Weatherill](#)

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Holdsworth

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH

YOUTH MASS

SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY AT 6PM

EVERYBODY WELCOME!



**432 BERKHAMSTEAD ROAD -
CHESHAM - HP5 3HQ**

Cross-Country

On 31st January, we have the third cross-country event of the season at Lowndes Park in Chesham. It would be great to see lots of you there! To sign up your child please click on the link below or collect a form from the office.

[31.1.26 - Lowndes Park Cross Country Event - Fill in form](#)



James Weatherill

London Marathon 2026



I'm incredibly proud to be running the London Marathon for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People - a cause that's close to my heart and the hearts of my family.

My mum has been a devoted volunteer with the charity for over 20 years. She has helped to raise and socialise countless puppies. She supported the breeding programme by opening her home to many dogs, lovingly caring for them as they brought new puppies into the world for the very first time. Her final dog, Tia, retired in 2022. Both Mum and Tia are now both enjoying a well-earned rest after years of dedication.

Every penny I raise will help train more life-changing hearing dogs. These amazing animals alert deaf people to vital sounds like smoke alarms and baby monitors, while also offering companionship and emotional support to combat loneliness and isolation. £10 could buy a selection of treats and toys to reward the pups during their training. It costs £250 to provide food for a hearing dog for a year, keeping them strong and healthy. It costs £25,000 to fully train just one hearing dog - so your donation, big or small, will make a real difference.

Thank you!

Mr Weatherill

Fundraising Link

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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
	Theresa	Jessica	Harish	Keera	Tamsin
	Manny	Reuben	Sofia	Alvin	Sienna-Rose
	Joseph P	Rex	Evie	Alyssa	Evie
		Oliver	Ann	Michael C	Giovanni
		Rory	Juno	Renske	Donnie
		Sofia	Megan	Joseph	Dominik
		Noelia	Thomas	Hansini	Elizabeth
		Isaac	Allison	Cat Cat	Grace
		Robyn	Roberto	Sharvil	Stash
			Zoe	Catherine	Jude
			Zachary	Klara	Arthur
			Arthur	Hanna	Jacob
			Niamh	Nikolay	Karo
			Olivia	Minchun	Jaeda
			Caolan		Nathan
			Martha		Aliza
			Daisy		Divine
			Nathan		Hugo
					Emilio



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

Rust	Iron	Tin
Mia	George	Mayra
Harper	Betty	
Joseph K	Thea	
	Harper	

Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Kissy, Wilf
Year 2	George, Margo
Year 3	Layla, Oliver
Year 4	Josie, Ralph
Year 5	James, Nikolay
Year 6	AJ, Bianca

#OLS learning



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olscheshambois KS2 Science Club were engineering towers out of marshmallows and spaghetti this afternoon! Great teamwork and lots of fun! [#OlsScience](#) [#OlsExtracurricular](#)

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News From The Parishes

Youth Masses

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)

YOUTH MASS on Sunday 18th Jan at 6pm – children with allocated tasks could please arrive 10-15 mins before Mass starts

YOUTH CLUB on Saturday 17th Jan at 5-7pm (For catering/ safeguarding purposes, please contact Federica if your child is going to attend: federica@olschesham.co.uk)

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)

YOUTH MASS on Sunday 25th Jan at 11am followed by refreshments in the hall.

Music practice from 10am: everybody welcome!

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