



1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

**Dear Parents,**

It has been an incredibly busy week at school, with lots to celebrate.

For me though there were two real highlights. Firstly, on Monday, our Year 5 and Year 6 Performing Arts children travelled to the **Royal Albert Hall** to take part in *Echoes 11*. What an experience! Singing in such an amazing venue was truly special, and the children were fantastic. We're incredibly proud of the way they behaved and performed. It was definitely worth the very late night.

Yesterday we enjoyed our **International Day and International Evening**, and it really was a wonderful celebration of an extremely multi-cultural community. The children looked amazing in their costumes, and it was lovely to see them so proud of their cultures. During the day, everyone also had great fun taking part in an **Irish Dancing workshop**, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

My favourite event of the year has to be the **International Evening**. Thank you so much to everyone who organised a food stall celebrating dishes from their culture. We had food from all over the world - and as you know, I do like my food! It was a brilliant atmosphere and a real celebration of our school community.

A massive thank you as well to Gigi's Dad and Lee for performing a fantastic medley of songs from around the world in the evening. You could pay a lot of money for entertainment like that — we are very lucky indeed.

Finally, a big thank you to the **PTA** for organising the whole event. It wouldn't happen without your hard work and support.

Have a great weekend,

God bless,  
Mr Holdsworth

## **First Holy Communion**

Last Saturday we were also lucky to celebrate a beautiful First Holy Communion Mass at St Aidan's. It was a very special occasion for the children and their families, and the church was filled with a real sense of joy. The children were a credit to themselves, reading, singing and participating so thoughtfully throughout the Mass. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the children and to their families for helping them along their faith journey.



## **Helen Douglas Children's Hospice**

Thank you to the Mini Vinnies and everyone who helped with raising money for the Helen Douglas Children's Hospice this week in memory of Max Walder. Max was always smiling and you couldn't help smiling when you were around him. I know he will certainly be smiling down on us all this week. We look forward to announcing the final total soon!



## **The Fastest Ever Marathon**



Well Sunday was a first. The first time the two-hour barrier was broken for the marathon. But more importantly the first time Mr Weatherill has competed in a marathon. An incredible achievement for an incredible role model. Well done Mr Weatherill. All in all, I think he has raised about £5000 for the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf charity. They really were extremely appreciative and brought us in one of their dogs to assembly on Monday to explain what an amazing, life changing charity it is.

## **Congratulations to Reuben and Seth**



A massive congratulations to the Albert family on the addition of a baby sister Elora born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The future of Our Lady's School! I am hearing a lot about her from Reuben and Seth.

## **OLS TRUST**

Last week, I attended a meeting with the OLS Trust. The Trustees have asked me to pass on their gratitude to all those who contribute, with a particular thanks to the 7 new subscribers from families of children in Reception this academic year. The Trust continues to provide funds to the school to help with various projects, most recently for new flooring in 2 classrooms, with the intention to provide funds for additional flooring in due course. As a charitable trust, donations are eligible for Gift Aid; Gift Aid alone over the last 3 years has been enough to cover expected flooring costs for the Year 1 Classroom, so it really is a powerful addition to school funds. As well as regular donations, the Trust can also accept one-off donations, also eligible for Gift Aid. If you would like to make a donation (either regular or as a one-off), please contact the School Office who can provide you the relevant Gift Aid form for completion. Donations can be made to the following account:

**BANK: HSBC BANK PLC, AMERSHAM ON THE HILL**  
**A/C NAME: OUR LADY'S DISCRETIONARY TRUST**  
**SORT CODE 40-08-41**  
**ACCOUNT NUMBER 21375113**

The current Trustees have also asked me to mention that they are always keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in being a Trustee - if you would like any more information on this, please let me know and I can put you in touch with one of the current volunteers.

In the past, the Trust has funded Accelerated Reader, Year 6 Laptops and Interactive Whiteboards in classrooms amongst other things. Such costs cannot be met from the school budget alone, so a massive thank you to the Trust for their ongoing support.

More information about the Trust can be found below:

**[Our Lady's Trust - Our Lady's Catholic Primary School](#)**

Thank you

## **Reading**

Reading is the number one indicator of children's attainment well beyond primary school. You can use the amount they are reading now to predict what GCSE results they will get. Accelerated reader is a really good system for measuring how much your child is reading so if you aren't sure they are reading enough please don't hesitate to ask and we can give you that information. Obviously, some children read more quickly than others but the more they read the faster they will get.

**Gratitude Assembly Certificates**



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Daphne, Rose
Year 2	Agnes, Freddie, Grace
Year 3	Ayla, Eoin
Year 4	Ann, Peregrine
Year 5	Cuthbert, Elise
Year 6	Florence, Tamsin



The following children have been awarded a Numbots certificate in the last week.

Rust	Iron	Tin	Brass	Copper	Steel	Chrome
<b>Emilia D</b>	<b>Philip G</b>	<b>Philip G</b>	<b>Millie D</b>	<b>Millie D</b>	<b>Abraham B</b>	<b>Betty R</b>
<b>Philip G</b>	<b>Evie O</b>	<b>Abraham B</b>	<b>Philip G</b>	<b>Abraham B</b>		
<b>Rufus K</b>	<b>Abraham B</b>		<b>Abraham B</b>			
<b>Lucy W</b>	<b>Nina W</b>					
<b>James B</b>	<b>Seth A</b>					
<b>Ella-May T</b>						
<b>Evie O</b>						
<b>Abraham B</b>						
<b>Nina W</b>						
<b>Ayda B</b>						
<b>Jack G</b>						
<b>Anika S</b>						
<b>Tadhg M</b>						
<b>Taylor S</b>						
<b>Sadhbh M</b>						
<b>Iarina P</b>						
<b>Blaise M</b>						


<b>Seth A</b>						
<b>Violet-Mai K</b>						
<b>Owen B</b>						
<b>Feliks C</b>						
Glass	Tungsten	Aluminium	Kevlar	Carbon Fibre	Titanium	Bronze
Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond	Finished		
				<b>Manny</b>		



These children have gone green in Times Table RockStars which means they know all of their times table facts. New children this week in bold:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Manny	Alex	Sofia	Joseph	Elizabeth
	Lorenzo	Arthur	Alysa	Eleanor
	Varun	Rory	James	Arthur
	Rory	Ruby	Szymon	Jaeda
	Ayla	Josephine	Malwina	Karo
		Ann	Adam	Aliza
		Francesca	Michael F	Emilio
		Thomas	Hansini	Divine
		Zoe	Cat Cat	Florence
		Niamh	Klara	Jude
		Olivia	Hanna	Hugo
		Jan	Misha	Tamsin
		Nathan	Sharvil	Sienna Rose
		Allison	Alise	Dominik
		Mason	Antra	Hansika
		Artie	Minchun	Stash
		Genevieve	Victoria	Donnie
		Harrish		Bianca
		Peregrine		Erin
		Daisy		
		Coalan		

# #OLS Learning



**olscheshambois** ...

**olscheshambois** It is nearly time. A long day but a lot of fun We can't wait to perform to you all later #OLSmusic #OLSextracurricular #OLSschoolshouldefun 3 d

[View Insights](#) [Boost Post](#)

👍🗨️👤🔖

👤👤👤 Liked by holdsworth\_j08 and 64 others 3 days ago

😊 Add a comment... [Post](#)



**olscheshambois** Scott Dugdale • The Gold Runner ...

**olscheshambois** Year 1 ball skills festival #OLSport 2 d

[View Insights](#) [Boost reel](#)

👍🗨️👤🔖

👤👤👤 Liked by cidfuentesdeely and 28 others 2 days ago

😊 Add a comment... [Post](#)



**olscheshambois** ...

**olscheshambois** Year 4 are learning all about why Mary was so special. I've just seen some lovely writing and acrostic poems #OLSYear4 #OLSre 2 d

[View Insights](#) [Boost Post](#)

👍🗨️👤🔖

👤👤👤 Liked by wastelly and 27 others 2 days ago

😊 Add a comment... [Post](#)

## **News From The Parishes**

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

*Parish Priest: Fr Mirek Misiura*

*email: [FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org)*

Sunday Masses @ 9 am (children's liturgy) & 6 pm (Youth Band/ Choir)

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

First Holy Communion Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 11.00am

### **IHM - Great Missenden**

*Parish Priest: Fr Mirek Misiura*

*email: [FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org)*

Sunday Mass @ 11 am (with children's liturgy), followed by refreshments in the hall.

Polish Mass @ 12.15pm (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month)

### **Our Lady's and St Aidan's parishes**

*Priest: Father Roy*

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)

***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.***

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

Our Lady's First Holy Communion Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00