



Weekly Newsletter

18th October 2024

Dear Parents,

Well it is the end of the first half term of the year and we have really got into the swing of things. This week we have had lots of opportunity for prayer and liturgy. The children have been doing the Rosary challenge during October which is explained later in the newsletter because we hope families will continue with it over half term.

On Monday, we were privileged to be joined by Jesus in the library as we took part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Ten children from each class spent about 15 minutes to half an hour praying, singing and just sitting in silence thinking. This is something we are doing termly now so all the children will get the opportunity over the year.

Yesterday, it was lovely to welcome Father Eustace the new parish priest to celebrate our Beginning of the Year School Mass. He really comes alive when he is talking to the children, and it was lovely seeing him get the children to sing "If you're happy and you know it say Amen".

It was lovely to see so many parents at the parent's consultations this week. I'm really sorry about the difficulties with the booking system; we are considering our options for next term. You will all have been given copies of last summer's




assessments again. These will be updated after the children do their assessments at the end of this term which, hopefully, will mean you are getting consistent information about your child's progress more regularly. Hopefully, you will find this useful.

Finally, I just want to say well done to the school football team. They won a cup match on penalties on Tuesday after coming back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 in extra-time. Then, yesterday they finished second in the

Chiltern League and only lost the final narrowly to Ley Hill – 1-0. They really have grown into the season and have gradually got better and better,

Have a lovely half term,

God Bless

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Cross Country

Well done to all of the children who took part in the cross country last weekend at Hervines Park. There were 515 children from all over the local area running and it is great to see them out and being active on a Saturday morning. Here are our highlights:

We had 28 runners from OLS.

The Year 3 girls finished in 3rd place.

The Year 5 boys finished in 4th place just missing out on a medal.

We had top 10 finishes from Zoe in Year 3 and Thomas and Evie in Year 5.

A special mention to Stash in Year 5 who did the Amersham Park Run first! That must be one of the toughest park runs in the country, up the hill behind Tesco. He still came 20th in the Year 5 boys event!

But the best thing overall is that our children ran with smiles on their faces and as a result are likely to be happier when they get older. Well done everyone.



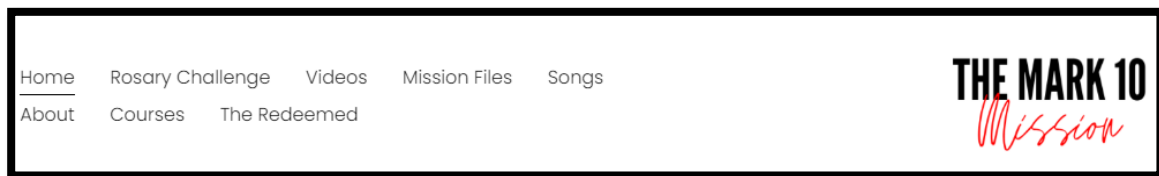
Rosary Challenge

Dear Parents,

Over the past 3 weeks, the children have been taking part in the Mark 10 Mission Rosary Challenge in school.

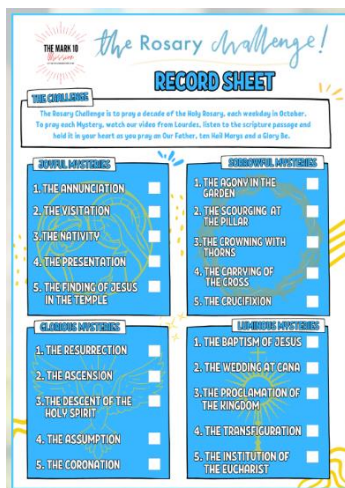
The Faith Ambassadors have led each class, every day as they listen to a story from one of the Mysteries of the Rosary, pray a decade of the rosary and sing 'As I Kneel Before You'. We have completed 3 weeks of the 4-week Rosary Challenge. It would be lovely if the children could complete the challenge, at home with your support, next week.

Please go to the Mark 10 Mission website - www.themark10mission.co.uk and select Rosary Challenge from the top left-hand side of the page.



The children can either begin or end with the song which you must scroll down to find. Then select the relevant day's session. So far, we have completed the Joyful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries. Next week they should follow the Sorrowful Mysteries. The videos are clearly named on the website, and the ones for next week (Sorrowful) should be at the top of the list and easy to find.

The children will be bringing home their Rosary Challenge sheets to tick off when they have completed each story.

