



## Weekly Newsletter

22nd November 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had another great week in school with lots going on. The two highlights were the Adoration on Tuesday and the Year 5 Science trip on Wednesday. The Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was beautiful. Federica prepares it so well and I enjoyed spending time with the Year 1 children spontaneously praying: "Thank you for my mum; Thank you for my friends; Jesus is the best." It was lovely.

The trip to the Science Museum was brilliant. The children had a wonderful time learning all about space. But, it isn't only a fantastic way of enriching their science learning, travelling on the tube is a truly valuable experience. We are so lucky to be living on the edge of one of the world's leading cities.

Finally, I'd like to say a massive thank you to Laura and the PTA committee who held the annual AGM this week. It was a great opportunity to celebrate all that has been achieved over the last year. They have raised over £16,000 of which we've already spent £8000. I've always said that the PTA is about building the community but, I have to be honest, in the current climate that sort of money is invaluable. So, a massive thank you to the whole PTA team.

God Bless

M. Howarth



## **PTA AGM**

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTA AGM this week. They have done some amazing work over the past year. They have raised an incredible amount of money. I have uploaded the presentation from the evening on the school website.

[AGM-Presentation-2024.pdf](#)



Also, I'd like to say a massive thank you to the PTA for running another great disco last weekend. I know they dread it beforehand but the children absolutely love it. All the children I've spoken to this week said they had a wonderful time!

## **Attendance**

Number of pupils	Overall attendance %
213	98.2%
<b>Persistently absent</b>	
Number of persistently absent pupils	Percentage of persistently absent pupils
<b>11</b>	<b>5.2%</b>

The whole school attendance continues to be amazing! Well done to Year 1 who have had 100% attendance for the second week in a row.

## **Eco Café**

The Environment Committee would like to thank everyone who supported the EcoCafe last Friday. They raised an incredible £100 towards bulds for the Keyworker Gardner. Thank You!

## St Joan of Arc Headteacher Award

I was delighted to hear that two of our ex-pupils received Headteacher's awards at St Joan of Arc last week. These awards are given out annually to one child in each year group so are particularly prestigious. I was even more delighted to hear the headteacher talking about how kind, polite and welcoming they are. They are a credit to themselves, their families and to Our Lady's where they started their journey. Well done Finlay Brown and Clara Adamis!!!!!!



## Accelerated Reader

Well done to the following children who are reading above their reading target (the lower end of their **ZPD**) and are scoring above 80% in the quizzes.

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Reuben Rex Charlie Varun	Sofia Evie Arthur Rory Ruby Josephine Juno Francesca Thomas Zachary Ralph Olivia Caolan Eugenie Daisy Jan	Keera Alyssa James Renske Adam Michael Cuthbert Mason Misha Victoria Hansini Cat Cat Xavier Sharvil Annie Klara Nikolay	Tamsin Sienna-Rose Evie Dominik Elizabeth Simeon Grace Andrew Arthur Jacob Erica Shanaya Lorcan Aliza Hansika Erin Chanuga Olive Hugo Emilio	Leo Mark Mia Ivor Spike Wanda Rebecca Charlie F Finley Michael M Evelyn Dominik Robert Joseph Curtis Zuzanna

## **Gratitude Assembly Certificates**



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	<b>Alexander, George</b>
Year 2	<b>Pola, Alex</b>
Year 3	<b>Sofia, Josie</b>
Year 4	<b>Victoria, Mason</b>
Year 5	<b>Erica, Karo</b>
Year 6	<b>Zuzanna, Ivor</b>



# News From The Parishes



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

*New Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo*

*email: [freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org)*

Sunday Masses @ 9am (traditional choir) & 6pm (Youth Band/ Choir)

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

**Next Youth Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.**

**Next Music practice for Youth Mass on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 5-6pm.**

**Next Youth Club on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6-7pm.**

**For health & safety and catering purposes please let Federica know beforehand, if possible, if your child is attending the Youth Club.**

**Thank you.**

**First Holy Communion session this Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov at 4-5pm.**

### **IHM – Great Missenden**

*New Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo*

*email: [freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org](mailto: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)

**Youth Mass at 11 am with Youth Music band followed by refreshments in the hall. Children are welcome to participate in every aspect of the Mass**

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

*Priest: Father Roy*

Sunday 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)


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


There is a baby and toddler group in the guildroom behind Our Lady's Church on Friday mornings - officially 9:15-10:30, but you're welcome to come round as soon as you've dropped off your older child(ren).

