



24th April 2026

Dear Parents,

Well, doesn't school seem even more fun when the sun is shining? It certainly made Forest School with Ranger Paul a lot more fun. This week, the children made nests, tunnels and experimented with using nature to make art. It sounds like they had a lovely time.

Yesterday, Father Sean from Beaconsfield came in to celebrate our Easter Mass. It really was a beautiful and joyful Mass. It is the first time Father Sean has joined us for Mass, and he really was incredibly complimentary. He was particularly impressed by the singing and how involved the children were. It was lovely to be joined by the legendary Sheila Haines, who was a longstanding member of staff – reception teacher, deputy headteacher and acting headteacher three times.

We also had the Chiltern League Tag Rugby Finals Day yesterday. We were blessed with beautiful weather, which always makes it more fun. Although we got off to a slow start, losing a couple of games that we really could have won, we finished strongly. We won our last two games convincingly, finishing sixth in the league overall. It was great to see the improvement from the beginning of the season to the end. Congratulations to Rory in Year 6, who won the Players' Player Award. He showed great discipline, staying wide and using his pace when he got the ball, scoring lots of tries.

Today, the Year 4 children organised a tea party as part of their Design and Technology lessons for all of the teaching assistants who support them during the year. I'm not sure who was more excited: the children or the staff. They made some lovely scones and filled them with lashings of clotted cream and jam.



It is going to be a busy weekend. Good luck to all the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion tomorrow. I am sure it will be a very special day. Also, make sure you follow Mr Weatherill's race against Mo Farah in the London Marathon on Sunday. And finally, I look forward to seeing lots of you at Youth Mass on Sunday, where the Mini-Vinnies are doing some fundraising for the Helen Douglas House Children's Hospice in memory of Max Walder.

Have a great weekend,

God bless,
Mr Holdsworth

Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

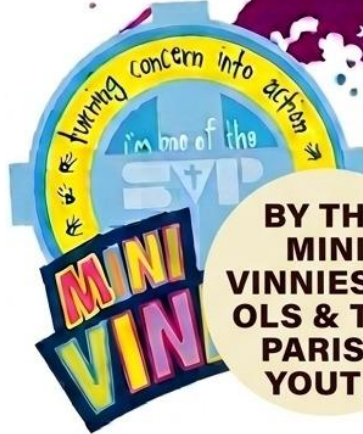
Year 1	Bertie, Jack
Year 2	Alex, Luke
Year 3	Harvey, Lorenzo
Year 4	Caolan, Nathan
Year 5	Michael F, Nikolay
Year 6	Erin, Shanaya

**ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH,
432 Berkhamstead Road, Chesham, HP5 3HQ**



**YOUTH
MASS &
CHARITY SALE**

**SUNDAY 26th APRIL
at 6pm**



**BY THE
MINI
VINNIES AT
OLS & THE
PARISH
YOUTH**

**IN AIDE OF
HELEN &
DOUGLAS
HOUSE
CHILDREN
HOSPICE**



*Helen & Douglas
House*

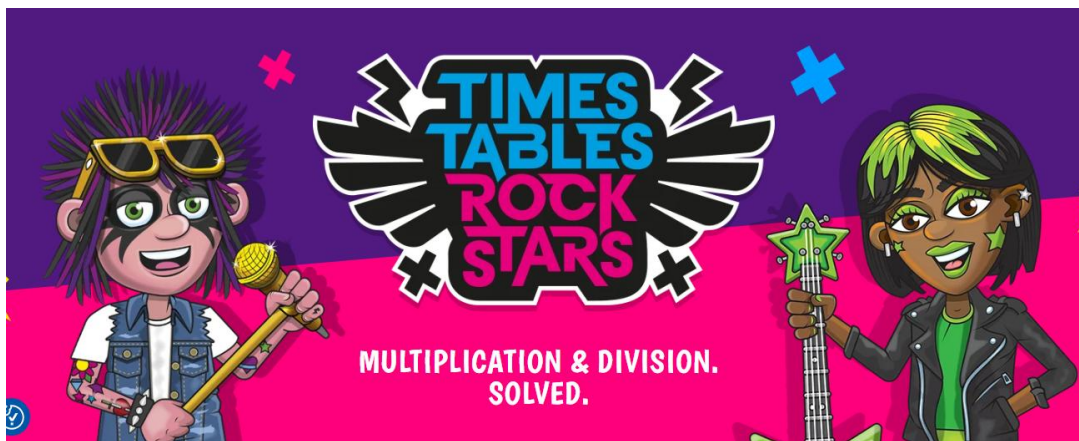
IN MEMORY OF MAX WALDER



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

Rust	Iron	Tin	Brass	Copper	Steel	Chrome
		Maisie A	Thomas G	Thomas G		
		Niamh M				
Glass	Tungsten	Aluminium	Kevlar	Carbon Fibre	Titanium	Bronze
			Joseph P			
			Theresa B			
Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond	Finished		
				Manny		

Congratulations to Manny Cammidge who is the first person in school to complete Numbots.



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 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
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 Year 1 and Year 2 had a great time at forest school yesterday with @chilternrangers #OLSYear1 #OLSYear2 #OLSForestSchool
1 d

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

♥ 🔍 🗑️

Liked by stannsschoof1 and 29 others
1 day ago

😊 Add a comment... [Post](#)



olscheshambois ...

olscheshambois A great afternoon of rugby. Slow start but finishing with two wins #OLSSport
21 h

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

♥ 🔍 🗑️

Liked by holdsworth_j08 and 33 others
21 hours ago

😊 Add a comment... [Post](#)



olscheshambois ...

olscheshambois Thank you Father Sean for celebrating a really joyful Easter Mass today #OLSEaster #OLSChaplaincy
21 h

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

♥ 🔍 🗑️

18 likes
21 hours ago

😊 Add a comment... [Post](#)



olscheshambois



olscheshambois These two girls were amazing today. No-one needed to ask them. They instigated such a lovely conversation with the legendary Mrs Sheila Haines who was once reception teacher, deputy head and three times acting headteacher at Our Lady's. A very special person indeed #OLScCommunity
21 h



teresawatson7 A wonderful, kind lady. Happy memories. ❤️
9 h Reply



2 comments from Facebook

View Insights

Boost Post



Liked by holdsworth_j08 and 65 others
21 hours ago



Add a comment...

Post

News From The Parishes

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

Parish Priest: Fr Mirek Misiura

email: FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org

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

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

YOUTH MASS at 6pm @ St Columba's with fundraiser for children's hospice in memory of Max Walder organised by the Mini Vinnies from OLS: please join us and support this worthwhile cause! Selling is taking place from 5.30pm and after Mass.

YOUTH CLUB at 5-7pm at St Columba's church hall to craft gift items and cards to sell, short music practice (you all know the songs already!) and pizzas! For catering purposes please let Federica know if you are attending the Youth Club.

IHM - Great Missenden

Parish Priest: Fr Mirek Misiura

email: FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org

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

Polish Mass @ 12.15pm (2nd & 4th 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

First Holy Communions at 12noon. Everybody's welcome to join Federica and the band/ choir to animate this special Mass.