17th October 2025

Dear Parents,

It has been a great half-term. The highlight for me this week was definitely the Minnie Vinnies' Tea Party for some of the older members of the parishes. It was an absolutely amazing event and it really brought a lot of joy to our VIP visitors. I'd like to say a big thank you to all of the staff involved, and also to the Year 5 parents who provided lots of cakes, scones, etc. The children were wonderful ambassadors for the school, performing magic tricks, singing, playing the piano, and generally socialising with a completely different generation. Well done, Year 5.

I also want to mention what a fabulous Youth Mass we had at St Columba's on Sunday. It was lovely to see so many families there, and it was lovely to see all of the Carlo Acutis artwork being displayed in the church. If you missed it for any reason, the pictures will be on display for the next two weeks.

Finally, yesterday was the Chiltern League football finals day. The boys played another four games and continued to play really well. They were competitive in all of their matches and won 1–0 in their third game against a very good Brushwood side. It really was their best game of the season. The highlight, though, must have been Nathan (our goalkeeper) scoring by kicking the ball the length of the pitch from his hands. It was thoroughly deserved, as he was definitely the best goalkeeper there. Overall, we came sixth out of nine teams. We improved as the season went on and played with smiles on our faces throughout. I just want to mention the parent supporters, not only from Our Lady's but from all of the schools. There was such a positive atmosphere at the finals day, which isn't always the case when it comes to football. Thank you!

Have a lovely half-term, everyone.



### **St Joan of Arc Admissions**

Dear Year 6 parents,

Just to let you know that you will need to submit your forms for St Joan of Arc next week, as the school will then be on half-term. To apply for St Joan of Arc, you will need to provide a supplementary information form, your child's baptismal certificate, and a Certificate of Catholic Practice if you attend Mass every week.

# **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
Aariv	Joseph	Arthur	Keera	Tamsin
Margot	Laiza	Rory	Alyssa	Evie
Freddie	Alex	Ruby	Chloe	Giovanni
Bettie	Rex	Josephine	James	Donnie
	Oliver	Ann	Michael C	Dominic
	Rory	Juno	Szymon	Elizabeth
	Charlie	Elena	Michael F	Rory
	Eoin	Francesca	Cuthbert	Simeon
	Ayla	Thomas	Mason	Grace
	Noelia	Allison	Misha	Stash
	Varun	Roberto	Victoria	AJ
	Tosia	Zoe	Hansini	Eleanor
		Arthur	Cat Cat	Jude
		Ralph	Julia	Arthur
		Niamh	Xavier	Jacob
		Olivia	Annie	Erica
		Caolan	Klara	Shanaya
		Eugenie	Hanna	Aliza
		Genevieve	Nikolay	Florence
		Martha		Erin
		Jan		Olive
		Nathan		Divine
				Hugo

### **My Ultra Marathon**

As I am sure lots of you know, I am running an ultra marathon in



## Mark Paul's fundraiser for Arrhythmia Alliance

A fundraiser organised by Mark Paul Holdsworth for Arrhythmia Alliance

Thanks for taking the time to visit my JustGlving page. I am raising money by running a 50k Ultra-marathon for my great friend Nigel Hoff. We first met at a headteachers meeting in Chesham. It quickly became clear that we had a similar outlook on education and became great friends. We both had a passion for beer, running, the outdoors and the



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### **Attendance**

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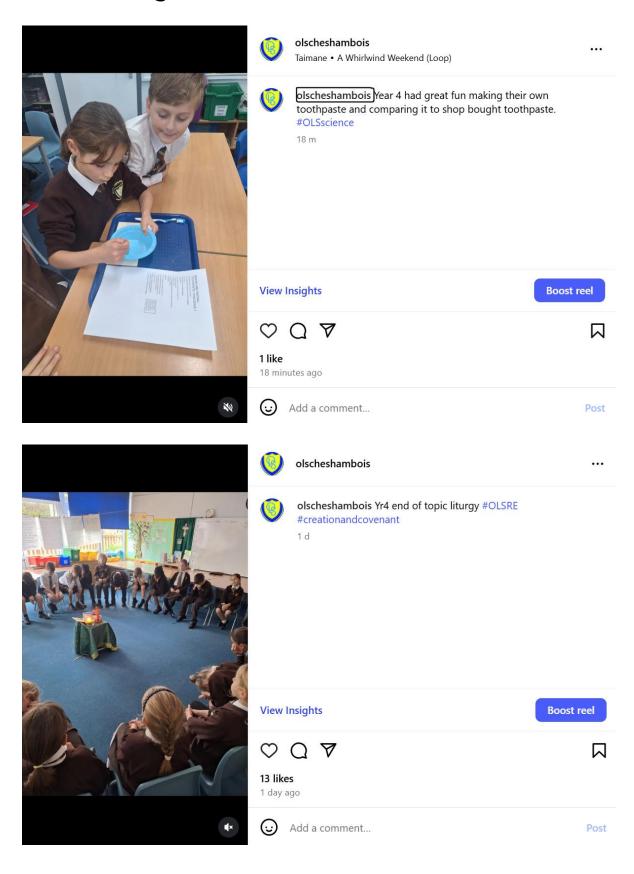
# **Gratitude Assembly Certificates**

