



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

*"A place of learning – A community of Christ"*

**Faith . Hope . Love**

17th May 2024

Dear Parents,


We have had a great week. Firstly, well done to all of the Year 6 children who have taken their End of Key Stage SATs tests this week. This is a chance for them to really show off all of their hard work over the last seven years. However, there is so much more to what they have learnt. We are looking forward to a fabulous end of year,

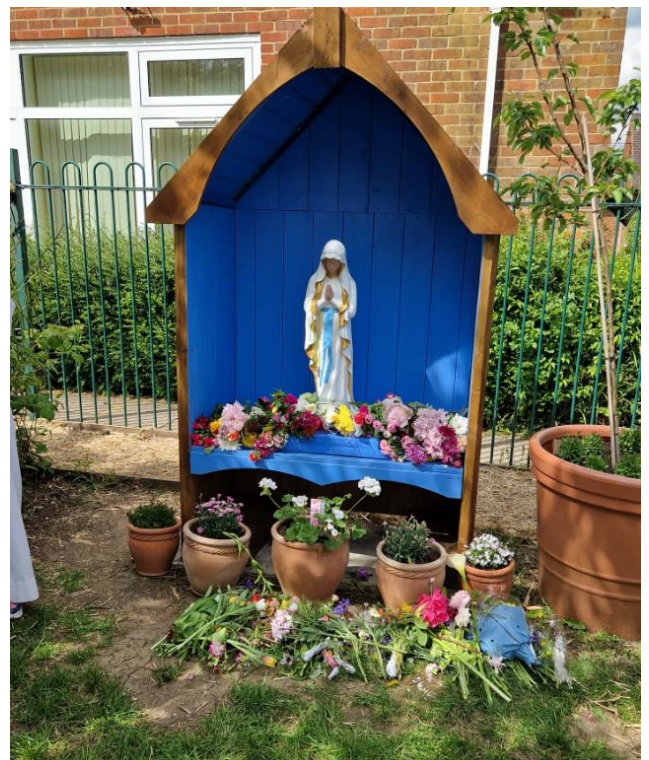
This week has also been our annual butterfly week. Thank you to Mr Weatherill and Chiltern Forest Rangers for all the work they have put into this. It is great that we are doing this yearly now so the children can study this incredible insect in more depth than is expected in the national curriculum. A real study!!!! At the same time, they are getting the opportunity to do some really valuable conservation work whilst at school.

Finally, this afternoon we will be having our May Procession. The prayer garden is really coming on nicely and it is lovely to finally have our Our Lady statue blessed and in place. Please feel free to come and pray or have a quiet moment at any time.

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless

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## **Curriculum – Maths**

Like so many other schools in England, we use White Rose Maths resources as our scheme of work. Obviously, we adapt it to ensure we are challenging all of our children but if you want an idea of the types of learning we are doing they produce a comprehensive set of lessons which you can use at home to help your child with their maths. On the whole we stick to the structure of White Rose so if you follow the structure you will be in line with what we are doing in school. It will also give you an idea of the types of methods we are using. A link to their resources is here:

[Maths home learning | Home learning | White Rose Education](#)

## **Prayer and Liturgy**



Hi, I am Joseph Spicer and I am soon going to be Our Lady's School's lead altar server. I will be teaching other children how to serve at the altar. Being an altar server is a big thing for me. It helps me be closer to God in a way. Serving also helps me be a better person. Having a position of responsibility is a bit nerve-racking but I will give it a try and hope to help people feel like I do and bring them closer to God. I wanted to serve mainly to do important things for God. I like to listen to bible stories and help people, so this feels like something I can do. When you serve you feel at peace like a peaceful dove.

## **News From The Parishes**

### **ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):**

Website: <https://stcolumbas.church/>

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times: on SUNDAYS only

@ 9am (traditional choir)

@ 6pm (Youth Band)

**YOUTH MASS** on Pentecost Sunday at 6pm: everybody welcome! Please arrive by 5.45pm to practise your tasks: reading, welcoming, offertory procession, signed song (*Joy of the Holy Spirit*), playing, singing. You can volunteer on the day if you haven't got a task yet!