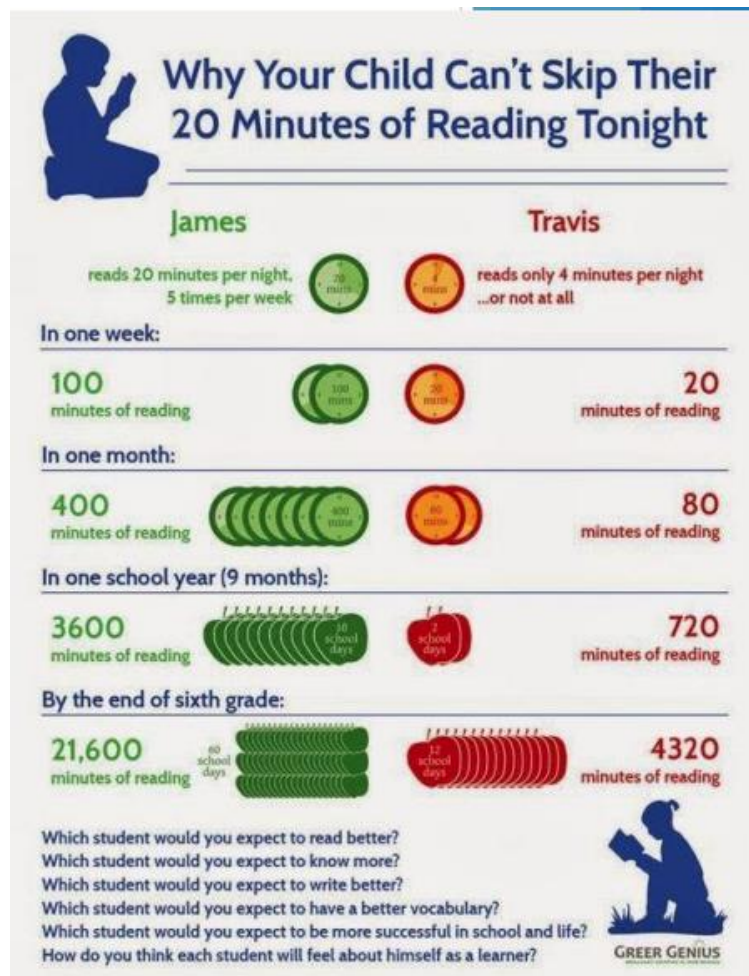


Thank you for your continued support and I hope you enjoy taking part in the Rosary Challenge with your children.

Ingrid Gardner

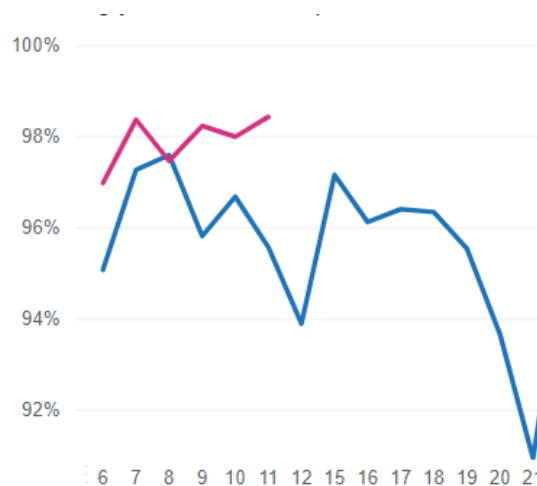
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Reading



Attendance

This graph shows a comparison between this year's attendance to last year's. The pink line is this year, and the blue line is last year. As you can see, the attendance in school is much better than last year. As a result, the indications from the assessments we are doing, is that the children's progress is also faster than it was at this time last year. Well done everyone and lets keep it up!!!



Parking



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 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Reuben Rex Oliver Charlie Noelia Varun	Sofia Evie Thomas Allison Zoe Zachary Ralph Olivia Daisy	Keera Alwyn Alyssa James Renske Adam Michael Cuthbert Mason Misha Victoria Hansini Cat Cat Xavier Sharvil Annie Klara Nikolay	Tamsin Evie Dominik Elizabeth Grace Andrew Arthur Jacob Erica Jaeda Shanaya Lorcan Aliza Hansika Erin Chanuga Hugo Emilio	Leo Mark Mia Spike Wanda Rebecca Charlie F Finley Michael M Evelyn Dominik Robert Joseph Curtis Zuzanna

Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Margo, Manny
Year 2	Leon, Oliver
Year 3	Allison, Amelia
Year 4	Renske, Sharvil
Year 5	Olive, Thomas
Year 6	Emily, Leo

News From The Parishes



ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

New 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)

Next Youth Mass on Sunday 24th November at 6pm.

Next Music practice for Youth Mass on Saturday 23rd November at 5-6pm.

Next Youth Club on Saturday 23rd November at 6-7pm.

A splendid art exhibition designed by the children from Our Lady's school about God's creation and the care of our planet is still on display at St Columba's church next Sunday 13th October around Mass times. Please come and see!

IHM – Great Missenden

New Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

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Saturday Mass @ 6pm

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 this Sunday 13th October at 11am followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Music practice from 10am in church. Everybody's welcome!