# #OLScheshambois



Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:




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#OLScience #OLSYear5  
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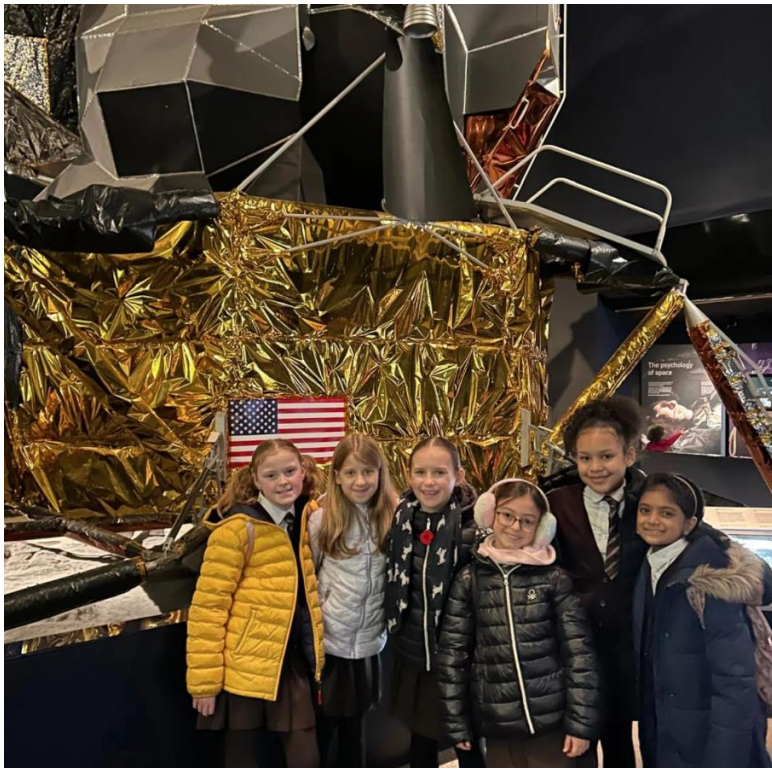
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olscheshambois Year Five are exploring the wonders of space at the science museum. #OlsScience #OlsYear5.

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olscheshambois Year five on their way to the science museum, with great excitement! #OlsScience #OlsYear5.

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## **Assisted Suicide Bill**

The second reading of the Leadbeater Bill will be on Friday 29 November and will be accompanied by a vote on the principles of the Bill. Cardinal Vincent Nicols, the leader of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, has written a Pastoral Letter for all members of Catholic communities which you can read or listen to here:

[Pastoral Letter on Assisted Suicide - Diocese of Westminster](#)

All the Bishops of England and Wales are calling for Catholics to inform themselves as to the dangers of this Bill and, crucially, to contact their MP to make their opposition known.

A template letter to be sent to MPs is here:

<https://righttolife.org.uk/AStreat>



## November 2024

November is a month of special feasts starting with the Solemnity of All Saints and Feast of All Souls and ending with the Solemnity of Christ the King which marks the end of the liturgical year.

Our November resources invite children to explore what is most important. The Gospels encourage us to prioritise God over all things and love our neighbour. Jesus explains that true generosity of heart means giving with the confidence to trust that God will provide us with all that we need and He is always there ready to help and guide us.

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

**Jesus,  
We want to be like you.  
Send your Holy Spirit to  
help us to be good leaders in all we do.  
Amen**