



24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had a great day today launching the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope. Although it takes time out of the curriculum, it is a great thing to be part of and let's be honest it only happens once every 25 years.

We started the day with a Celebration of the Word and then the teachers planned lots of different activities based on Hope. Federica also arranged an extremely joyful workshop which involved lots of singing and dancing.

I told the children this morning that the best and most exciting journeys are long ones. This is going to be a year long journey and there are going to be lots of things to bring hope to the world along the way.

Have a lovely weekend. God Bless

M. Holden







## **Thomas Lally**

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Lally who had a lovely baby boy over Christmas. Thomas Stephen Simon Lally was born on 27th December 2024. I am sure you will all join me in sending our love and prayers. Looks like the whole family are doing really well.



## **Shop for OLS**

Following on from the message last week about funding and how important the money raised by the PTA and Trust is for the school, the PTA have sent me this information about the money raised from vouchers.

School	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	T1
Chenies	56.40	56.40	68.40	57.60	238.80
CLESA	148.80	144.80	136.80	278.80	709.20
Coleshill	120.60	157.80	121.00	196.40	595.80
Chalfont St. Giles	45.00	75.00	105.60	157.40	383.00
Little Chalfont	170.80	180.80	202.80	224.40	778.80
St George's	46.40	82.40	108.40	142.20	379.40
St Mary's	119.20	152.00	163.20	303.60	738.00
Our Lady's	341.00	341.00	335.00	450.60	1,467.60
Robertswood	54.00	52.00	52.00	54.00	212.00
Woodside	51.80	84.20	67.80	116.20	320.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,154.00</b>	<b>1,326.40</b>	<b>1,361.00</b>	<b>1,981.20</b>	<b>5,822.60</b>

As you can see, compared to other schools, we are using the scheme really well. It really does highlight the potential so if you don't use the voucher scheme please consider it.

Thank you everyone

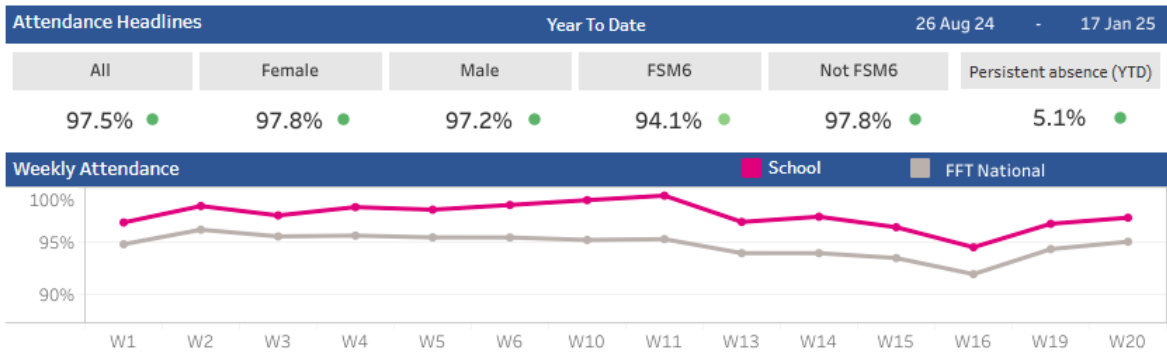
# Chiltern League

We had a tough day at the office last night, losing 16 - 6 to Chesham Bois. But the children played with great spirit and you always learn more when you lose. Onwards and upwards as we have a game against Ley Hill next week.



## Attendance

These are our current attendance statistics.



It is great to see that we are now green in all areas. Let's keep striving to get even better.

## 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
Jessica Rex Maksim Rory Charlie Sofia Noelia Varun Antonio	Sofia Evie Rory Ruby Josephine Juno Francesca Thomas Roberto Zoe Arthur Ralph Niamh Daisy Jan Nathan	Alyssa Malwina Aoife Renske Adam Michael F Mason Misha Victoria Cat Cat Julia Elise Sharvil Annie Klara Nikolay Maja	Tamsin Sienna-Rose Evie Giovanni Elizabeth Andrew Jacob Hansika Erin Hugo Emilio	Leo Behtin Mia Archie Ralph Spike Wanda Charlie F Lola Charlie K Finn O Evelyn Dominik Joseph Adam Curtis Zuzanna
Year 1				
Aariv Freddie				

## Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Mila-Rose, Freddie
Year 2	Harvey, Robin
Year 3	Arthur, Thomas
Year 4	Cat Cat, Misha
Year 5	AJ, Hansika, Shanaya
Year 6	Wanda, Robert



