



16th October 2026

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of a great half term, it is hard to believe how quickly the weeks have passed. The summer already seems a long way away, and we are now fully immersed in another exciting academic year at Our Lady's School.

This week, all children have completed their reading and spelling assessments. These important checks help us understand the progress pupils are making and identify the next steps in their learning. We look forward to sharing the excellent progress that the children have made when we welcome you into school for our parent consultations after the half-term break.

Yesterday saw our football team take part in the Chiltern League Finals Day. The team represented the school brilliantly throughout the competition and came so close to securing their first victory of the season. Unfortunately, in their final match, a late goal conceded meant the game ended in a 1-1 draw. While results do not always go our way, the determination, teamwork and sportsmanship shown by the children made us incredibly proud. Most importantly they always play with a smile on their faces.

Special congratulations go to:

- Joseph, who was chosen by the referees as Player of the Tournament
- Elise, who was voted Players' Player by her teammates
- Michael C, who finished the season as our Top Goal Scorer with an impressive eight goals

Well done to all of the children who represented the school this season.

This afternoon has looked a little different around school as staff and children have been busy clearing three classrooms and the staffroom in preparation for new flooring being installed over the half-term holiday. As many of you will have seen, our curriculum has become increasingly creative, with children enjoying a wide range of practical learning experiences including cooking, art and design technology. The new flooring will be far more hard-wearing and suitable for the busy, vibrant learning environments we are creating.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who contributes to the OLS Trust and to our wonderful PTA, who are funding the majority of this project. Your generosity continues to make a real difference to the experiences and facilities we can provide for our children. We are incredibly grateful for your support.

I am already looking forward to seeing the children's reactions when they return in November and discover their refreshed learning spaces.

I hope you all have a restful, enjoyable break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back after half term.

God bless,

M. Holdsworth

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Opportunities to join the fabulous Our Lady's staff team

We currently have two opportunities to join the amazing OLS team. These are great ways of getting experience working with children. The breakfast club role in particular gives you the chance to innovate and implement your own ideas. If you are interested or know anyone who might be then please contact the office. Applications are made through MyNewTerm.



Adoration

Last weekend, Archbishop John Wilson, the Archbishop of Southwark, led thousands of Catholics through the streets of London today, in the Eucharistic Procession from St George's Cathedral to Westminster Cathedral, carrying Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Joining Pope Leo in sending pilgrims out to walk with Christ, Archbishop John told them at the Mass in St George's Cathedral before the procession: "We have come to encounter a living Person: Jesus, crucified and risen; living and reigning; truly, really, and substantially present in the Blessed Sacrament."

It was lovely, that on Monday we could take part by having adoration in school. This is something that Federica arranges termly so that over the year every child in the school takes part. The children are so reverent and it is a lovely way for them to spend time away from their learning spending time with Jesus.



Parking

It is the start of the year again, and time for my annual reminder about considerate parking in the local neighbourhood. I've had several emails from local residents with pictures of inconsiderate parking this week. They acknowledge that the double yellow lines are hard to see and have contacted the local council to have them repainted but it should be fairly obvious to parents that they need to keep the junctions clear so as to keep our children safe. The following photos are of people I am reliably informed are repeat offenders:



I think in the second photo you can see that there are a lot of parents who have come on time and parked extremely considerately facing the right way. In both these photos someone has come in, jumped the queue and is facing the wrong way. They can only do that because the other people aren't parking illegally.

As a headteacher it is very frustrating seeing a few parents parking in such a selfish way on the roads or in the school car park as if they are more busy than everyone else. What I find really strange is that I don't see that selfishness in most of their children every day but maybe that will change as they grow older. You are the primary educators and in the end your children will follow your example. Please, please, please park considerately and leave enough time for your pick up.



Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Greta, Seth
Year 2	Ben, Rose
Year 3	Eoin, Peter
Year 4	Marilyn, Maxsim
Year 5	Peregrine, Roberto
Year 6	Annie, Minchun

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
Seth	Daphne	Theresa	Jessica	Harish	Keera
	Rose	Mayra	Reuben	Sofia	Alvin
	Zoe	Thomas	Joseph	Evie	Alyssa
	Bertie	Margot	Alexander	Arthur	Chloe
		Wilfred	Rex	Rory	James
		Eion	Pola	Josephine	Michael C
		Joseph	Maksim	Juno	Malwina
		Betty	Oliver	Francesca	Renske
		Minmanee	Charlie	Thomas	Joseph
		Julian	Anastasia	Allison	Cuthbert
			Sofia	Roberto	Mason
			Noelia	Zoe	Misha
			Antonio	Arthur	Victoria
			Harvey	Niamh	Hansini
				Olivia	Cat Cat
				Coalan	Sharvil
				Eugenie	Annie
				Martha	Hannah
				Genevieve	Nikolay
				Daisy	Minchun
				Mason	

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



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

Rust	Iron	Tin	Brass	Copper	Steel	Chrome
Dominic	Ariah	Owen	Millie			
	Livia	Aardharsha				
Glass	Tungsten	Aluminium	Kevlar	Carbon Fibre	Titanium	Bronze
Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond	Finished		
				Felix Seth 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 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Felix		Manny	Alex	Sofia	Joseph
Seth			Lorenzo	Arthur	Alysa
			Varun	Rory	James
			Rory	Ruby	Szymon
			Ayla	Josephine	Malwina
			Rex	Ann	Adam
			Tosia	Francesca	Michael F
			Reuben	Thomas	Hansini
				Zoe	Cat Cat
				Niamh	Klara
				Olivia	Hanna
				Jan	Misha
				Nathan	Sharvil
				Allison	Alise
				Mason	Antra
				Artie	Minchun
				Genevieve	Victoria
				Harrish	Mason
				Peregrine	Keera
				Daisy	
				Coalan	
				Juno	
				Zachary	

News From The Parishes

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in Our Local Parishes

*All are welcome to join us
in prayer and worship*

*Where two or three
are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.*

MATTHEW 18:20



ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham)



Parish Priest:
Fr Mirek Misiura



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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:
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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



Priest:
Father Roy



Mass times:

- 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



Priest:
Father Roy



Mass times:

- Saturday 6:15 pm
- Sunday 9 am
(Polish Mass)
and 11 am

*May our parish communities
continue to grow in faith, hope and love.*