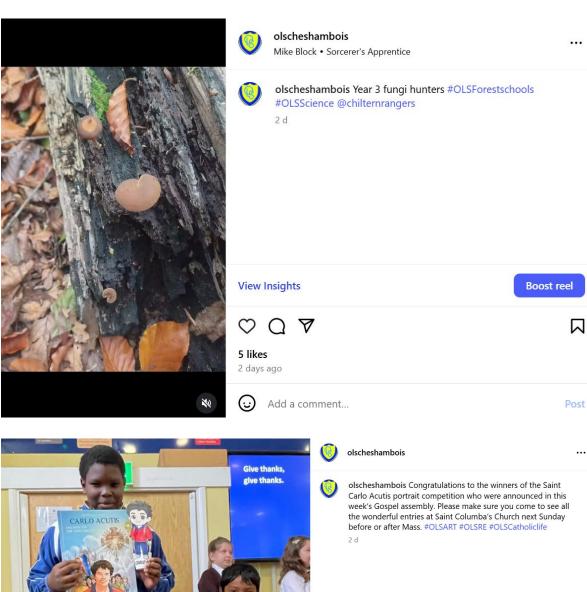


Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

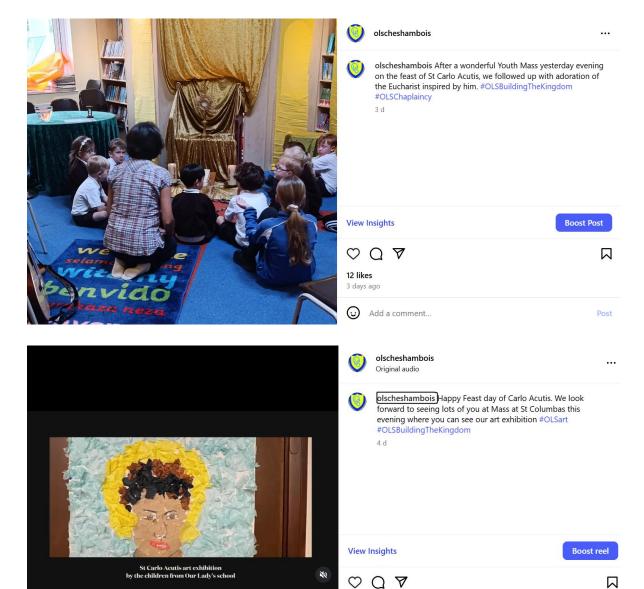
Year 1	Jack, Millie	
Year 2	Betty, William	
Year 3	Alex, Noelia	
Year 4	Eugenie, Peregrine	
Year 5	Amelie, Alvin	
Year 6	Dominic, Donnie, Tamsin	

### **#OLS learning**









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#### **News From The Parishes**

#### **Youth Masses**

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

Parish Priest: Fr Mirek Misiura

email: freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org

Sunday Masses @ 9 am (traditional choir) & 6 pm (Youth Band/ Choir)

Polish Mass @ 12 noon (1st & 3rd Sunday of the month)

Next Youth Mass: Sunday 13th October @ 6 pm

Artwork will be displayed on Saint Carlo Acutis by the OLS children from all year

groups

#### **IHM – Great Missenden**

Parish Priest: Fr Mirek Misiura

email: freustace.durugbo@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)

Next Youth Mass: Sunday 5th October @ 11 am

#### 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

Next Youth Mass: Sunday 8th November @ 6.15pm

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.