



27th June 2025

Dear Parents,

Last Saturday, the last of our Year 3 children received their First Holy Communion. It was the most important day in their lives! They looked absolutely stunning, and it was lovely to see so many of their extended families. I'm sure they all enjoyed the celebrations in the glorious weather afterwards. Well done, everyone.

On Tuesday this week, Year 1 joined Our Lady's Parish for their weekly Mass, and then in the afternoon, Federica organised Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for groups of children. The children are so respectful and really enjoy their time with Jesus. I'd like to say a really big thank you to Federica because she is providing such a rich variety of spiritual experiences for all the children. It is such an important part of their journey and spiritual development.

Year 4 went on a great trip to Bekonscot Model Village on Wednesday. They had great fun in a model-making workshop as part of their Design and Technology learning.

Also on Wednesday, the Mini Vinnies welcomed some of the older parishioners to an afternoon tea. There is something really special about seeing young and 'not-so-young' people enjoying time together and learning from each other. The Mini Vinnies is one of my favourite groups and is part of the children's learning in Year 5, so they are handing over now to the next class. In particular, I wanted to say a big thank you to the leadership team: Jaeda, Nathan, Jacob, Olive, Shanaya and Hansika

Have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing lots of you at the St Aidan's Youth Mass on Saturday evening.

God Bless

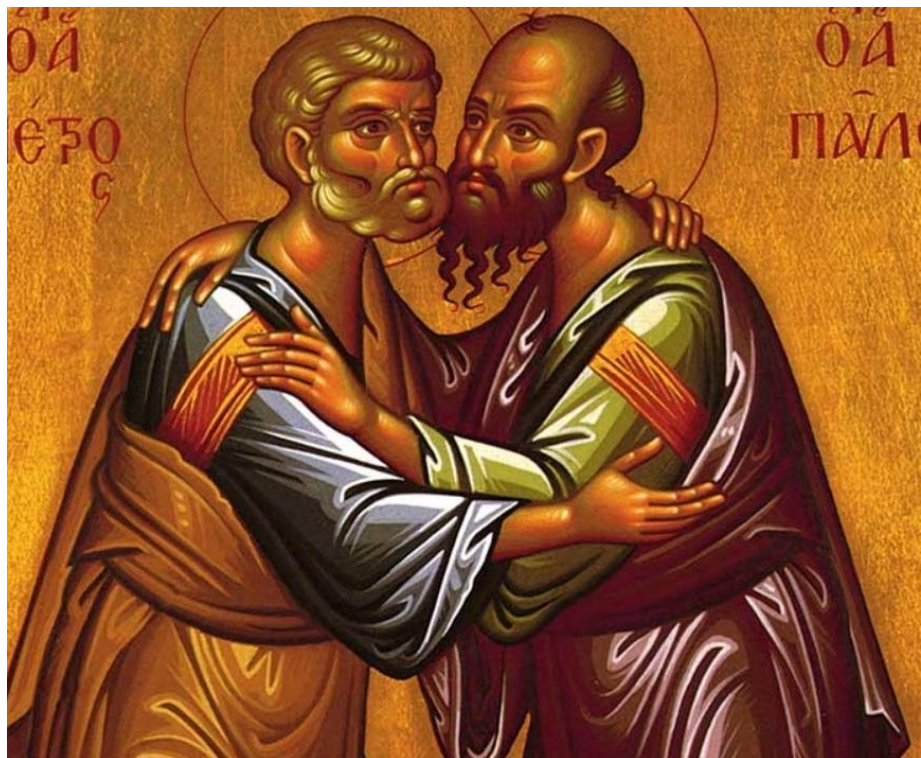


## **First Holy Communion 2025/2026**

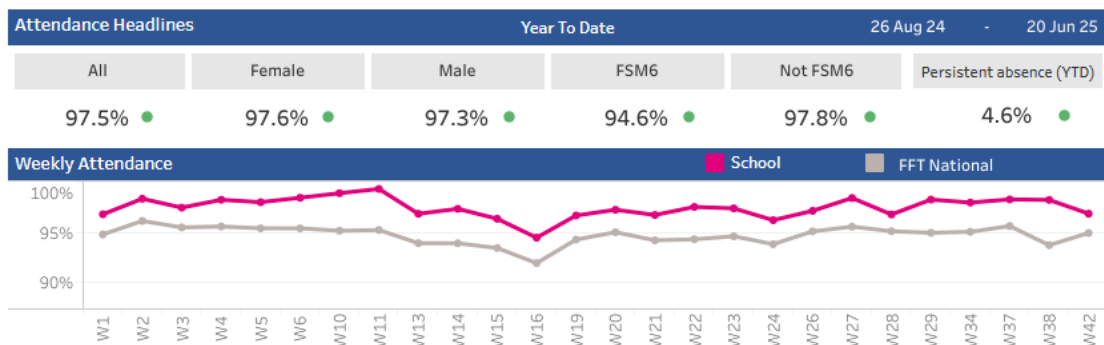
Registration is now open for the First Holy Communion classes which begins in September and runs through to May next year. Please register your interest and to obtain a form by emailing either [parish.stcolumba@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.stcolumba@northamptondiocese.org) or [parish.ihm@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.ihm@northamptondiocese.org) by 23 July.