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)

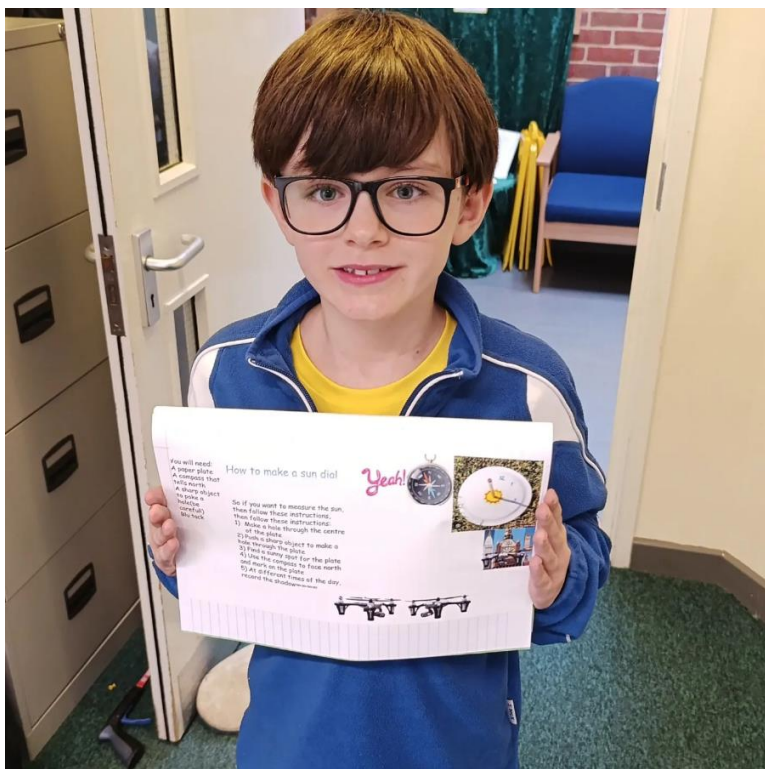
St Aidan's - Saturday 6:15 pm; Sunday 9 am (Polish Mass) and 11 am

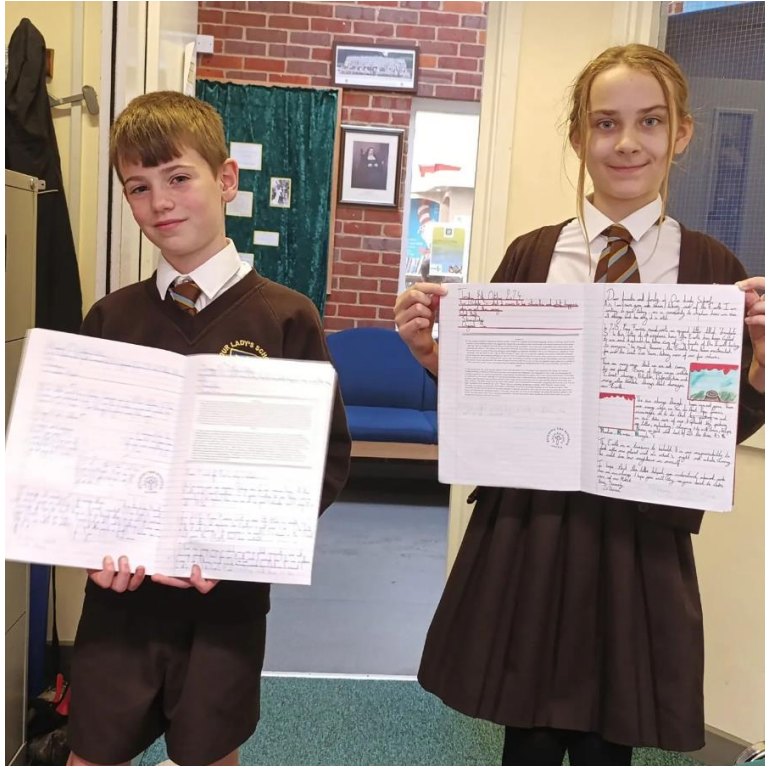
There is a baby and toddler group in the guildroom behind Our Lady's Church on Friday mornings - officially 9:15-10:30, but you're welcome to come round as soon as you've dropped off your older child(ren).

The first First Communion classes will be held this week in both Our Lady's and St Aidan's - you should have received details of these classes if you have registered your child.

#OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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Our October resources explore Jesus' welcome for everyone and His leadership through loving service. We are encouraged to have an attitude of child-like trust in God who makes all things possible and to respond to Jesus' call to put others before ourselves.

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

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

**Jesus,
We want to be like you.
Send your Holy Spirit to
help us to be good leaders in all we do.
Amen**