



Weekly Newsletter

20th September 2024

Dear Parents,

Last weekend was the New Reception Parents BBQ. What a lovely way to start the year and a great way for the new parents to get to know each other. We were incredibly lucky with the weather as I remember it raining last year. I would like to say thank you to the PTA who organised it and a massive thank you to Chris for cooking all of the food on his very posh electric grill.

It was also lovely to see so many parents at the Meet The Teacher evening this week. It is a great way to get to know your child's teacher and hear about some of the expectations. It is really important to get that link going especially with regards to homework routines. Thank you for your time. The large turnout just emphasises how lucky we are to have such supportive families.

The highlight in school this week must have been Year 3's trip to the Chiltern Open Air museum. They learnt all about life in the Stone and Iron Ages including hunting wild boar and making fire. Great fun was had all round and they were blessed with some beautiful weather.

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Mr Holdsworth



Early Reading and Phonics

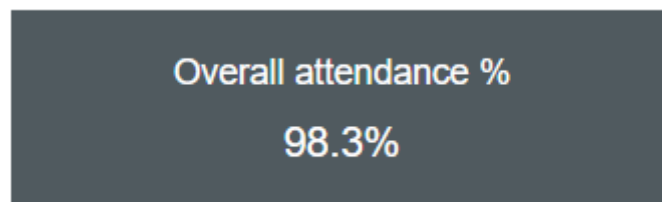
Next week, the phonics groups will really get going. When they do, your children should be bringing three reading books home. They will all be matched to their phonics level. You will get two books that the children use in their phonics lesson (the one they are doing at the moment and the next one). They will also have a book which they have chosen themselves. This is matched to the other books. It is important to remember that it is good practice to read these books multiple times.

Reading with you child every day will help to develop good reading habits.

These habits are the best indicator you have for how your child will do in GCSEs and A-Levels.

Attendance

The school attendance for last week ending 13th September was 98.3%. We only had one week last year with attendance above 98% so this is absolutely fantastic. I cannot reiterate how important this is for the children's learning but also their future employability as they develop good habits.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have had unprecedented numbers of children wanting extra-curricular clubs this term. In particular, the free clubs run by staff. Where we can we are paying some of our teaching assistants to help in the clubs so that we can include more children but some of the clubs still can't take all of the children. In these cases we have split it so that we have two groups one for Autumn Term and one for Spring Term. Just so that parents can see how many are in each club and which ones are oversubscribed we have our numbers here. This way you can see if there are any other clubs with less children in that your child may want to take advantage of.

Club	Day	Number Places	Numbers who applied	Places Available
Construction Club	Monday	25	36	0

Kudos Athletics	Monday	16	13	3
Board Games	Monday	10	4	6
Performing Arts	Monday	38	38	0
Olympic Lunch Club	Monday	12	3	9
Multi Sports	Monday	12	4	8
Creative Club	Tuesday	20	41	0
Art Club	Tuesday	25	47	0
Y5/Y6 Boys Football	Tuesday	30	25	5
Y2/Y3 French Club	Tuesday	10	8	2
Wycombe Wanderers Girls Football	Wednesday	16	9	7
Chess Club	Wednesday	25	19	6
Italian Club	Thursday	16	13	3
Rugby Club	Thursday	30	13	17
Comic Club	Thursday	16	16	0
Mini Tennis	Thursday	15	11	4

OLS Parliament

Last Friday, we had our election for the Primary and Deputy Primary Ministers. This is an absolute democracy where only the children get to vote. The Year 6 voted first to get it down to 6 candidates and then the whole school voted. Firstly, I would like to thank all 8 children who put themselves forward. You can't have a choice in democracy if people aren't willing to put themselves forward. Congratulations to the two children who were voted in:

Primary Minister – Lola Greene

Deputy Primary Minister – Mark Basker

I know from their speeches that they have big plans.

Equipment - KS2

This is just a reminder of the equipment the children need to have in school every day as a minimum. It is really important that they are in school with the right resources so they are ready to learn. We do have a shop in school if you can't get the equipment elsewhere.

- School handwriting pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Pencil sharpener
- 30 cm ruler
- Colouring pencils
- Small pair of scissors
- Glue stick
- Pencil case

The colouring pencils are particularly important as they really help the children make sure their work looks great.

Homework Club

We are running a homework club on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes for any children who are struggling to access any of the homework on a computer at home. If your child is finding it difficult to do their homework on a computer at home, then please remind them that they can do some of it in school.

Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Filip, Theresa
Year 2	Sophia, Romeo
Year 3	Evie, Juno
Year 4	Szymon, Maya
Year 5	Elizabeth, Stash
Year 6	Wanda, Robert

Bad parking can
**block access for
emergency vehicles**



#BeConsiderate



If you know anyone who would be interested in working with the children at their happiest time – lunchtime - then please direct them to the following advert:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148673/EDV-2024-OLCPS-88572>

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 6th October at 6pm: everybody welcome!

Children's choir/band practice and Youth Club on Saturday 5th October at 5-7pm

(For catering purposes, please contact Federica if you wish to attend the Youth Club).

IHM – Great Missenden

New Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

email: freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org

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)

A joint First Holy Communion programme for both parishes will be held at St Columba's starting on **Saturday 5th October at 4-5pm** for children in year 3 and above. Registrations are open until the end of September.

Please contact either Federica (federica@olschesham.co.uk), Karen Walder or the parish secretary, Sam on:

parish.stcolumba@northamptondiocese.org

Our Lady's and St Aidan's parishes

Priest: Father Roy

Sunday Mass times:

St Aidan's - Saturday 6:15 pm, Sunday 9:00 am (Polish) and 11:00 am

Our Lady's - Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am (with Children's Liturgy)

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion in 2025 in either parish, please contact the parish secretary, Debbie (parish.ourladycbstaidanlc@northamptondiocese.org), as soon as possible. The first meeting will be at the end of this month.

OLOPS Toddler Group, for parents/carers and children aged 0-4 years, is held in the guildroom at the back of Our Lady's church every Friday of term time, officially 9:15-10:30. You're welcome to pop over as soon as you've dropped your older child at school.

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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September 2024

September marks the return to term-time and as your children get used to routines, a new class or maybe even school, the new term promises to bring lots of change.

Our September resources have a new look and introduce new ways of praying but, in amongst all the change and newness, this month we remember God's unchanging nature and how extraordinary change can come when we allow God's love to work in and through us.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout September 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/>