



2nd May 2025

Dear Parents,

Well, this week has been absolutely amazing. The weather has been beautiful which always makes life seem a lot better.

Yesterday, the children who are doing Lamda in school performed a poem they are learning for their exams later in the year. We had children from Reception all the way up to Year 6. They were so brave standing up on their own and performing to the whole school. They are learning such an important skill and learning the poems off by heart will stand them in good stead for their exams when they get to secondary school. Well done everyone.


Also yesterday we had the rearranged Chiltern league tag rugby finals. It was definitely much more enjoyable playing in the sunshine than it would have been playing in the rain in February. After having struggled this year, much to my surprise, we came fourth overall and got to the third fourth play off. Unfortunately, we narrowly lost in the playoff but the improvement since the beginning of the season has been amazing. It is great seeing the children listening and improving all the time. I just hope some of them convert to playing my favourite sport in the world - rugby!!!!

Finally, today we had a beautiful Mass of Hope to mark the Year of Jubilee celebrated by Bishop David. The children were absolutely brilliant and I know Bishop David was really impressed with the way the children took part, and in particular, the singing. Our Lady's was the first school he visited when he became Bishop so I know he has a soft spot for us and that he takes a real interest in how the school is moving forward.

Next week doesn't get any less busy and I look forward to seeing all of you at my favourite evening of the year International Evening.

Have a lovely long weekend

God Bless

M. Hold 



CAFOD Fundraising

Last chance for people to donate. Let's see if we can get our online giving to £1000

[Fundraising for The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development \(CAFOD\)](#)

Our Lady's Catholic School Lenten Big Read(CAFOD)



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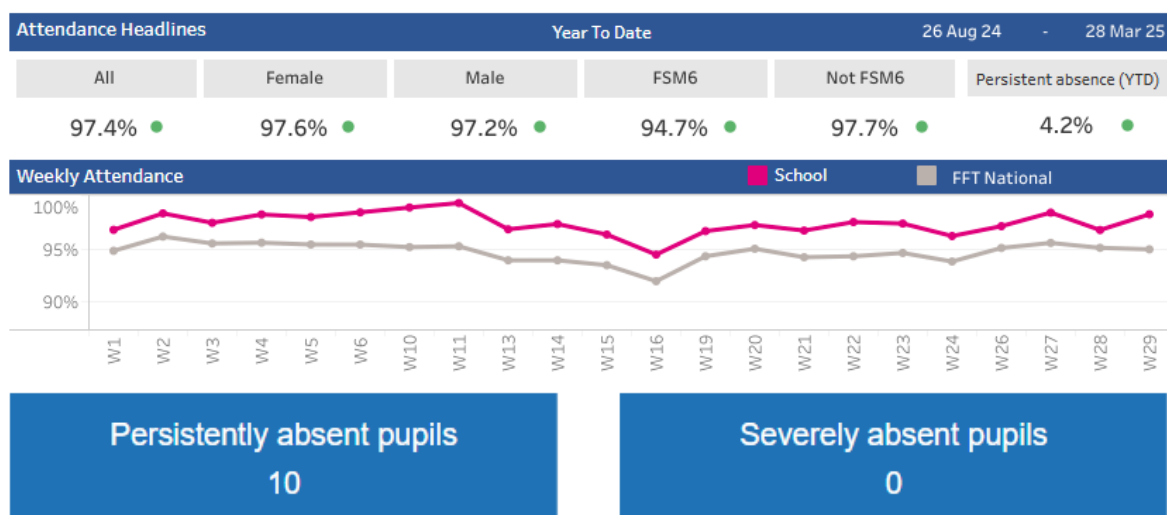
Year 3 also raised £530 from the Easter Egg raffle which I am reliably informed by Mrs Gardner is a record.

And on top of that, Year 5 and Reception raised £70 by organising a joint talent show.

So, we have already raised over £1500 but there is still time to donate if you haven't had the chance yet.

Thank you

Attendance



Just a reminder that children who are persistently absent from school each year will miss more than **266 days** of school which is basically about **a year and a half**.

The Conclave

As I am sure you are all aware, the conclave starts next week as the Cardinals try and discern God's will. It is a time of uncertainty but a really important time for us to pray for the future of the church. If you aren't sure what to pray for, there is this lovely website where you will be given a cardinal at random so that you can pray for them, not necessarily to be Pope but just for their role in the conclave:

[Adopt a Cardinal - Pray for the College of Cardinals](#)

News From The Parishes

JUBILEE OUTREACH in the local parishes

The children from OLS have been invited to sing at the **First Holy Communion Mass** at **St Aidan's** church in Little Chalfont on **Saturday 10th May at 12noon**. Those who wish to attend please join Federica for the lunchtime practice at school on **Tue 6th & Wed 7th May**.



Youth Masses

IHM – Sunday 11th May at 11am (followed by refreshments in the hall)

St COLUMBA – Sunday 18th May at 6pm (choir practice and youth club on Saturday 17th May at 5-7pm in the church hall)

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

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

Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

email: 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.

Parking

I had an email from a local resident this week understandably annoyed with the parking in the local area. They shared this photo of a car parked on double yellow lines. Apparently it isn't the first time.



Please remember to park on the inside of the road. If you park both sides it prevents emergency services getting down the road. Also please park responsibly. Everyone is busy. