



28th February 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely half term break! This half term started with a real bang as we got the phone call from OFSTED at 9.30am on Monday morning. As it was an ungraded inspection we only had one inspector but I am sure you won't be surprised to know he was incredibly impressed and we are looking forward to sharing the outcome with you in a few weeks.

However, I would like to share with you now some of the wonderful comments Mr James made about our children. He said their behaviour is exemplary and not because they are compliant but because they know how important it is to do the right thing. They know that if they misbehave, it affects not only their learning but also that of others. He particularly pointed out their impeccable manners. Please thank them all from me for being amazing!

Also I'd like to thank you all for filling in the Parentview questionnaire. It is a massive help because they know that you are the people who know the school best. I can't find another school with a response as good as the one we had at it is really helpful to paint a positive picture of the school community. Thank you for all of your support!

Finally, I'd like to thank the OLS Pupil Parliament for organising a great day today. The Health and Wellbeing committee organised a pyjama day and the Eco Committee have organised an Eco-Café after school. The children have been talking about this for weeks and there has been a real buzz about it. If you are lucky, you might even be able to remind them of the message and get them to bed early this evening.

Have a lovely weekend. God Bless

M. Holden



Attendance

Here is the current year to date attendance for each class:

Reception	96.5%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	98.7%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	98.2%
Year 6	96.1%

Well done to Year 3 and Year 5 whose attendance is still above 98%. They are definitely on for an ice-cream this summer!!!!

Chiltern League - Girl's Football

This half term's Chiltern League focus is girl's football and we had our first match on a very muddy paddock yesterday evening. After a tough first half, where we conceded 3 goals without scoring, we showed great spirit to draw the second half 1-1. A special mention to Renske, who was stuck in traffic on a school trip so arrived when we were 2-0 down but made a massive difference when she came on.

Also well done to our sole goal scorer Zuzannah who made a great surging run from defence to get us back in the game just after half time. The best thing was that the girls never let their heads go down and they look like they are having so much fun. Go girls!!!!!!



Year 4 Conservation Trip - Chiltern Forest Rangers

Year 4 were very lucky with the weather yesterday when they went to Westcott to do some conservation work with Chiltern Forest Rangers. This is part of the work that we have been doing over several years on butterflies. The children really worked so hard. A massive thankyou to Mr Hoff, Mrs McElwee and Miss Buckley for going with them. Although they were lucky with the sunshine they would have happily gone in the pouring rain.



Annie

I am delighted to share with you performance details for Annie the Musical, a production by The Panda Players, at the Elgiva Theatre. One of our Year 5's, Florence, will be on stage performing as Annie! Florence is rehearsing hard and is quite rightly very excited about the upcoming shows in March.

I have included a link below with full details of how to book tickets for anyone who would like to go along and support the show.

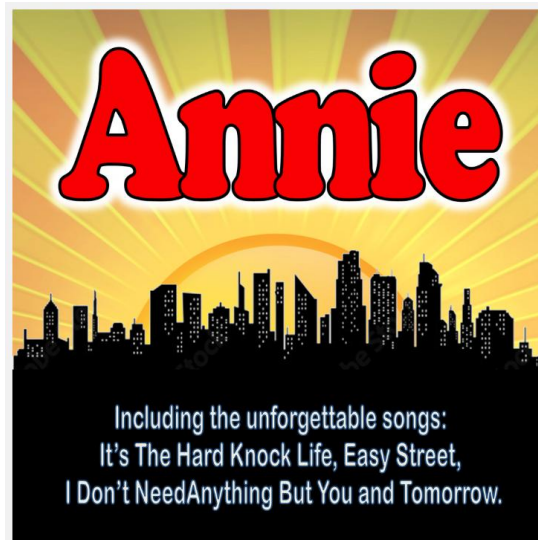
[Annie at The Elgiva](#)

It would be great in particular to support Florence who will be performing as Annie in the following performances:

Wednesday 12th March at 7.30pm

Friday 14th March at 7.30pm

Saturday 15th March at 2.30pm



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 Reuben Alexander Rex Grace Oliver Charlie Sofia Noelia Antonio	Sofia Arthur Rory Amelia Ruby Josephine Ann Juno Megan Francesca Thomas Roberto Zoe Zachary Arthur Ralph Niamh Caolan Eugenie Martha Peregrine Daisy Alex Nathan Mason	Keera Alyssa James Malwina Aoife Renske Michael F Mason Misha Victoria Hansini Julia Elise Sharvil Annie Klara Hannah Nikolay	Tamsin Sienna-Rose Evie Giovanni Donnie Dominik Elizabeth Grace Andrew Eleanor Jude Arthur Jacob Shanaya Hansika Thomas Florence Erin Hugo Emilio	Leo Behtin Mark Mia Archie Ivor Ralph Spike Wanda Rebecca Lola Parth Finley H Charlie K Michael M Finn O Evelyn Dominik Robert Joseph Adam Curtis Zuzanna
Year 1				
Aariv Freddie Gaia				

Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Before half term we gave out our half termly RE certificates

Year 1	Beatrice, Theresa
Year 2	Laiza, Oliver
Year 3	Francesca, Ruby
Year 4	Amelie, Renske
Year 5	Chanuga, Lorcan
Year 6	Ivor, Lola

News From The Parishes



ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

New Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

email: freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org

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

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

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)

YOUTH MASS on Sunday 2nd March at 11am

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

A poster for a Ramadan Soup Kitchen. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with faint, stylized lanterns hanging from the top. In the top right corner, there are two slices of watermelon. The main title 'Ramadan Soup Kitchen' is in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below it, 'Starting Saturday 8 March 2025' is written in a smaller, bold, dark blue font. A dark blue rectangular box contains the text 'Open to friends of all faiths and none!' in white. Below this, the text 'This Ramadan, free hot meals are available for anyone in need.' is written in bold, dark blue. A paragraph of smaller text follows: 'If you use the foodbank or are in need for any reason please contact us on the details below to reserve your meal. If you can't reserve then just turn up & collect. If you can't collect we will deliver. (Chesham only)'. At the bottom left, a quote in bold, dark blue reads: '“He is not a believer whose stomach is filled while his neighbour goes hungry.”'. On the right side, there is a circular inset image showing hands serving soup from a large pot into a bowl. Below this, there is a large, stylized illustration of a white bowl filled with orange soup, garnished with a sprig of green herbs.

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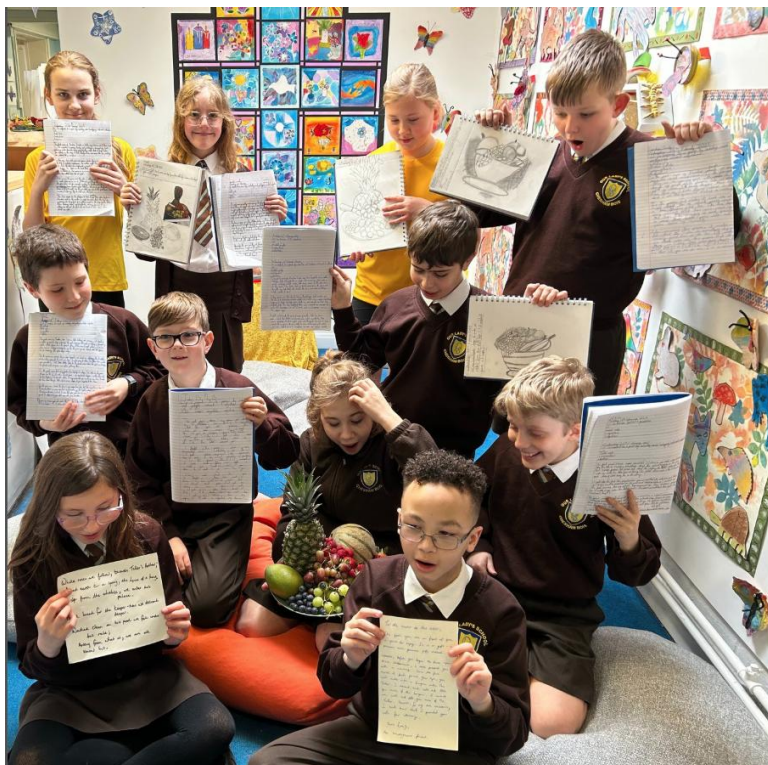
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#OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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olscheshambois Leading songs and praise
#OLSCollectiveWorship

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olscheshambois This young man has made a lovely jet pack to get him to Space #OLSdt #OLSEarlyYears

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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Year 6 are silk painting with our resident artist Nancy. These two have been distracting in the last session. This year our theme is Hope for the Jubilee Year #OLSArt #OLSJubilee
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 **olscheshambois** Lovely to be back with the RDA horse riding this morning 🐾
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 **teresa-watson7** 🍀💙
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February 2025

The dark mornings and evenings are still with us as we celebrate Candlemas, the feast of The Presentation of the Lord, on 2nd February. This feast day marks the official end of the Christmas season in the Catholic Church and reminds us again that Jesus is the light who came into the world to save us.

Throughout February, children will consider how Jesus, Light of the World, invites us to follow Him and leads us to joy, peace and truth.

I Have Seen The Promise

The Assembly for the first week of February celebrates the Presentation of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to the Temple as a baby to be presented to God - a religious tradition and duty for all Jews.

The Gospel story of this event is told through a drama with Simeon and Anna reflecting on the amazing day when they saw Jesus and through eyes of faith, recognised Him as the promised Saviour. Children will come to know that they too can see Jesus with eyes of faith as the Light of the World - the light that leads us to joy, peace and truth.

With your child, you might like to...

- *Light a candle in a darkened room or turn on a lamp or torch and ask your child to describe how light changes the look and feel of their surroundings. Talk about the title for Jesus - the 'Light of the World' and explain that Jesus guides us with His loving light.*
- *Talk about ways they can shine Jesus' loving light in the world through their words and actions.*

THE HOLY FAMILY

Special occasions often draw families together and Jesus' family were no different. Mary, Joseph and Jesus went to the Temple together for the special event of Jesus' presentation and we can be inspired by this example of togetherness. In fact, the month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family.

You might like to take this opportunity to honour the Holy Family by...

- *Spending quality time with your own loved ones, perhaps by going to Mass, eating together, playing a game or going on a family outing.*
- *Perhaps you could pray together, including prayers of thanks and*

appreciation for each other and also pray for families who can't be together due to distance, illness or conflict.

TRUST IN THE LORD

The Gospel for the week beginning 10th February shows Simon Peter taking a leap of faith. After fishing all night and without catching anything, Jesus asked him to cast his nets once again. Simon Peter trusted Jesus and did just that and they caught so many fish that other fishermen had to come to help!

Inspired by Simon Peter, who showed us how to trust in the Lord – even when we don't fully understand, this week's prayers reflect on encouraging messages from the Scriptures which help us to trust and follow Jesus, just like the first disciples.

As part of their prayers, children will use Sign Language to help them learn verses from the Scriptures.

Perhaps you'd like to learn this Scripture verse together '***Trust in The Lord with all your heart***' (Proverbs 3:5). You might like to watch the Sign Language video that has been made available in the Parent Portal.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

After, you might like to use this prayer to finish:

Jesus,
We want to follow you, just like the first disciples.
Give us strength to be like Simon Peter and trust you with all our heart so
that we grow closer to you.
Amen