



17th July 2026

Dear Parents,

It is the end of another great year! September seems a long time ago now, and I am very much looking forward to the summer holidays.

This week has been really good fun. Last weekend we had the Strawberry Fayre, which was such a lovely community occasion. Food, drink, music and games – what more could anyone ask for? The total income was an impressive £4,000.95, with a fantastic profit for the PTA of £3,086.81 (a 43% increase on last year). A huge thank you to everyone involved in the planning, setting up and running of the day; to those who contributed items for the hampers and prizes or supplied items free of charge; and, of course, to everyone who came along on Sunday, spent money and helped make it such a special event.

On Wednesday, we had the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, where we saw OLS Year 6 2026's journey through their own eyes in the style of *Gogglebox*. These assemblies are always enjoyable, but I think this was one of my favourites. Considering they only put it together in a day and a half, they did an incredible job. However, I do feel my singing is a lot better than they portrayed!

Yesterday, we had the Staff vs Year 6 netball match. It was a close-run thing this year, but in the end the staff extended their winning streak to 13 years. It certainly didn't feel comfortable though – Simeon overpowered Mrs Barnes, who (perhaps wisely!) gave up after five minutes, and I really struggled to cope with Karo's height. Still, better luck next year, children!

Today we celebrated a beautiful Mass to mark the children's time at Our Lady's. As I said to them, God loves us more than we can imagine – even more than our parents love us. If, as a school, we haven't helped them to feel that love, then we have failed. They have been an exceptional Year 6, and I am sure they will go on to great things. I just hope they always remember to be grateful for their families, their school and for everything God has given them.

God bless,

The Frances Taylor Cup

This is an award which is voted for by the school staff at the end of the year. It is awarded to a Year 6 child who, during their time at Our Lady's, has been particularly helpful, polite and cheerful. It is meant to be a very prestigious award and I hope it has become something which the children are really proud of receiving.

The award is named after Frances Taylor who was the Foundress of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, which is the order of nuns who founded our school. Frances Taylor had a real passion for the education of young and old alike. While schooling wasn't obligatory in the late nineteenth century, she was constantly on the lookout for ways of making education available, particularly to children who were economically disadvantaged. She sought to empower people and to help them recognise their own special God-given gifts. I know she would have approved of this award.

This year's winner is **Dominik Bielecki**.



The Mrs Rough Art Cup

A few years ago, the Our Lady's Trust introduced an award in memory of Mrs Rough. It is for a Year 6 child who has shown particular aptitude and excellence in Art. Art was something that was extremely important to Mrs Rough and I know she would be delighted to hear that this year's award goes to **AJ Fenwick**



OLOPS Toddler Group

OLOPS Toddler Group will be running a special session on Friday 28 August from 10 to 12 for children starting at Our Lady's in Reception this term, to give them a chance to meet up again and play together before they start school later in the week.

Siblings are also welcome, and a drink and snack will be provided for all children (plus tea, coffee and a sneaky biscuit for grown-ups).

This will take place behind Our Lady's church, opposite the school - use the small gate to the left of the church as you're facing it to get through to the back. There's a huge field to play in, and in case of rain we can use the guild room for indoor play. Toilets and baby change facilities are also available in the guild room.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Thanks,
Liz

Summer Holidays

School starts next year on the 3rd September. We are being encouraged to fine families who return late so please put that date in your diary.

Thank you

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
Rose	Theresa	Jessica	Harish	Amelie	Tamsin
Mika	Mayra	Reuben	Sofia	Logan	Sienna-Rose
Thea	Thomas	Cairo	Evie	Alvin	Evie
Zoe	Margot	Joseph	Arthur	Alyssa	Giovanni
Patrick	Bettie	Alex	Rory	Chloe	Donnie
Ambrose	Minmanee	Rex	Ruby	James	Dominik
Bertie	Julian	Maksim	Josephine	Malwina	Grace
		Oliver	Ann	Renske	Elizabeth
		Rory	Juno	Adam	Rory
		Anastasia	Elena	Joseph	Simeon
		Sofia	Francesca	Cuthbert	Liam
		Noelia	Thomas	Mason	Stash
		Isaac	Allison	Misha	AJ
		Varun	Roberto	Victoria	Eleanor
		Robyn	Zoe	Hansini	Jude
		Harvey	Zachary	Maadhavan	Arthur
		Lorenzo	Arthur	Cat Cat	Jacob
			Ralph	Elise	Erica
			Niamh	Xavier	Karo
			Olivia	Sharvil	Nathan
			Caolan	Catherine	Shanaya
			Martha	Klara	Aliza
			Genevieve	Hanna	Thomas
			Daisy	Nikolay	Bianca
			Jan	Minchun	Hansika
			Nathan		Florence
			Mason		Erin
					Divine
					Hugo
					Emilio



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

Rust	Iron	Tin	Brass	Copper	Steel	Chrome
					Tadhg	
Glass	Tungsten	Aluminium	Kevlar	Carbon Fibre	Titanium	Bronze
					Philip	
Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond	Finished		
Seth	Seth		Theresa B	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 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Manny	Alex	Sofia	Joseph	Elizabeth
	Lorenzo	Arthur	Alysa	Eleanor
	Varun	Rory	James	Arthur
	Rory	Ruby	Szymon	Jaeda
	Ayla	Josephine	Malwina	Karo
	Rex	Ann	Adam	Aliza
	Tosia	Francesca	Michael F	Emilio
		Thomas	Hansini	Divine
		Zoe	Cat Cat	Florence
		Niamh	Klara	Jude
		Olivia	Hanna	Hugo
		Jan	Misha	Tamsin
		Nathan	Sharvil	Sienna Rose
		Allison	Alise	Dominik
		Mason	Antra	Hansika
		Artie	Minchun	Stash
		Genevieve	Victoria	Donnie
		Harrish	Mason	Bianca
		Peregrine		Erin
		Daisy		Jacob
		Coalan		
		Juno		
		Zachary		

News From The Parishes

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: Fr Mirek Misiura

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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 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