



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

1st March 2024

Dear Parents,

This week has been incredibly busy with lots of trips and sports festivals. We've had two sports festivals with Year 6 going to Dodgeball on Monday and Year 3 going to Skipping on Wednesday. They all had a great time but the real sporting highlight was our Girls football team being selected to represent Wycombe Wanderers at a Premier League tournament in Brighton. The children had a great time just missing out on a semi-final after coming third in their group. As well as enjoying some fantastic football matches, they also got to take part in some workshops on nutrition, female empowerment and inclusion.

On Tuesday, some of our Faith Ambassadors went to training organised by STCAT. They got the chance to meet lots of other Faith Ambassadors from this part of the trust and what was really nice is that the training was facilitated by some of the Secondary children. They have come back fired up by the Holy Spirit and with some lovely ideas.


Also, on Tuesday, Year 1 had their trip to Woburn Safari Park.

Yesterday, was Year 4's turn to join in with the Parish Mass. This is a chance for the school and parish to come together. We are always very careful not to take over completely but it was lovely to have some music at Father Roy's request. It definitely made the Mass more joyful.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the cross country at Lowndes Park on Saturday

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,

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CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!

This Lent our school is supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help fight poverty around the world.

To raise money, we're going to try and walk from Northampton Cathedral to Jerusalem. Altogether that is 4520km. All of the children and staff are joining in and Mr Holdsworth is trying to run 400km (10km a day)

How our fundraising will help

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working together with communities all over the world for an end to extreme poverty and global injustice.

Our fundraising will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia to feed his family for good. James now has the tools and training he asked for to fish safely and sustainably. Compasses and GPS fish-tracking systems means he can find the best fishing spots and make his way home with an even bigger catch for his family.

We have chosen to support CAFOD as a way for our pupils to put their faith into action. By raising money together, we will be supporting our brothers and sisters around the world and living out our school mission.

Today your children will be bringing home a sponsor form but it is even easier to sponsor on our just giving page:

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/our-ladys-fundraising-page>

[Donate - Donation amount - JustGiving](#)

Please share it with your friends and family

We really appreciate your support and hope that everyone has fun helping us raise money for CAFOD.

For more information about CAFOD please visit cafod.org.uk/families

News From The Parishes

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (IHM) in Great Missenden:

This month's First Communion class for the children from St Aidan's and Our Lady's will be tomorrow (2 March) at 3:30.

Children's Liturgy is held in the Guild Room during the 9:00 Mass at Our Lady's every Sunday. All are welcome, although it is aimed mainly at children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion.

For parents with younger children (birth to school age), OLOPS Toddler Group is open on Friday mornings from 9:00-10:30 in the Guild Room at the back of Our Lady's Church. OLS parents are welcome to come along with their little ones as soon as older children have been dropped at school. We have a play yard to keep the babies and younger toddlers safe and some soft play equipment for more boisterous preschoolers, as well as a wide selection of other toys and activities. A drink and snack are provided, and we always finish with singing. Next Friday, 8 March, the children will be making Mothers' Day presents and/or cards - please do pop in if you're free.

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

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

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times: on SUNDAYS only

@ 9am (traditional choir)

@ 6pm (Youth Band)

NEXT YOUTH-LED MASS on SUNDAY 10th MARCH at 6pm – Mothering Sunday

NEXT MUSIC PRACTICE (in church) & YOUTH CLUB (in the parish hall) on SATURDAY

9th MARCH @ 6-8pm

(Due to the limited capacity of the parish hall and requirements for adults/ children ratio, please contact Federica (federica@olschesham.co.uk) in advance if your child wishes to attend the Youth Club).

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

NEXT YOUTH-LED MASS on SUNDAY 17th MARCH at 11am (Youth Band)

If your child wishes to be involved in the Youth-led masses (as readers, welcomers, offertory, music, drama, etc...) please contact the school chaplain, Federica, as some rehearsals can be arranged at school during lunchtime.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.



In 2018/19, **just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards**, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.

And **36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs**, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.¹

Persistently Absent is any child with an attendance below 90%. We currently have 12% of children who are persistently absent which is far too high. **We do not expect children to feel 100% every day.** Making sure your child is in school is one of the most important things you do as a parent as your child has a right to education.