## **Youth Mass St Aidan's Saturday 28th June**

Please come and join us as we lead St Aidan's Parish Youth Mass on Saturday evening when we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul.



# Attendance



Our attendance is still well above the national average for all of the groups. However, our persistent absence is still a bit too high. It basically means that nine children have had more than four weeks off school this year. It is really important to remember that every day matters and school isn't free; somebody is paying for it. Yes, there will be occasions where children are too ill to be in school, but they also don't have to be 100% to be here.

Finally, just to let you know that at the moment, Year 1 and Year 3 have the best attendance in school and are in the running for an ice-cream, but it is a close-run thing.

## 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.

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## **Gratitude Assembly Certificates**



Last week's Gratitude Assembly Certificates:

Year 1	Mila-Rose, Gaia
Year 2	Grace, Tiernan, Eoin
Year 3	Ruby, Sofia
Year 4	Elise, Joseph
Year 5	Aliza, Sienna
Year 6	Abdur, Michael M

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# **News From The Parishes**

## **Youth Masses**

### **ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):**

*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**

*Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo*

*email: [freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org](mailto: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)

### **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.

**YOUTH MASS at St Aidan's on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 6:15 animated by the OLS children – please do join us for the celebration of SS. Peter and Paul !!!**


# #OLScheshambois


Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:










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olscheshambois Fun at Bekonscot Model Village .. model making workshop #OLsYear4 #olsdt

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olscheshambois The year five Mini Vinnies entertained the senior members of our parishes this afternoon, hosting their third afternoon tea of the year. They baked cakes, prepared magic tricks and music as well as decorations and served up the treats and a wonderful afternoon was had by all! There were even enough cakes left over for year 5 to tuck into at the end! Special thanks to the year five families for their delicious contributions #olsminivinnies #OlsYear5 #OlsPupilLeadership #OlsBuildingTheKingdom

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#OLSYear1 #OLSReligiousEducation

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**olscheshambois** Year 4 have been learning all about human impact on the environment. They have been finding a lot of litter in the playground #OLSScience #OLSYear4  
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## June 2025

In June we see the end of Eastertide and the beginning of a month full of joyful feast days in the Church. Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June presents us all with the opportunity to reflect on the amazing love and mercy of Jesus Christ, displayed through His death and Resurrection.

This month children will learn about God's presence, in them and the world around them, taking time to think about how they can share faith and love with others.

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

## PENTECOST PARTY

The assembly for the week beginning 9th June marks the Church's birthday with the feast of **Pentecost**. Through a party game and the Scripture reading, children will discover that the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is cause for celebration!

In the Gospel, Jesus promised that His disciples would receive the Holy Spirit and Pentecost is the day His promise came true. In a time of prayer, children will also have the opportunity to be filled with the Holy Spirit and reflect on our calling to be the dwelling place of God's presence.

You might like to hear more about the Holy Spirit and the events of Pentecost by watching our video 'Who is the Holy Spirit?' with your children on the **Parent Portal**.



*With your child/ren, you may also like to ...*

- *Invite the presence of the Holy Spirit to be with you in your family prayer time by praying, 'Come, Holy Spirit.'*
- *Talk about some of the fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23 , and discuss how you might grow in these gifts through your thoughts, words and actions.*

**5 + 2 = 5000?!**

The Gospel for the 4th week of June accounts the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5000. Children will understand that Jesus provides just what we need, both physically *and* spiritually.

Seeing parallels between Jesus' actions in this miracle and the breaking of bread at Mass, children will explore the **Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** (Corpus Christi) which invites us all to celebrate Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist.

Children will also learn that when we offer our prayers and our talents to Jesus, He multiplies our efforts and fills us with His love.

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

- *Bake some bread together and remember Jesus' words from the Last Supper (Luke 22:14-20) as you share it.*
- *Pray together the prayer that children will be praying over the week in their Daily Classroom Prayers.*

**Jesus,  
I adore you.  
I love you.  
I thank you.  
I ask you.  
I respect you.  
Fill me with the  
food of your love.  
Amen**

- **THE WORK OF GOD'S FINGERS**

The prayers for the week of the 16th of June reflect on Psalm 8 and invite children to praise God for His gift of Creation which He made for us to live in and enjoy. Everything we see, touch, smell and hear in the natural world is the work of God's fingers!

In their prayers, children will take time to notice the wonders of nature that surround us and offer their thanks to God for them.

As a family, you might like to bring your own praise prayers to God and conclude with the prayer below.

**O LORD, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name through all the Earth!  
When I see the work of your fingers,  
I give you praise!**

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>