



23rd July 2025

Dear Parents,

It is the end of another great year! It has been a really busy one and I am definitely ready for the summer holidays. It feels like the children are ready too!

This week has been great. Yesterday we had the Year 6 leavers assembly where we saw OLS Year 6 2025's journey through their own eyes. Not sure it is the journey I remember but I'm sure you will all know the saying "From the mouths of babes...." It is probably the best bit of monitoring I could ever do.

Today we had a beautiful Mass to celebrate their time at Our Lady's. As I said to them, I hope they remember the school virtues: **Faith, Hope and Love**. But I also hope they remember that if we live those virtues we will almost definitely get another one **Joy**. There is no room in our faith to be grumpy or sad because God gives us everything we need even when we don't realise it. OLS Year 6 2025 live this out every day. They really are fun and I hope they will continue to be fun for many years to come.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 3rd September.

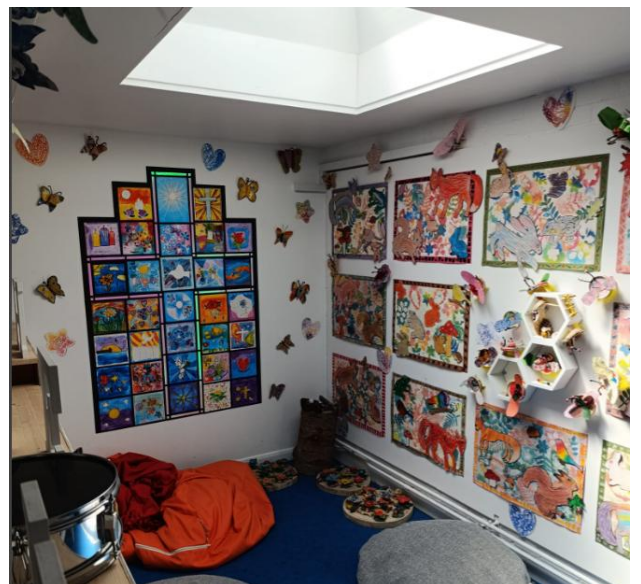
Have a lovely summer.

God Bless,



Art Exhibition

I'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who came to the art exhibition on Monday. I'm sure you will agree the school looked absolutely great. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Watson who co-ordinated everything. Art really is a strength of the school and this is very much down to her.



The Frances Taylor Cup

This is an award which is voted for by the school staff at the end of the year. It is awarded to a Year 6 child who, during their time at Our Lady's, has been particularly helpful, polite and cheerful. It is meant to be a very prestigious award and I hope it has become something which the children are really proud of receiving.

The award is named after Frances Taylor who was the Foundress of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, which is the order of nuns who founded our school. Frances Taylor had a real passion for the education of young and old alike. While schooling wasn't obligatory in the late nineteenth century, she was constantly on the lookout for ways of making education available, particularly to children who were economically disadvantaged. She sought to empower people and to help them recognise their own special God-given gifts. I know she would have approved of this award.

This year's winner is **Lola Greene**.



The Mrs Rough Art Cup

A few years ago, the Our Lady's Trust introduced an award in memory of Mrs Rough. It is for a Year 6 child who has shown particular aptitude and excellence in Art. Art was something that was extremely important to Mrs Rough and I know she would be delighted to hear that this year's award goes to **Wanda Cereda**.



Attendance

Congratulations to our Attendance champions this year. The two classes who had the best attendance and therefore an ice-cream today were: **Year 1** and **Year 3**. I'm really impressed with Year 3 as they've won this for the second year in a row which is probably why they are doing so well academically.



The following children had 100% attendance and won a box of Maltesers.

Peter Fenwick
Agnes Ibbs
George Lobb-Balogun
Gaia Treanor
Alex Darlington
Oliver Kilfeather-Larkin
Ruby Fotheringham
Elena Herald
Francesca Kriesal
Allison Nabuukela
Roberto Nunziata
Zoe O'Shea
Arthur Quick
Niamh Ryan

Eugenie Vintrou
Nathan Yung
Adam Ellithy
Julia Nowak
Sienna-Rose Ashton
Dominik Bielecki
Simeon Clarke
Eleanor Freestone
Hugo White
Emilio Williams
Leo Adamis
Ivor Buckley
Ralph Buckley

Homework

Following feedback from parents we will be looking to change the homework in September. Although the children will still have Century available to them until March, we won't be setting homework through it anymore. It is very expensive and isn't as effective as we would like. We will be looking to send something home which is overlearning so hopefully shouldn't be too challenging but will help to move things such as mathematical written methods into long term memory. There will be more of an expectation from us for parents to ensure the homework is done throughout the school. I'll send more information out in September so watch this space.

Breaktime Snack

Just a reminder that children are allowed fresh fruit at breaktime but they shouldn't have anything in packets. At this time of year, they sneak things out from their lunches but I've told them if they do we will just take the snack off them. I don't want to be a school that bans crisps etc because I don't believe I want to become the food police. But these things should be part of their lunch meal and not a snack.

Thank you

Mr Holdsworth

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 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Theresa Mayra Joseph P Betty Elizabeth Gaia	Jessica Reuben Alexander Grace Maksim Rory Ayla Noelia Antonio	Sofia Arthur Rory Ruby Josephine Ann Juno Elena Francesca Thomas Allison Roberto Arthur Niamh Olivia Caolan Eugenie Martha Peregrine Daisy Jan Alex Nathan Mason	Alvin Alyssa James Michael C Szymon Malwina Aoife Renske Adam Michael F Joseph Cuthbert Mason Misha Victoria Hansini Cat Cat Elise Xavier Annie Catherine Klara Hannah	Tamsin Evie Donnie Elizabeth Simeon Grace Stash Eleanor Jude Arthur Jacob Karo Jaeda Shanaya Aliza Thomas Hansika Erin Olive Hugo Emilio	Leo Behtin Mark Mia Ivor Ralph Spike Wanda Rebecca Parth Finley Charlie K Michael L Michael M Dominik Joseph Curtis

News From The Parishes

Youth Masses

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

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)

Youth Mass at St Columba's on Sunday 6th July at 6pm

IHM – Great Missenden

Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

email: freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org

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 IHM on Sunday 20th July at 11am followed by refreshments in the hall.

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

Children are the future of our Church and are always welcome at Mass, but parents often worry about small children getting restless and disturbing other members of the congregation. As well as children's liturgy at the 9:00 Sunday Mass, Our Lady's Church now has a speaker set up in the guildroom. This allows you to continue to follow the Mass if your toddler needs a break from sitting still.