



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

19th July 2024

Dear Parents,


Well it is the end of another really successful year here at Our Lady's. We have finished with another very busy week. The leavers' assembly yesterday morning was amazing. We have such a talented Year 6 class who have a great sense of humour. They really have been great fun to work with and the addition of a "Time Machine" was inspired.

Also yesterday we had our annual Year 6 v Teachers netball match. It was the closest I can remember. I'm very unsure about Mr Weatherill's umpiring – you would think he has a soft spot for the Year 6's. Anyway although we missed Mrs "Sharp shooter" Watson, Miss Buckley came up trumps scoring a fantastic goal with about 30 seconds left. Miss Buckley saves the day!!!!

Then, this morning, we finished with the most important event of all, our Leavers' Mass. It was a beautiful Mass in which we celebrated the contribution made to school by everyone who is leaving; the Year 6 children, Bene, Boy, Maria, Ana, Mrs Anjorin, Mrs Spencer and, last but not least, Father Dave and Father Giacomo. As I said to all of them: "Communities are made up of people from the past, present and future." Although they will all be missed, we know they will all go on to great things. I hope they will remember that they have been loved here and are still loved.

Have a lovely and well deserved, summer break.

God bless,

M. Hold 



Key Stage 2 SATs

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who achieved amazing SATs results. They have worked really hard and been rewarded with fabulous results overall. Hard work always pays off in the end.

	Reading		Maths		Spag	
	OLS	National	OLS	National	OLS	National
Expected+	94%	74%	90%	73%	87%	72%
Greater Depth	58%		48%		55%	
Scaled Score	109	105	109	104	111	105

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 **James Kehoe**.



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 **Matilda Grimer**.



Curriculum – Reading – Chesham Library

Last week, we had two librarians from Chesham Library come in to speak to the children. They are very excited as the new library is opening in a couple of weeks on the 15th July. They did let the children know about the Summer Reading Challenge which I would really encourage children to take part in. Although the children need a rest over the summer, it is really important that they continue to read and this is a good way of encouraging them.



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)

NOTE: Registrations for the First Holy Communion programme 2024/2025 are now open.
Please email the parish office: parish.stcolumba@northamptondiocese.org

The next Youth Mass is on **Sunday 6th October at 6pm**. Everybody's welcome!

Full calendar of the YOUTH MASSES/ YOUTH CLUB in 2024/2025 is available from:

federica@olschesham.co.uk

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (IHM) in Great Missenden:

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

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times:

Every SATURDAY @ 6pm

Every SUNDAY @ 11am

Youth Mass at 11am followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

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.

Attendance

Congratulations to our Attendance champions this year. The two classes who had the best attendance and therefore an ice-cream today were: **Year 2** and **Year 4**



The following children had 100% attendance and won a box of Maltesers.

Zac
Gaia
Rex
Harvey
Ruby
Juno
Daisy
Maja
Sienna-Rose
Simeon
Jude
Jaeda
Charlie
Nathan
Ethan
Hannah

New Department for Education guidance.

In September, new Department for Education guidance comes into force for attendance. It is important to note that the register code for **Authorised Holiday in Term Time** has been taken away. I am not allowed to authorise this absence anymore and have a legal obligation to consider a fine. Therefore, to be transparent and fair, I will have to fine anybody who takes their child out of school for a holiday even if it is a few days. Please note this will include coming back to school late. The new term starts on the **4th September**.


Thank you


#OLScheshambois


Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:










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**olscheshambois** It's never been this close before. The annual teacher v year 6 netball match. We are definitely missing Mrs Watson #OLSSport #OLSSport62024
22 h


**olscheshambois** Don't worry Mrs Buckley scored the winner with a minute to go. 2-1 to the teachers
22 h 2 likes Reply

**teresawatson7** Thank God the teachers won...🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏
12 h Reply


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**done Year 6 - 2024** #OLSBUILDINGTHEKINGDOM
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Original audio



olscheshambois Year 5 are learning all about forces. These girls have made a great parachute to help themselves learn about air resistance. I hope they've had ladder training #OLSTeam5 #OLSScience

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olscheshambois #OLSYear4 end of topic liturgy - dialogue and encounter #OLSRE

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olscheshambois It was lovely having Amersham Rotary Club presenting the year 3 children with dictionaries this morning #OLSYear3.

