

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

26th April 2024

Dear Parents,

The highlight of the week was most certainly our particularly joyful Easter Mass on Tuesday. It was a really joyful occasion with some brilliant singing accompanied by some of the children on instruments. As I am sure you would expect, the children were absolutely brilliant. It was lovely to hear how welcome Father Dave feels every time he visits. I know the Sisters would be delighted as such a big part of their charism is about hospitality.

Unfortunately, the chicks had to go to their new home today. They are a great symbol of Easter and no matter how many times we do it, the excitement never seems to dwindle. Every year, I get pleas to keep them. I always resist because I know how much looking after they take but maybe next year will be the year!

Finally, please remember in your prayers Martha Walder and her family. Many of you will know that the whole family is staying in a hospice with her brother Max at the moment. Martha, we miss you and look forward to seeing you soon!

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless
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<u>Curriculum – Educational Magazines</u>

Why not use a magazine to support your child's curiosity and learning? There are lots of great examples out there. I found this one this afternoon for children from 8-14 but I'm sure there are many more out there.



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Good News Certificates



Year 1	Tosia, Rosie	
Year 2	Amelia, Ralph	
Year 3	Logan, Xavier	
Year 4	Aliza, Shanaya	
Year 5	Finlay, Archie	
Year 6	Edward, Hannah	

News From The Parishes

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

St Columba's: Youth mass at 6pm. Those reading or doing other tasks please arrive by 5.45pm

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

Website: https://stcolumbas.church/
Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times: on SUNDAYS only

@ 9am (traditional choir)

@ 6pm (Youth Band)

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

Youth Mass this Sunday 28th April at 11am – followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Music practice for this will be on Sunday at 10am in church: EVERYBODY welcome (children and parents alike)!

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Children from OLS have been asked to provide the music in the local parishes on the following special occasions:

CONFIRMATIONS – at St Aidan's on 18th May at 11am **First Holy Communions** – at Our Lady's on 8th June at 12 **First Holy Communions** - at St Columba's on 15th June at 11am

Children who wish to be part of the choir/band in any of the above occasions, please let Federica know (federica@olschesham.co.uk) so practices can be arranged at school over the next few weeks.

Attendance

Sorry we sent home the wrong attendance reports last week. Hopefully that has been rectified this week with the most up-to-date information:



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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:











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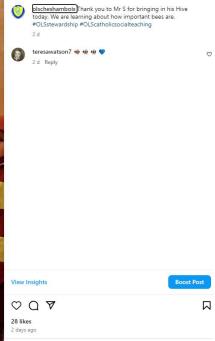
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April 2024

It's officially Eastertide - a time for rejoicing! This significant season is the longest time of celebration in the Church's calendar (50 days!) because of the great news that Jesus has risen!

In times when the news of our world is not always so good, Eastertide gives us a bigger perspective. This Good News is at the heart of all our resources and is particularly highlighted as we enter this summer term.

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

http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

With your child, why don't you...

- Investigate where people 'Praise the Lord' in the Bible and discuss what praising God looks and sounds like. You might like to start with Psalm 150.
- Choose a time each week as a family to share something you are thankful for. You could even sing the Alleluia once everyone has shared to give thanks to God for these things.

Year of Prayer

The Church is preparing for another special celebration, the Year of Jubilee in 2025. In preparation, Pope Francis has called for 2024 to be a Year of Prayer. Children will be introduced to the Year of Prayer and the invitation to grow their friendship with God through prayer in their time at home and school. We've put together a short video introducing the Year of Prayer, highlighting how children might engage with prayer themselves over the coming months.

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With your child, you might like to ...

- Plan a monthly prayer time for the rest of the year, where you could try out a different way of praying together. Why not try some silent prayer, a prayer walk, or praying through song?
- Share your own experience of prayer and what you find easy or difficult about praying, allowing space for your child/ren to discuss their thoughts too.