### **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (IHM) in Great Missenden:**

Website: <https://www.ihmissenden.org.uk/>

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times:

Every SATURDAY @ 6pm

Every SUNDAY @ 11am

**Patronal Feast Day** on Sunday 9th June.

Mass at 11am followed by BBQ and live music in the garden. For catering purposes please let the parish secretary know if you are coming to the BBQ.

([parish.ihm@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.ihm@northamptondiocese.org) )

### **St Aidan's Church**

Priest: Father Roy

Mass times:

Every SATURDAY @ 6.15 pm

Every SUNDAY @ 11 am

@ 9 am (Polish Mass)

### **Our Lady's Church**

Priest: Father Roy

Mass times:

Every SATURDAY @ 5 pm

Every SUNDAY @ 9 am (including children's liturgy, including during the holidays)

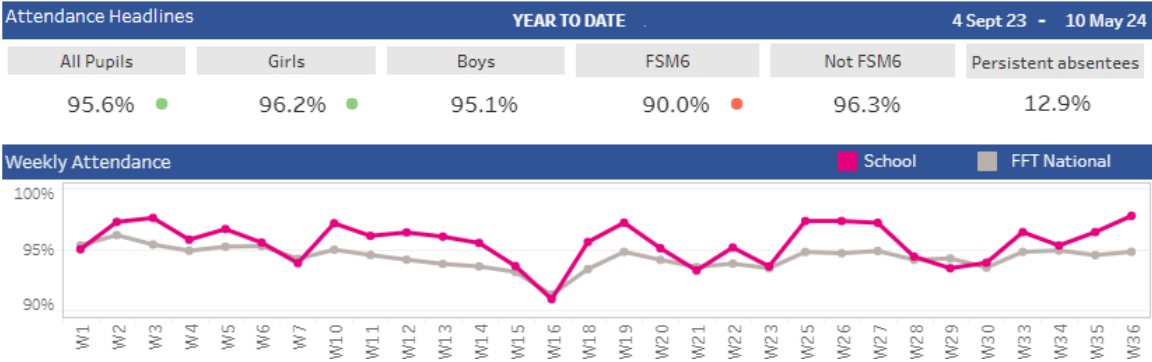
OLOPS toddler group is every Friday of term time, 9:15-10:30. All parents/carers with children aged from birth to school age are welcome. We have playtime, singing and a snack, and if you have an older child at OLS, you are welcome to come as soon as you have dropped them off at school. We request a voluntary donation of £1-£2.

We have recently started a children's choir to help lead the singing during the 9:00 Mass. If your child is in Year 3 or above and enjoys singing, please encourage them to join Michael and Lucy for a rehearsal of next week's hymns in the church after Mass.

Attendance



Our highest attendance of the year last week. Well done everyone.



## Gratitude Assembly Certificates



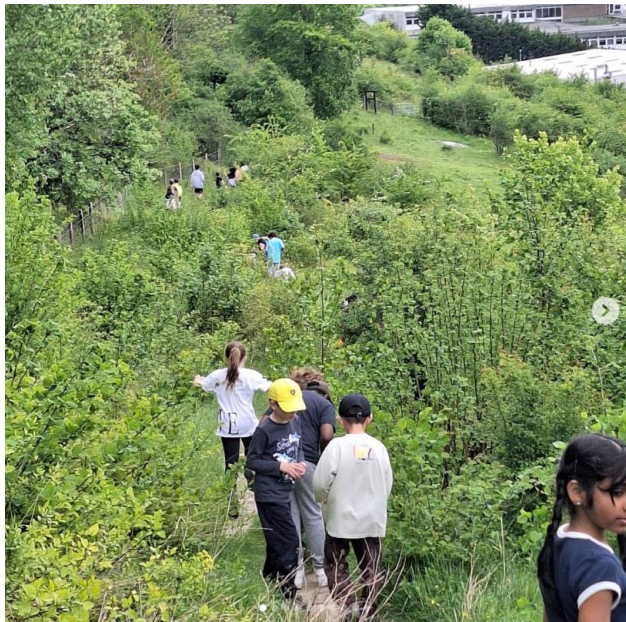
Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Leon, Romeo
Year 2	Evie, Martha, Zoe
Year 3	Annie, Hansini
Year 4	Erin, Thomas
Year 5	Joseph, Michael M
Year 6	Matilda, Xavier



## #OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



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 olscheshambois Year 4 and Year 2 had a great time today on their butterfly trip #OLSScience #OLSButterflyWeek #OLSstewardship #OLSBuildingTheKingdom Thank you @chilternrangers  
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## May 2024

May begins amidst the joy of Eastertide and there is more rejoicing at the end of the month when Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church at Pentecost.