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olscheshambois Well done to the Year Five Faith Ambassadors for leading such a beautiful liturgy today to end our final year five RE topic - Dialogue and encounter. Thank you to Federica for her guidance and to the musicians for the wonderful live music. #OlsRE #OlsYear5 #OlsBuildingTheKingdom #OlsMusic

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July 2024

The final few weeks of the school year probably bring mixed feelings: the excitement and relief that the holidays are near may, for some, be tinged with a little sadness that the year is coming to an end, particularly for families with children preparing to leave for new challenges ahead.



July's resources encourage children to think about how they see themselves and others, to pray for children throughout the world, and to look back at the year with gratitude.

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.

Great Expectations

The Gospel for the week beginning 8th July tells us that Jesus wasn't accepted in His hometown. Rather than believing or trusting in Him, they despised Him. This week's assembly considers the idea of first impressions and expectations through a traditional tale about a lion and a mouse. Children are encouraged to invite the Holy Spirit to raise their expectations of themselves and others, have open minds and hearts, and love everyone they meet.

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

- *Talk about how first impressions and/or stereotyping often impact how we see ourselves and others. How can we treat ourselves and others with fairness and kindness?*
- *This might be a good opportunity to talk with your child about their talents, hopes and aspirations and discuss how having faith in Jesus and His power can help us to grow in hope and love for God and other people.*

God's Global Family

The last few days of June saw the joint feast day of St Peter and St Paul. These two great Saints continued Jesus' work and the Church grew. Thanks to people like St Peter and St Paul, the family of God spread far and wide and we have brothers and sisters in Christ, all over the world!

Taking inspiration from the work of the charity 'Mission Together', the prayers this week will enable children to celebrate belonging to God's universal family.

Children are encouraged to pray using the Mission Rosary, with each colour representing a different continent of the world. This is a lovely way to join our prayers with Mary as we think about and pray for children in different parts of the world.

With your child, you might like to...

- *Find out about children in the different continents and countries of the world using the interactive [Mission Together Map](#) along with other resources from [Mission Together](#).*
- *Explore the prayers and mysteries of the Rosary using our special Rosary resource.*

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/collective-worship/>

For All You Give

The theme of the final daily prayers for this school year is thankfulness, with a focus on looking back at the good things that children have been part of during the year.

Children will spend time in a posture of gratitude to God and be invited to respond in prayer to the good things 'He has showered on us'.

You might like to spend some time looking back over the year with your child, encouraging an attitude of thankfulness and gratitude.

Why not use this short rhyming prayer to conclude your personal or family prayer time...

Heavenly Father,
I'm grateful for all you give...
For food,
For love,
For a place to live.
I'm thankful for my family too
And want to tell
My love for 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
Sofia	Amelie	Tamsin	Archie	Pierce
Arthur	Alyssa	Sienna-Rose	Charlie K	Shuan
Rory	James	Donnie	Michael L	Freya
Ruby	Szymon	Elizabeth	Michael M	Ellie
Josephine	Renske	Simeon	Finn	Eliza
Juno	Mason	Grace	Dominik	Kome
Francesca	Misha	Eleanor	Robert	Lena
Olivia	Hansini	Jude	Emily	Matylda
Alex	Xavier	Arthur	Curtis	Ethan
	Sharvil	Lorcan	Zuzannah	Sabrina
	Klara	Aliza		Hannah
		Hansika		Franek
		Florence		
		Erin		
		Chanuga		

Millionaire Readers

Shaun – Year 6
Cat Cat – Year 3
Jude – Year 4
Tamsin – Year 4
Jacob – Year 4
Curtis - Year 5
Aliza – Year 4
Freya – Year 6
Grace – Year 6
Stella – Year 6

Double Millionaire

Sherlyn – Year 6
Matilda – Year 6
Dominik – Year 5

Triple Millionaire Reader

Arthur – Year 4

Quadruple Millionaire Readers

Harry – Year 6