



26th September 2025

Dear Parents,

We've had another great, albeit incredibly busy, week in school. This week included the first Sports Festival of the year. On Tuesday, Year 5 attended a basketball festival at Amersham School. The children had a fantastic time and played with great energy. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to develop their teamwork skills, and it was lovely to see them working together.

This week, we also began setting homework for all the children. Thank you for your patience as we introduce this new system. Naturally, there's a novelty factor at the moment, so the children seem very enthusiastic. Hopefully, we can maintain that enthusiasm. Please support your children in completing their homework diaries over the first few weeks. As the system becomes embedded, the children—particularly the older ones—will begin to complete it independently, but they may need some guidance to start with.

If you're unsure about the expectations or encounter any issues, please let us know. If you wish to communicate any problems your child is having with the homework, feel free to do so when signing the diary. However, please ensure your child informs the teacher that you've written a comment. We will spot-check the diaries, but we won't be able to check every one each week. Thank you for your continued support.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the cross-country event at Gayhurst tomorrow.

God bless,

Mr Holdsworth

Buckle up for the OLS Newsletter today!

By Eleanor Freestone, Karo Iniaghe and Aliza Qasam.

This week we're thinking about different committees of pupil leadership team and interviewing other year groups!



Eco Committee

Gigi Year 4

Why did you pick this role?

"Because I really like the environment and because of climate change and I want to do all that I can to stop it."

Do you enjoy this role?

"I'm super happy to have this role in my place, as I really love animals and care for our role."



Sports committee

Erica Year 6

Why do you choose this role?

"Because I love sport, and I think I can help people in this committee and thought it'll be a fun opportunity for me"

Do you like this role?

"Well, I haven't done much in this role, yet! But I think once I get more into it and do more, events I'll love it!



Wellbeing committee

Pola Year 3

Why did you choose this role?

"Because I like helping people and I want everyone to be safe and happy."

Do you like this role?

"Yes, because I like helping people, and everybody to be safe."



Art Committee

Antra Year 5

Why do you like being in the art committee?

"I love to be part of the art committee because I can help people learn art and I can also help make talent shows and music for the little ones. I can help boost people's confidence levels in their art so that they produce amazing art and make a better community for our school. "

Why did you choose this role?

"I chose this role because I think it really shows my creative level, and my love for music."

Our year 6 pupil leadership this year will be...

Eco leaders - Eleanor Freestone and Aliza Qasam.

Wellbeing leaders - Erin and Divine.

Sport leaders - Erica Herridge and Jaeda Kalunda.

Art leaders - Karo Iniaghe and AJ Fenwick.

Thank you for reading our weekly newsletter edition. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Accelerated Reader

The children who are already above their target and are higher than 85% in their quizzes are:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Rory	Arthur	Keera	Tamsin
	Ayla	Rory	Alyssa	Sienna-Rose
	Noelia	Ruby	Chloe	Elizabeth
	Varun	Josephine	Michael C	Eleanor
		Juno	Szymon	Jude
		Elena	Michael F	Arthur
		Francesca	Cuthbert	Jacob
		Allison	Mason	Aliza
		Roberto	Misha	Hansika
		Ralph	Hansini	Florence
		Niamh	Julia	Erin
		Caolan	Xavier	Divine
		Eugenie	Annie	
		Martha	Klara	
		Jan	Hanna	
		Nathan		

Attendance

We are extremely fortunate at Our Lady's that the majority of parents understand the importance of attending school every day. I cannot emphasise enough how vital it is for your children to be in school daily—not only for their academic success, but also to develop the kind of work ethic they will need in an increasingly competitive job market.

It is important to remember that education is not free. In this country, it is incredibly expensive, and we are extremely fortunate to have access to it. However, this privilege comes with a moral responsibility to ensure our children attend school unless they are genuinely too ill to do so. Every day your child misses is a day of learning they will never get back.

Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Manny, Ciaran
Year 2	Lucia, William
Year 3	Antonio, Jessica
Year 4	Amelia, Caolan
Year 5	Catherine, Renske
Year 6	Jacob, Nathan

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olscheshambois What a great morning we had at Amersham school this morning, participating in the year five basketball festival! Great teamwork and loads of energy from #OLSYear5. #OLSPE

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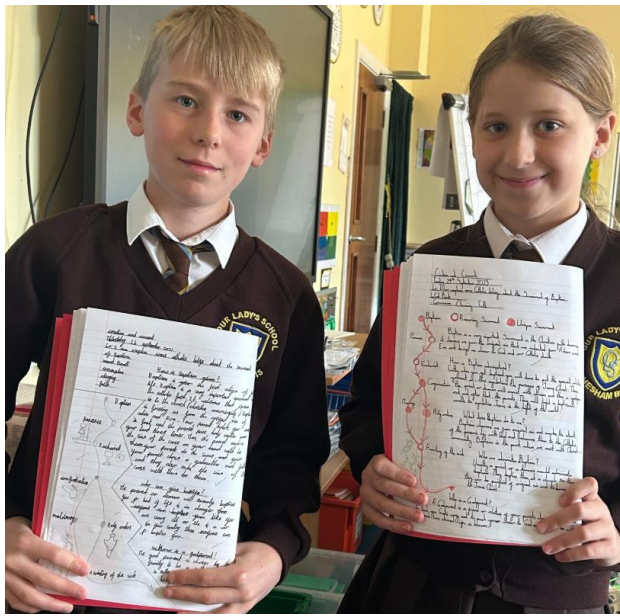
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[olscheshambois](#) Thank you Mr Vintrou for coming in this afternoon to work with Years 3 and 4 during their French lesson. The children loved it! [#OLSmfl](#) [#OLSFrench](#)

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News From The Parishes

Youth Masses

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

email: freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org

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

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

First Holy Communion 2025/2026

Registration is now open for the First Holy Communion classes which begin in

September and run through to May next year. Please register your interest and obtain

a form by emailing either parish.stcolumba@northamptondiocese.org or

parish.ihm@northamptondiocese.org

IHM – Great Missenden

Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

email: freustace.durugbo@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

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

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. The first session for this term is on Friday, 12 September.