



18th July 2025

Dear Parents,

What a great week! The highlight for me was definitely the Year 6 production of *Mission Implausible*. The children got better and better as the performances went on, all the way from the dress rehearsals to the final show. It is incredible to think back to when they were in Reception, performing their Nativity with Mrs King. They have come so far. The acting was great, but the singing was some of the best I've heard for many a year. I'd just like to thank Mr Weatherill, who has worked so hard with them. He is a fabulous teacher! In my job, I am very lucky that I get to meet a lot of headteachers, senior people in the diocese, and senior people in the trust. Everywhere I go, people ask me about Mr Weatherill and tell me how lucky I am. Year 6 is such an important year, and they are right—we are very lucky to have Mr Weatherill.

Also this week, we had Alessandro's last Rock Steady Assembly and the OLS Talent Show organised by the Arts Committee. Believe me, we have an incredible amount of talent at Our Lady's. Congratulations to everybody who has performed. It is great to see the pupil leadership teams introducing new ideas like the talent show into the school. It is a real sign that this is their school and they can put their mark on it. I am sure it is a million miles away from when we were all at school.

Finally, later today we have Mrs Gardner's leaving Mass. As I sit here this morning writing the newsletter, I know we are in for an emotional day. Twenty years is a long time in anybody's life. I am sure she will need lots of hugs over the next few days!

God Bless



Strawberry Fayre

Last Sunday was the annual Strawberry Fayre. And what an amazing Strawberry Fayre it was! There was almost a festival feel to it, which is great fun, and it was lovely to launch the new staff band, “The Jubilettes”. We raised an absolutely amazing £2,150 after expenses, which is amazing, but to be honest, the community aspect of it is much more important to me. A massive thank you to Laura and her team!

Also, we just wanted to let you know about the Hollyberry Boogie, which will be on Friday, 28th November 2025. Make sure you save the date because it is going to be great fun!



Mr Richardson

As we come to the end of the year, some children and staff will be leaving our school. However, many more people will be leaving our bigger school St Thomas Catholic Academy Trust (STCAT). One of those people is Mr Richardson who is unfortunately moving to Norfolk and will be running a trust there.

I am sad to see him go because he has been great for our school and for me personally. He is a man of great faith and integrity.

Thank you, Mr Richardson.

Reports

You will receive your child's report this evening. Please take them home and read them by yourselves first and then share them with your child. The children and staff have worked really hard this year and they've made great progress.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for the time they've taken to write the reports. It is a lot of work on top of what they are already doing.

Homework

Following feedback from parents we will be looking to change the homework in September. Although the children will still have Century available to them until March, we won't be setting homework through it anymore. It is very expensive and isn't as effective as we would like. We will be looking to send something home which is overlearning so hopefully shouldn't be too challenging but will help to move things such as mathematical written methods into long term memory. There will be more of an expectation from us for parents to ensure the homework is done throughout the school. I'll send more information out in September so watch this space.

Breaktime Snack

Just a reminder that children are allowed fresh fruit at breaktime but they shouldn't have anything in packets. At this time of year, they sneak things out from their lunches but I've told them if they do we will just take the snack off them. I don't want to be a school that bans crisps etc because I don't believe I want to become the food police. But these things should be part of their lunch meal and not a snack.

Thank you

Mr Holdsworth

Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly Certificates:

Year 1	Alexander, Faith
Year 2	Marilyn, Oliver, Sophia
Year 3	Megan, Mason
Year 4	Amelie, James
Year 5	Emilio, Florence
Year 6	Everyone