Headteacher's Award

Mrs McNaughton came to see me last week to let me know that Liam (Y5) had seen her at Mass on Ash Wednesday. He greeted her with a big smile and jumped up to hold the door open for her. I know he is just as polite in school. It is lovely to see children with such great manners. Well done to his parents because he is clearly being taught the value of respect.



Good News Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Layla, Maxim
Year 2	Nathan, Rory
Year 3	Alvin, Michael C
Year 4	Grace, Giovanni
Year 5	Mark, Michael L
Year 6	Grace, Luna

Curriculum - History

What do your children know about the history of their local area? What do you know about the history of your local area? We have two brilliant museums in Chesham and Amersham. They are great to visit but, even if you can't, there is a lot of information on their websites. It is really important that the children know about the history of their local area as it helps to bring history to life for them. The websites for the museums are:






[Discover Amersham's History - Amersham Museum](#)


[Home — Chesham Museum](#)

#OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:













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
It is lovely to join Our Lady's Parish at Mass this morning. #OLSBUILDINGTHEKINGDOM #OLSYear4


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Year 3 had a great time at a skipping festival yesterday. #OLSport

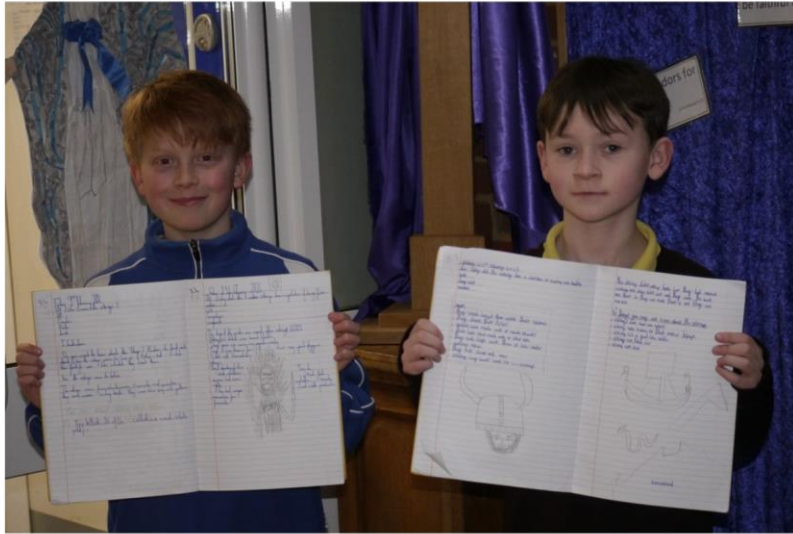
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Year 5 are learning all about The Vikings
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March 2024

March is packed with celebrations! From the Feast Days of St David, St Patrick and St Joseph to Mothering Sunday. Then as the clocks spring forward, we reach Holy Week and the joy of Easter!

Among the excitement and reflection of the Lenten season, family life goes on. As you help with homework or do the school run, perhaps you could find your own moment of calm by using the prayer resources below.

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

Perfect Promises

Throughout Lent, our assemblies follow the theme of God's Perfect Promises.

Continuing from last month, in March children will explore themes of guidance, presence and belonging connected to stories from the Old Testament.

All these help children to understand that Jesus is the fulfilment of God's Perfect Promises. Because of Jesus' death and Resurrection (that we anticipate in Lent and celebrate at Easter) we can be close to God and have a relationship with Him!

**Perhaps you could use this game to think about 'belonging' with your child/ren and have your own discussions at home.
See the game here:**

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

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
Peregrine	James	Tamsin	Ralph	Pierce
	Aoife	Donnie	Spike	Nathan
	Renske	Elizabeth	Wanda	Shaun
	Mason	Simeon	Finley H	Matilda
	Misha	Jude	Charlie K	Grace
	Cat Cat	Arthur	Michael L	Jordan
	Xavier	Lorcan	Michael M	James
		Florence	Finn	Stella
		Erin	Dominik	Sabrina
			Joseph	Hannah
			Adam	
			Curtis	
			Zuzzana	

Millionaire Readers

Sherlyn – Year 6

Arthur – Year 4

Matilda – Year 6

Dominik – Year 5

Triple Millionaire Readers

Harry – Year 6

Words Read by Class

	Words Read
Year 3	1,775,622
Year 4	5,856,313
Year 5	4,600,595
Year 6	13,513,502