## **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)

### **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)

## **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)

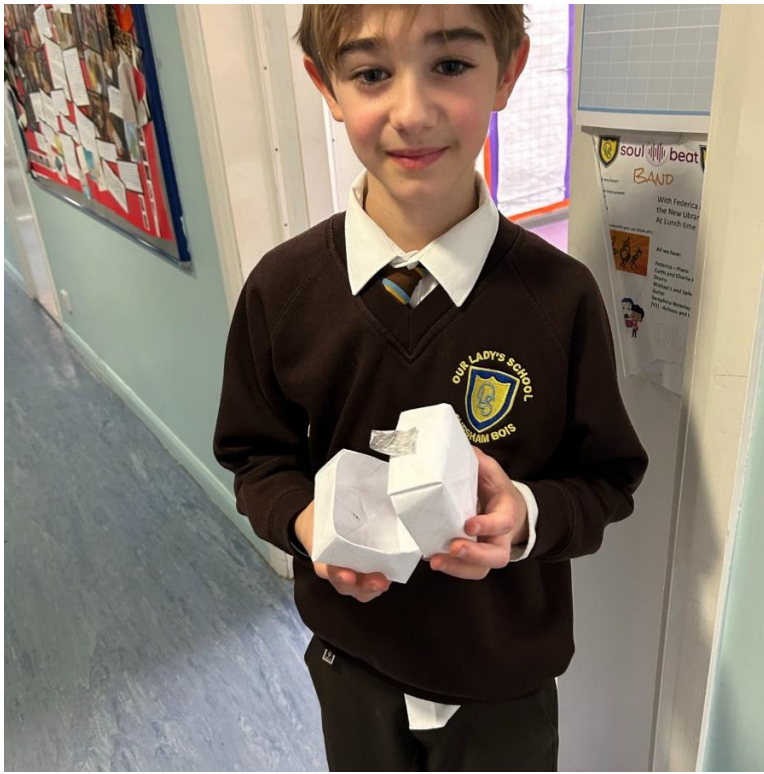
St Aidan's - Saturday 6:15 pm; Sunday 9 am (Polish Mass) and 11 am



# #OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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olscheshambois Wet playtime has been put to good use by this young man who has made a Minecraft chest using origami. Impressive!!! #OLSYear3

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olscheshambois Year five drama workshop. How did the disciples feel as they came down the mountain after seeing the transfiguration of Jesus? #OLSRE #OlsYear5 #OlsDrama

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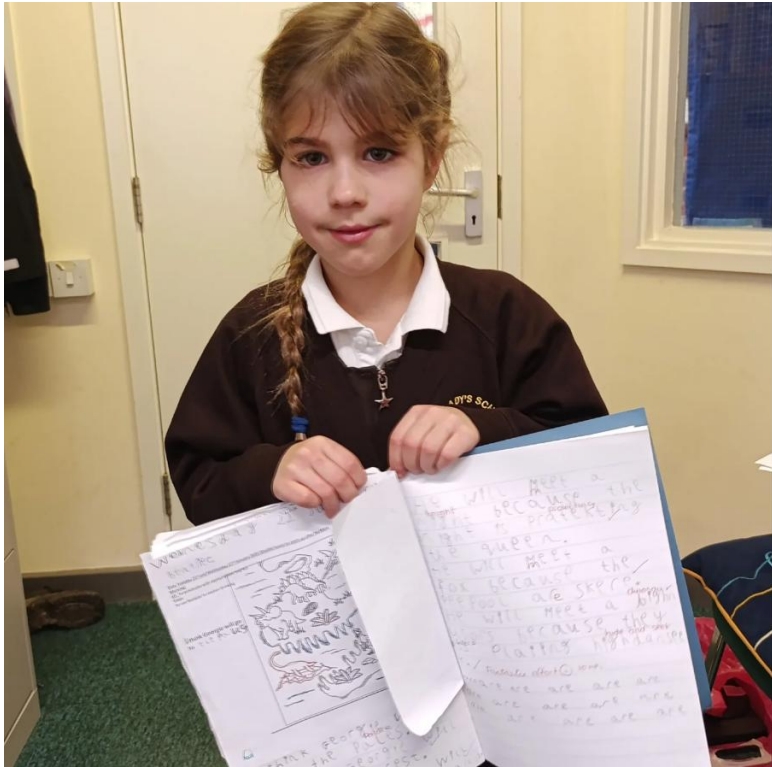
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## January 2025

Just when we thought the celebrations might stop after Christmas, the New Year starts with a month full of significant Church calendar events. What's more, [the Year of Jubilee](#) has begun! This special celebration year comes with an invitation from Pope Francis to place our hope in God's love for us and to share His love with others.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout January and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

### **A Gift for Jesus**

The Celebration of the Word assembly for the first week of term celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord. This is when Jesus was revealed to the Wise Men after their long journey following the star.

Through this, children will reflect on how God the Father gave Jesus as a gift for us all. They will also consider what gifts they can offer Jesus, such as their time and attention.

After spotting clues in a painting of the Wise Men meeting Jesus, children will use their imaginations to join with these wise travellers on their journey to see the baby King for the first time.

*With your child, you might like to...*

- *Watch this guided meditation with your child/ren and discuss what imagining this great event inspires you to give or say to Jesus in prayer.*
- *Spend time drawing, painting or modelling your own artwork depicting the arrival of the Wise Men.*

<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**