



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

28th March 2024

Dear Parents,

It is lovely to celebrate Holy Week in school. Each morning we started the day as a whole school dramatising the Station of the Cross using the music Born For This by CJM. It gave us a chance to remember Jesus' journey to His death but at the same time to remind ourselves that Jesus died so that we can live our lives to the full. It is good to remind the children that we need to be joyful to really live our lives to the full.


This week, some of the children also had the chance to take part in the Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament. I have to be honest when Federica first mentioned it to me I was a little sceptical. But how wrong I was; it was absolutely beautiful. We started with the staff over lunch time, and then had a group of children from each class. The children sang, prayed, read scripture and just sat quietly at times. We finished with Father Dave processing around the school and blessing each class. Not all the children got the chance to take part this time but we are hoping to do it more regularly. I want to thank Father Dave for facilitating this by bringing the real presence of Jesus, the Eucharist, to school.

Finally, I'd like to share with you a message from the new Chief Finance Officer for STCAT who visited the school last week. She sent me this email a few days ago:

Thank you, Mark. I was honestly blown away by the culture at Our Lady's and how engaged the children were, it was just a really beautiful environment. I'm not sure any of the many schools I've visited have left such an impression, you must be super proud.

Becci has worked across Multi-Academy Trusts all over England so this really is high praise. However, proud is probably the wrong word; I feel incredibly privileged to lead a team of staff who work extremely hard and continually embrace change to ensure that our children get the very best education possibly; incredibly privileged to work with families who are so supportive; and most importantly incredibly privileged to work with such well-behaved and wonderful children.

Have a lovely Easter,

M. Hold 



CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!

Well we have done it. We have walked from Northampton to Jerusalem and beyond during Lent. A phenomenal effort and we have already raised £870 online for CAFOD. As a school we have walked 6201.5km which is well over our target of 4500km.



I have nearly completed the 10km a day so far running 437 km. 10km today, 15 km tomorrow and running the **Rickmansworth Aquadrome Park Run on Saturday with Joseph**. If anyone wants to join us, we'd love to see you there just remember children can't run on their own they have to run with an adult.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/our-ladys-fundraising-page>

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Please share it with you friends and family

We really appreciate your support and hope that everyone has fun helping us raise money for CAFOD.

For more information about CAFOD please visit cafod.org.uk/families

Curriculum – Core Knowledge

At school, we have designed a curriculum with core knowledge and skills which progressively get harder and more complex. Your child's learning is like a Jenga tower with each concept building on previous learning in previous years, terms, weeks and days. The more gaps, the more likely it is that the tower falls. That is why it is really important that we keep reinforcing previous learning and it is really helpful if you talk about the children's learning and previous learning regularly. It is also why it is really important that your child is in school every day possible as every day that is missed adds multiple gaps in their Jenga tower.



Easter Egg Raffle

The Easter Egg Raffle was great fun today. It really is one of the highlights of the year. But more importantly it was great to raise £429 for Cafod. That means overall so far we have raised:

Easter Egg raffle	£429
CAFOD Big Lent Walk – Online	£887
CAFOD Big Lent Walk - Offline	£30
Total	£1346

Thank you everyone for all that you have donated particularly during these times where I know the cost of living has made giving to charity that little bit more difficult.



News From The Parishes

OUR LADY'S AND ST AIDAN'S

Maundy Thursday, 28th March - Mass of the Lord's Supper:

5pm - Our Lady's
7.30pm - St. Aidan's

Good Friday, 29th March - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion:

3pm - St. Aidan's
5pm - Our Lady's

Holy Saturday, 30th March:

Easter Vigil Mass - 6.30pm - Our Lady's
Easter Vigil Mass - 8.30pm - St. Aidan's

Easter Sunday, 31st March:

9am - Our Lady's
11.15am - St. Aidan's

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

Website: <https://stcolumbas.church/>

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times: on SUNDAYS only

@ 9am (traditional choir)

@ 6pm (Youth Band)

Next Youth Mass: Sunday 21st April at 6pm

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

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY 28th March (the Lord's Last Supper)

IHM @ 7.30pm
St Columba @ 7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March (Passion of the Lord)

IHM @ 3pm
St Columba @ 3pm

HOLY SATURDAY 30th March (Easter Vigil Mass)

St Columba only: @ 8pm

EASTER SUNDAY 31st March
(Easter morning Mass)
IHM @ 11am
St Columba @ 10am
NO 6pm MASS AT St Columba

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**"THIS MORNING, HE
WAS WORRIED ABOUT
SCHOOL... BUT LOOK
AT HIM NOW!"**

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 **HM Government**

Head to the Education Hub to find out more.



Remember every day your child misses is more than a day in learning time because of the gaps in their Jenga tower of learning.

