



## Weekly Newsletter

27th September 2024

Dear Parents,

The weather has turned a bit “yucky” this week, but we’ve still managed to get the children outside most of the week. I had a very wet rugby club yesterday evening but not one single complaint from the children which is great.

Early this week, we had five members of staff go on refresher phonics training which is why the classes didn’t have their regular teacher. Everyone has come back reinvigorated which should mean the children fly through the phonics scheme even faster. However, the children who make the best progress are the ones who read their books every night. There is no substitute for overlearning. They should read their books several times. **Remember reading habits are the best indicator you have for how your child will do in GCSEs and A-Levels.**

Finally, next week we have a company coming into school to take some publicity photos for the school so that we can update the school website and any publications. Please make sure your children come to school looking really smart.

Have a lovely weekend

God Bless

M. Holdsworth

Mr Holdsworth



## **OLS Sport**

We have had a very busy week of sports. Last Friday, I took the Year 4 and 5 rugby team to play against Gayhurst B-team and St Bernard's B-team. It was great fun, and all of the boys were amazing considering for most of them it was the first time playing contact rugby. In the end we won both our matches which was amazing.



Then on Tuesday, our Year 6 Football Team played in the English Schools Football Association qualifying tournament. This is always one of the hardest tournaments we play in and although they won one, drew one and lost two they played really well and with great spirit. A special mention to Ralph Buckley who was asked to train with the district side following his performance!



Unfortunately, this weekend the cross country has been called off. We wouldn't normally call it off because of rain but Gayhurst very kindly host this one and they spend a lot of money keeping their grounds in immaculate condition. I completely understand them not wanting hundreds of people trampling over their pitches in this sort of weather. Fortunately, they have agreed to rearrange for later in the year.



## **Parents Evening**

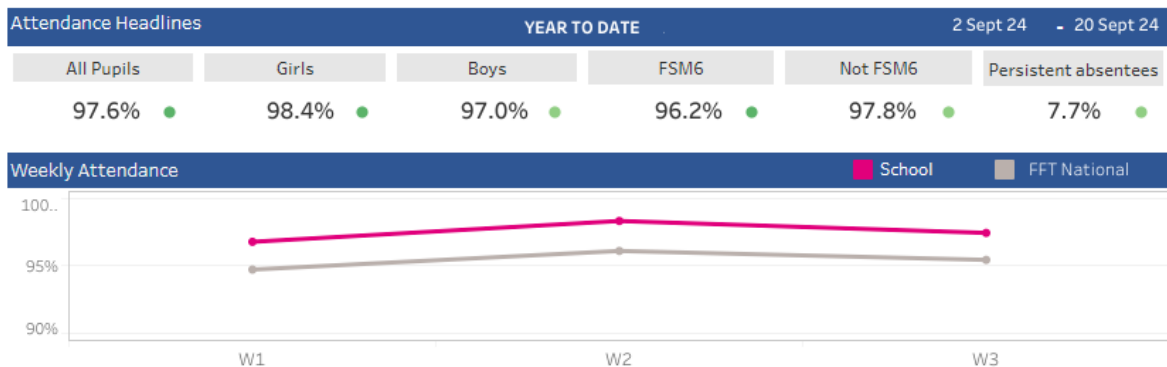
Parents' evening is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. This is the first meeting of the year where the teachers will let you know how the children have settled in. They will also go over the assessment data from last year's report so that you know how they are doing and what you can do to support at home. In the Lent term, you will get an updated version of the assessment information.

Unfortunately, Mrs Kolodynski is having a minor operation on the 17<sup>th</sup> October so her consultation will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October.

The booking will go live on Tuesday at 09.00am and will allow parents to book a timeslot with the teacher for their child. A tile will appear on the app which parents can click on and will take them into the appointment part of the app to book a meeting with the teacher.

## **Attendance**

Well done everyone, our attendance is still above our target of 97.5%. This is our attendance by group as of the 20<sup>th</sup> September and I've got this week's registers on my desk which looks even better.



## **Homework Club**

We are running a homework club on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes for any children who are struggling to access any of the homework on a computer at home. If your child is finding it difficult to do their homework on a computer at home, then please remind them that they can do some of it in school.