May is also known as 'The Month of Our Lady', a time to remember that Mary is Jesus' mother and our mother too.

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.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

## Praying the Rosary

The Rosary is a meditative prayer that helps us to reflect on the life, ministry, and death of Jesus and on His Blessed Mother, Mary. As we repeat the traditional prayers, we use the beads to help us to keep track allowing our minds to think about the lives of Jesus and Mary here on Earth.

The Rosary is made up of four parts or 'mysteries' each having five different events to focus on. Thinking of praying the entire rosary can seem daunting but the prayer can easily be simplified for younger children by focusing on one mystery or one focus event within the mystery and limiting the prayer to one decade. We've created a Rosary resource that we hope will support families with this prayer.

*With your child, why don't you...*

- *Access our Rosary Resource which gives full explanations and guidance to help you pray the Rosary at home with your child(ren).*  
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>
- *Focus on one of the mysteries and talk to your child about the stories and events that make up each of the five elements. Perhaps a good place to start would be the Joyful Mysteries which contain stories and events that may be the most familiar to children.*

## Celebrating the Holy Spirit

In the Assembly for the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (which is celebrated across the world on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May) and through a drama, two disciples recall the day that changed their lives forever.



Children learn that the Holy Spirit is the helper that Jesus promised His disciples and that the Holy Spirit helps us too.

*With your child, you might like to...*

- *Read the story of [Pentecost](#) allowing space for your child/ren to discuss or ask questions.*
- *Discuss with your child ways the Holy Spirit can help us today e.g. helping us to be peaceful, forgive others, say sorry.*
- *Sing along to 'Come Holy Spirit' by Dan Callow and Emily Clark, by logging into the [Collective Worship Parent Portal](#). (If you don't have the details for the Parent Portal, ask your child's school.)*

## Prayer

The daily prayers for the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May invite children to focus on God's Word and consider what God is saying to them through the Scriptures. Children will be guided through a pattern of meditation based on the acronym 'TRUTH'. You might want to try this with your children, perhaps using verses from Sunday's readings.

**TUNE IN** - Listen to the Scripture reading.

**REMEMBER** – Notice which word or phrase stands out.

**UNDERSTAND** - Listen again to the reading asking God to help you to understand more about the word or phrase that stood out to you.

**TALK** - Speak to God now about what you remember or need help to understand.

**HEAR** – Be still and listen. What is God saying to you today through His Word?

God,  
Your Word is truth.  
Help us to listen and draw closer to you.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

## **Accelerated Reader**

The children who are already above their target and are higher than 85% in their quizzes are:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Sofia</b>	<b>Alyssa</b>	<b>Tamsin</b>	<b>Archie</b>	<b>Ellie</b>
<b>Rory</b>	<b>Szymon</b>	<b>Sienna-Rose</b>	<b>Rebecca</b>	<b>Lena</b>
<b>Josephine</b>	<b>Renske</b>	<b>Donnie</b>	<b>Charlie K</b>	
<b>Juno</b>	<b>Misha</b>	<b>Dominik</b>	<b>Michael</b>	
<b>Francesca</b>	<b>Hansini</b>	<b>Elizabeth</b>	<b>Dominic</b>	
<b>Olivia</b>	<b>Steve</b>	<b>Simeon</b>	<b>Robert</b>	
	<b>Sharvil</b>	<b>Stash</b>	<b>Hannah</b>	
	<b>Annie</b>	<b>Eleanor</b>	<b>Joseph</b>	
	<b>Klara</b>	<b>Jude</b>	<b>Curtis</b>	
		<b>Lorcan</b>		
		<b>Aliza</b>		
		<b>Thomas</b>		
		<b>Florence</b>		
		<b>Olive</b>		

## **Millionaire Readers**

Sherlyn – Year 6  
Arthur – Year 4  
Matilda – Year 6  
Dominik – Year 5

## **Triple Millionaire Readers**

Harry – Year 6