Good News Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Eoin, Laiza
Year 2	Elena, Megan
Year 3	Aoife, Klara
Year 4	Elizabeth, Stash
Year 5	Spike, Zuzannah
Year 6	Ben, Jake, Sabrina

#OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



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Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Easter Egg raffle. It was great fun and we raised £429 for Cafod at the same time #OLSBuidingTheKingdom

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This morning we finished our journey with Jesus as Year 6 led us in the last two stations - Jesus is nailed to the cross and Jesus dies on the cross #OLSYear6 #OLStationsofthecross #OLSLent2024 #OLScollectiveworship

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olscheshambois yr 4 have been focussing on the corporal works of mercy and what they can do to become better people. #OLSBUILDINGTHEKINGDOM #OLSRE

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olscheshambois I'm seeing children reading the next edition of the OLS Times everywhere I go. Well done to our team of budding journalists #OLSLiteracy

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These two have been working incredibly hard in their maths today #OLYear1 #OLSMaths
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Simon helps Jesus carry His cross - Why me? #OLStationsofthecross #OLSLent2024
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olscheshambois Soul Beats lunchtime music club with Federica are Praising the Lord and lifting the roof!! #olschaplaincy #olsmusic
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stcat_schools Music really is a great way to Praise the Lord! It looks like everyone was having great fun!
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olscheshambois Year 4 had a great time dressing up as evacuees today and visiting Amersham Museum #OLSYear4 #OLSHistory

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olscheshambois Year 3 shared the next station in our Stations of the Cross journey this morning - Jesus meets His mother - Until you become a parent it is very difficult to understand how hard that must have been. #OLSBUILDINGTHEKINGDOM #OLSLent2024 #OLSCollectiveWorship

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Original audio
- olscheshambois** Year 3 taking part in their Roman Battle this afternoon #OLSdt #OLShistory
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- teresawatson7** Scary Roman Legion soldiers. 🤖 🧡 🧡
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- olscheshambois**
- olscheshambois** This afternoon, we have had Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in school. This is the first time we have tried this in school and it was really special. The staff and children from each class had the opportunity to take part. Hopefully, this is something we can do more regularly to make sure all the children get an opportunity #OLSbuildingthekingdom #OLScollectiveworship
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This morning we started our whole school Stations of the Cross liturgies. Every morning a different class will dramatise stations from Jesus' Journey.
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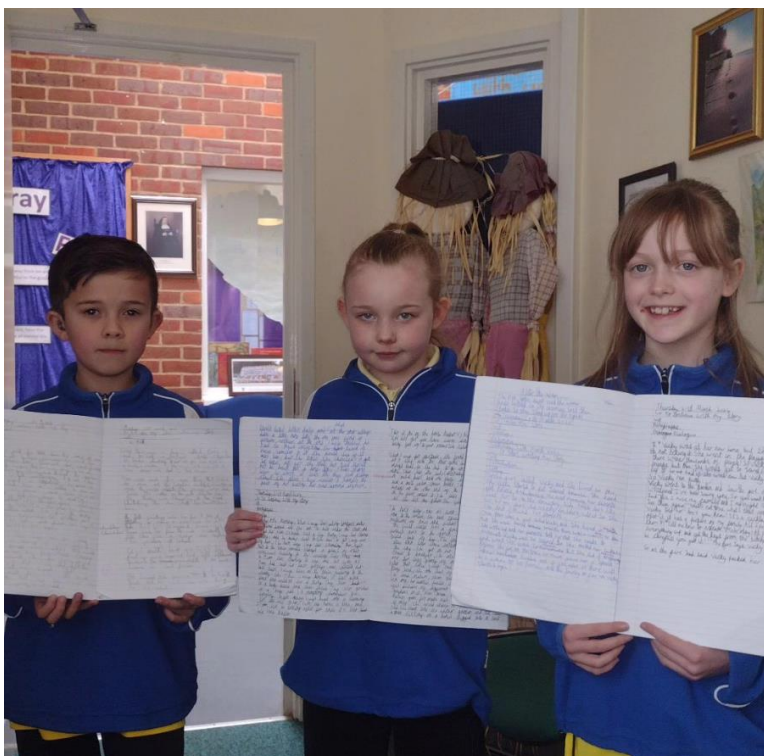
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I've just seen some amazing writing inspired by the Lion and the Unicorn by Shirley Hughes #OLSLiteracy #OLSYear4 @theliteracytree

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👍👍👍 This looks impressive!

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- **olscheshambois** ...
- **olscheshambois** Year Two had a very instructive Victorian Day! 5 d
- **maria_fotheringham** Hal! Were they all told they couldn't smile?? 5 d Reply View replies (3)

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March 2024

March is packed with celebrations! From the Feast Days of St David, St Patrick and St Joseph to Mothering Sunday. Then as the clocks spring forward, we reach Holy Week and the joy of Easter!

Among the excitement and reflection of the Lenten season, family life goes on. As you help with homework or do the school run, perhaps you could find your own moment of calm by using the prayer resources below.

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

Perfect Promises

Throughout Lent, our assemblies follow the theme of God's Perfect Promises.

Continuing from last month, in March children will explore themes of guidance, presence and belonging connected to stories from the Old Testament.

All these help children to understand that Jesus is the fulfilment of God's Perfect Promises. Because of Jesus' death and Resurrection (that we anticipate in Lent and celebrate at Easter) we can be close to God and have a relationship with Him!

**Perhaps you could use this game to think about 'belonging' with your child/ren and have your own discussions at home.
See the game here:**

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

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
Arthur	Amelie	Tamsin	Leo	Pierce
Rory	Renske	Sienna-Rose	Ralph	Shaun
Josephine	Misha	Donnie	Spike	Ellie
Juno	Xavier	Elizabeth	Wanda	Matilda
Peregrine		Simeon	Rebecca	Grace
		Eleanor	Finley H	Jordan
		Jude	Charlie K	James
		Arthur	Michael L	Alaia
		Lorcan	Michael M	Stella
		Aliza	Finn	Sabrina
		Hansika	Dominik	Hannah
		Florence	Joseph	
		Erin	Curtis	
			Zuzana	

Millionaire Readers

Sherlyn – Year 6
Arthur – Year 4
Matilda – Year 6
Dominik – Year 5

Triple Millionaire Readers

Harry – Year 6