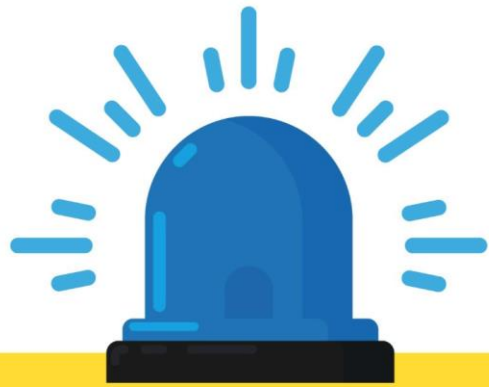
## Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	<b>Aariv, Mindy</b>
Year 2	<b>Robyn, Rory</b>
Year 3	<b>Megan, Arthur</b>
Year 4	<b>Amelie, Cuthbert</b>
Year 5	<b>Grace, Arthur</b>
Year 6	<b>Louie, Michael L</b>

Bad parking can  
**block access for  
emergency vehicles**



**#BeConsiderate**



If you know anyone who would be interested in working with the children at their happiest time – lunchtime - then please direct them to the following advert:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148673/EDV-2024-OLCPS-88572>

# 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)

**NEXT YOUTH MASS on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm: everybody welcome!**

**Children's choir/band practice and Youth Club on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 5-7pm**

(For catering purposes, please contact Federica if you wish to attend the Youth Club).

## **IHM – Great Missenden**

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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)

A joint First Holy Communion programme for both parishes will be held at St Columba's starting on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 4-5pm** for children in year 3 and above. Registrations are open until the end of September.

Please contact either Federica ([federica@olschesham.co.uk](mailto:federica@olschesham.co.uk)), Karen Walder or the parish secretary, Sam on:

[parish.stcolumba@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.stcolumba@northamptondiocese.org)

## ***Our Lady's and St Aidan's parishes***

*Priest: Father Roy*

Sunday Mass times:

St Aidan's - Saturday 6:15 pm, Sunday 9:00 am (Polish) and 11:00 am

Our Lady's - Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am (with Children's Liturgy)

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to make their First Holy Communion in 2025 in either parish, please contact the parish secretary, Debbie ([parish.ourladycbstaidanlc@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.ourladycbstaidanlc@northamptondiocese.org)), as soon as possible. The first meeting will be at the end of this month.

OLOPS Toddler Group, for parents/carers and children aged 0-4 years, is held in the guildroom at the back of Our Lady's church every Friday of term time, officially 9:15-10:30. You're welcome to pop over as soon as you've dropped your older child at school.

# #OLSCeshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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olcheshambois The newly elected Ols Environment Committee 24-25 met for the first time this afternoon to make plans for the coming term and year ahead. They were ably led by pupil leadership team Curtis and Michael who are two of our cabinet ministers from year six. They will be sharing their plans with the rest of the school at this Friday's Good News assembly. #OlsPupilLeadership #OlsEnvironmentCommittee #OlsParliament #OlsETK

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olcheshambois Well done to the school football team who performed brilliantly yesterday at the English Schools Football Association 7 aside tournament. It is always tough but they played really well winning 1, drawing 2 and losing 1. #OLSsport

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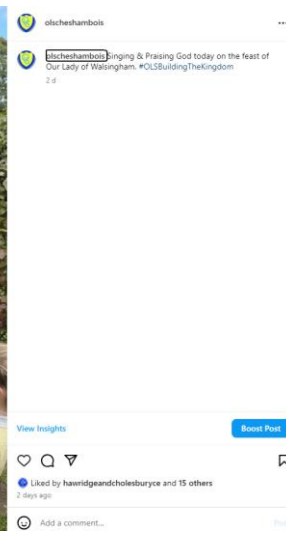
olschedshambols We've seen some lovely writing. Year 5 are writing interviews with characters from their class book - The Man Who Walked The Twin Towers #OLSLiteracy #OLSYear5  
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## September 2024

September marks the return to term-time and as your children get used to routines, a new class or maybe even school, the new term promises to bring lots of change.

Our September resources have a new look and introduce new ways of praying but, in amongst all the change and newness, this month we remember God's unchanging nature and how extraordinary change can come when we allow God's love to work in and through us.

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

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