



16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents,


It has been a great week in school. Everyone has had to be a little bit flexible to accommodate the Key Stage 2 SATs tests but in and around them we have still had a lot of fun. Key Stage 1 have had a wonderfully busy time with Forest school, Year 1 going to a bean bag rounders festival and Year 2 going to an Athletics festival. As well as that, there have been loads of fun things going on in the children's lessons. If you want to see more of what's going on, then remember to follow the school on Instagram: [olscheshambois • Instagram photos and videos](#)

Well done to Year 6 who have worked incredibly hard over the last few weeks with a few final bits of revision as they prepared for their tests. It is probably their first experience of revising but such an important part of learning and something they will have to do a lot more of as they move into secondary school. They should be really proud of themselves because, no matter what they score, we have seen incredible tenacity and progress. Great work Year 6.

Finally, congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion last Saturday. It really was a beautiful celebration for what is the most important day of their lives. Thank you to Federica and all the children who came to support singing in the choir. I look forward to seeing our next group of children celebrate at Our Lady's tomorrow. I'm sure they are going to have a fabulous day.

Have a lovely weekend

God Bless

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## **Parking**

This morning, I was sent this photo from a local resident. I hope it isn't one of our parents (from a completely selfish point of view I hope it is a Beacon parent) but the parking is clearly not safe and very inconsiderate. The resident quite rightly pointed out that it is very dangerous for elderly and disabled people living in the area. It is also very dangerous for our own children and families. If you know whose car this is, please will you let me know.



## **Attendance**



**"THIS MORNING, HE  
WAS WORRIED ABOUT  
SCHOOL... BUT LOOK  
AT HIM NOW!"**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

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## **Gratitude Assembly Certificates**



Last week's Gratitude Assembly Certificates:

Year 1	Myra, George
Year 2	Ayla, Tosia
Year 3	Josie, Martha
Year 4	Julia, Logan
Year 5	AJ, Olive
Year 6	Abdur, Finlay, Michael L, Parth



## **Accelerated Reader**

Well done to the following children who are reading above their reading target (the lower end of their **ZPD**) and are scoring above 80% in the quizzes.

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jessica Alexander Grace Maksim Oliver Rory Leon	Sofia Arthur Rory Ruby Josephine Megan Thomas Allison Roberto Niamh Olivia Caolan Martha Jan Alex Nathan Mason	Alvin Alyssa James Michael C Szymon Malwina Renske Adam Michael F Joseph Cuthbert Mason Misha Victoria Hansini Cat Cat Elise Annie Catherine Hannah Maja	Tamsin Evie Donnie Elizabeth Grace Eleanor Jude Arthur Jacob Jaeda Erin Hugo Emilio	No targets yet. Been a bit busy preparing for tests.

**ST COLUMBA'S** 

**YOUTH MUSIC GROUP & CLUB** 



**WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

EVERY SUNDAY @6PM FOR MASS

SATURDAY MONTHLY PRACTICE  
(5-6PM) FOLLOWED BY  
YOUTH CLUB (6-7PM) WITH PIZZA, GAMES,  
ARTS & CRAFT

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT: [FEDERICA@OLSCESHAM.CO.UK](mailto:FEDERICA@OLSCESHAM.CO.UK)

## Youth Masses

**St COLUMBA – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm** (choir practice and youth club on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 5-7pm in the church hall. We have a short procession at the end of Mass so please bring a flower.

### **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)

### **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

Children are the future of our Church and are always welcome at Mass, but parents often worry about small children getting restless and disturbing other members of the congregation. As well as children's liturgy at the 9:00 Sunday Mass, Our Lady's Church now has a speaker set up in the guildroom. This allows you to continue to follow the Mass if your toddler needs a break from sitting still.

# #OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



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olscheshambois Yr4 acted out a press conference, where they interviewed different members of the Endurance crew. #olsliteracy #Shackletonsjourney

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olscheshambois Reception have done some amazing writing about their trip to Odds Farm last week. They have all written at least 2 sentences. Well done Reception #OLSReception #OLSliteracy

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olscheshambois Thank you to Breakfast Club for organising a pre sats breakfast this week #OLSYear6

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olscheshambois Year 2 having a great time at Forest School this morning #OLSForestSchool #OLSYear2

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olscheshambois Lunchtime fun #OLSlunchtimes

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olscheshambois Year Five used music, dance, drama and improvisation this morning to reenact Pentecost day and to act out an imaginary scene between Mary and Peter, where they are discussing the events. Thank you, Federica, for your amazing input!

#OlsRE #OlsYear5 #OlsChaplaincy #OlsPerformingAr

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olscheshambois Year Two had a great time at their Athletics Festival today! #OLSport  
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olscheshambois Riding all on his own for the first time #OLSriding  
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## May 2025

May begins and we are still in the season of Eastertide. As we continue to celebrate the Risen Jesus, we are invited to get to know Him; to recognise Jesus in our lives, listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also celebrate Mary our Mother, as May is traditionally the month of Mary. Many parishes and schools will be honouring Our Lady with spring flowers in May Processions and opportunities to pray the Rosary.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout May, 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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