



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

22nd March 2024

Dear Parents,

The highlight this week was Federica's Induction Mass celebrated on behalf of the Bishop by Father Simon. It really was a wonderful, joyous occasion. It was so lovely to have a mixture of people including parishioners, representatives from the Diocese, other heads from STCAT, former pupils and former staff. However, probably the most important guests were Federica's husband and daughter, Max and Francesca. Federica is so generous with her time but, as we all know, our own time is always borrowed from our families. They are incredibly supportive of the work she is doing particularly because they know how happy it makes her. Federica expresses her own faith in such a joyful way that she can't help being infectious to the children around her. Investing in someone who can dedicate their time to the spiritual dimension of the school without worrying about all the other pressures in school is a real statement. She has been a great addition to our community.

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,




















M. Holden





CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!

We have currently raised online £547 which puts us in the top 20 schools in England. Although online is the best way to donate, particularly as you can gift aid the donation children are welcome to bring in their sponsor forms and any cash next week.

1	 St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary Sch...	£2,159	11	 St Walburgas RC Primary School Bourne...	£705
2	 Blessed Thomas Holford College Altrinch...	£1,551	12	 St John the Baptist Primary School Andov...	£664
3	 St Catherines RC Primary School BARNE...	£1,215	13	 Our Lady of Victories Primary School LON...	£620
4	 St Vincents Primary School Altrincham ...	£1,205	14	 St Johns RC High Dundee DD3 6EY	£590
5	 St Wilfrids RC Primary School York YO31 ...	£1,059	15	 Aquinas RC Sixth Form College Stockport ...	£589
6	 St Anthonys RC Primary School Fareham ...	£922	16	 St Wilfrids RC Primary School Littlehampt...	£588
7	 Our Ladys High Cumbernauld G67 1LA	£777	17	 Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary Sch...	£552
8	 St Peters RC Secondary School BOURNEM...	£765	18	 Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Amer...	£547
9	 St Anselms RC Primary School London S...	£750	19	 St Josephs Catholic Primary School Leigh ...	£530
10	 St Gregorys RC Primary School LONDON ...	£745			

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

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Please share it with you 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

The Chiltern League

This week was the culmination of the Chiltern League. For the second year in a row, our girls team won the league and without letting a goal in. That is two seasons in a row where they haven't conceded a goal which is an unbelievable achievement.

Unfortunately, the Chiltern League is a bit like Premiership rugby so the top two teams play in a final to see who is the overall champion. We played Chesham Bois in the final and in a really competitive game came a close second losing 1-0. The girls were disappointed but as Mr Weatherill said that is sport and why it is so important for the children to be competing.

Over the last two years, we clearly have been a real force in the girls' football league. Well done everyone!!!



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Just a quick reminder that as usual there are no extra curricular clubs next week or the first week we are back as it is the end and start of term.

Thank you

Curriculum – Core Knowledge

At school, we have designed a curriculum with core knowledge and skills which progressively get harder and more complex. Your child's learning is like a Jenga tower with each concept building on previous learning in previous years, terms, weeks and days. The more gaps, the more likely it is that the tower falls. That is why it is really important that we keep reinforcing previous learning and it is really helpful if you talk about the children's learning and previous learning regularly. It is also why it is really important that your child is in school every day possible as every day that is missed adds multiple gaps in their Jenga tower.



News From The Parishes

OUR LADY'S AND ST AIDAN'S

Children's Liturgy will be running as usual during the 9:00 Mass on Sundays during the school holidays. This includes Easter Sunday. All children between ages 2/3 and First Communion are welcome (and post-First Communion if desired). Pre-school age children must be accompanied by a parent/grandparent, please.

OLOPS Toddlers does not run during the school holidays. Our next session will be on Friday 19 April.

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 Mass: Sunday 21st April at 6pm

Next Music practice and Youth Club: Saturday 20th April 6-8pm

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March (the Lord's Last Supper)

IHM @ 7.30pm

St Columba @ 7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March (Passion of the Lord)

IHM @ 3pm

St Columba @ 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March (Easter Vigil Mass)

St Columba only: @ 8pm

EASTER SUNDAY 31st March (Easter morning Mass)

IHM @ 11am

St Columba @ 10am

NO 6pm MASS AT St Columba

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.



"THIS MORNING, HE
WAS WORRIED ABOUT
SCHOOL... BUT LOOK
AT HIM NOW!"

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 HM Government

Head to the Education Hub to find out more.



Remember every day your child misses is more than a day in learning time because of the gaps in their Jenga tower of learning.

Good News Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Ayla, Rory
Year 2	Ann, Daisy
Year 3	Cuthbert, Victoria
Year 4	Tamsin, Chanuga
Year 5	Charlie F, Charlie K
Year 6	Stella, Pierce

Stations of the Cross 25th – 28th March

Every morning next week, the classes will be presenting the Stations of the Cross based on CJM's Born For This.

We will begin at 9.15am and it will last for approx. 15 minutes. We look forward to welcoming you if you would like to join us as we celebrate Holy Week.

#OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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 **olscheshambois** Year Two making clay 'Tree Faces' in Forest School today! #OLSForestschool
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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Echoes rehearsals today #OLSMusic
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olscheshambois This young lady has been working incredibly hard this morning #OLSLiteracy #OLSNumeracy

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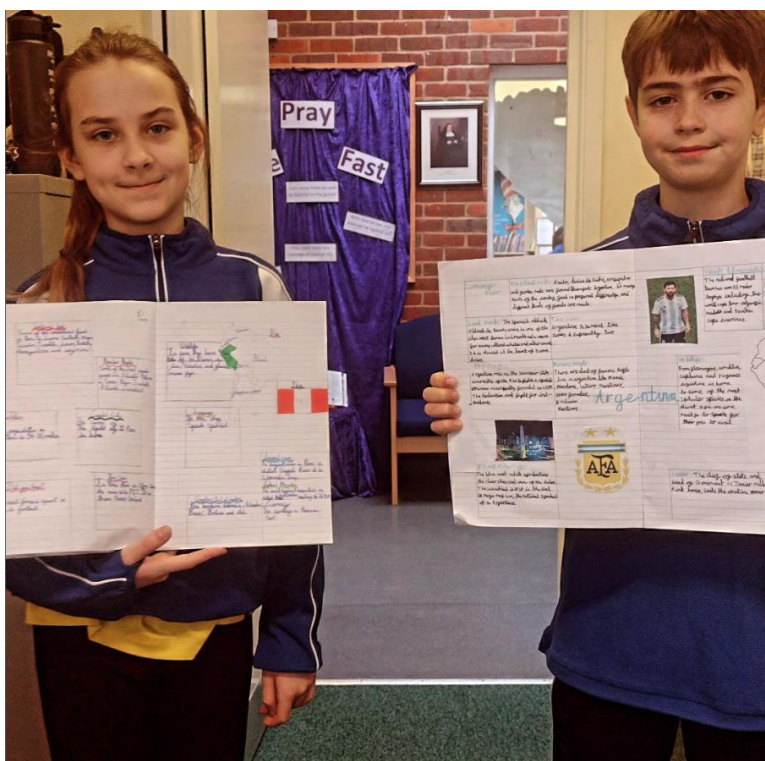
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olscheshambois I've just learnt lots about Argentina abd Peru from Year 5 South American fact files #OLSgeography

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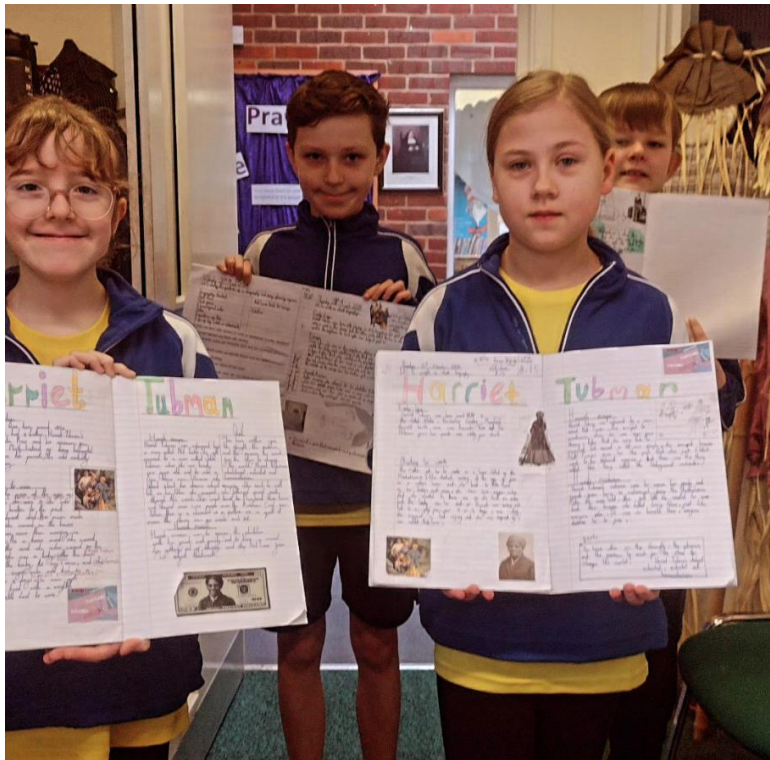
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olscheshambois Year 5 have been reading a biography about Harriet Tubman who was a slave in the US who escaped and then came back to save other slaves. #OLSLiteracy #OLSequality #OLSBuildingTheKingdom

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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
Arthur	Amelie	Tamsin	Leo	Pierce
Rory	Renske	Sienna-Rose	Ralph	Shaun
Juno	Misha	Donnie	Spike	Ellie
	Xavier	Elizabeth	Wanda	Matilda
		Simeon	Rebecca	Grace
		Eleanor	Finley H	Jordan
		Jude	Charlie K	James
		Arthur	Michael L	Alaia
		Lorcan	Michael M	Stella
		Aliza	Finn	Sabrina
		Hansika	Dominik	Hannah
		Florence	Joseph	
		Erin	Curtis	
			Zuzana	

Millionaire Readers

Sherlyn – Year 6
Arthur – Year 4
Matilda – Year 6
Dominik – Year 5

Triple Millionaire Readers

Harry – Year 6