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 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Theresa Mayra Joseph P Betty Elizabeth Gaia	Jessica Reuben Alexander Grace Maksim Rory Ayla Noelia Antonio	Sofia Arthur Rory Ruby Josephine Ann Juno Elena Francesca Thomas Allison Roberto Arthur Niamh Olivia Caolan Eugenie Martha Peregrine Daisy Jan Alex Nathan Mason	Alvin Alyssa James Michael C Szymon Malwina Aoife Renske Adam Michael F Joseph Cuthbert Mason Misha Victoria Hansini Cat Cat Elise Xavier Annie Catherine Klara Hannah	Tamsin Evie Donnie Elizabeth Simeon Grace Stash Eleanor Jude Arthur Jacob Karo Jaeda Shanaya Aliza Thomas Hansika Erin Olive Hugo Emilio	Leo Behtin Mark Mia Ivor Ralph Spike Wanda Rebecca Parth Finley Charlie K Michael L Michael M Dominik Joseph Curtis

News From The Parishes

Youth Masses

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

email: freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org

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

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

Youth Mass at St Columba's on Sunday 6th July at 6pm

IHM – Great Missenden

Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

email: 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)

Youth Mass at IHM on Sunday 20th July at 11am followed by refreshments in the hall.

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** Thank you to these wonderful Year 5 dads for using their time and initiative to bring our Ping Pong tables back to their former glory! #OLYear5 #OLScst #OLfamilyandcommunity
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 **abbie_cambridge** Love this 🍷🍷
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olscheshambois

The OLS talent show 2025 was amazing yesterday. All the finalists performed brilliantly, the audience were supportive and the art committee were very professional judges. Congratulations to everyone who performed and helped organise this wonderful event show casing the abundance of talent we have at Our Lady's . #OLsPerformingarts #OLsPupilLeadership #OLsBuildingTheKingdom
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July 2025

The end of the school year is fast approaching and bringing mixed feelings of excitement, relief, expectation as well as perhaps a little sadness, particularly for families with children preparing to leave for new challenges ahead.

July's resources encourage children to think about living in faith, hope and love, and following Jesus through their words and actions. Our everyday lives are filled with opportunities to live out the Gospel and if we pay attention, we can challenge ourselves to never miss a moment!

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout July, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

IN HIS NAME

In the assembly for the week beginning 7th July, we hear how the disciples were amazed at what they could do in the power of Jesus' name. Children will be inspired to know that with Jesus, they too can do incredible things in His name.

The assembly explores inspiring people, Corrie ten Boom and St Oscar Romero, who found that it's not always easy to share in God's mission of loving Him and loving each other. But by putting their faith and trust in God, they continued to do incredible things in spite of the hardships they faced.

With your child/ren, you may also like to ...

- *Take the opportunity to explore the sign of our faith, the Sign of the Cross. As you do the actions and say the words, '**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**', explain that at the beginning of prayers this reminds us that we are praying in God's name.*
- *With older children, you might like to explore the lives of people today or some of the saints who show/ have shown great courage and fortitude in God's name.*

DON'T MISS THE MOMENT

In the Gospel for the week beginning 14th July, Jesus tells the Parable of the Good Samaritan which reminds us of Jesus' call for us to love our neighbour. The assembly for that week explores the question 'Who is our neighbour?' and children learn that the answer is - EVERYONE! Through a drama, children will learn how we can love others through our everyday actions, and that little unplanned acts of kindness can make all the difference.

With your child/ren, you may also like to ...

- Read the [Parable of the Good Samaritan](#) (Luke 10:25-37) and discuss what we can learn from the responses of each of the characters.
- Talk about how we can look out for opportunities to show consideration for others and carry out little acts of kindness in our everyday lives. You might want to make this a challenge on one particular day or over the week.

FAITH HOPE AND LOVE

In the prayers for the week of the 14th of July, children hear that God's laws are not beyond us but '*in your mouth and in your heart*'. The prayers this week help children to recognise that when we love God with all our heart, soul and strength He gives us the gifts of faith, hope and love - gifts that guide us and help us to grow closer in our friendship with God.

In your family prayer time you might like to ask God to help you to share these gifts of faith, hope and love with others using the prayer below.

**Heavenly Father,
Thank you for giving us all we need to live according to your Word.
Help us to share faith, hope and love each day.
Amen**

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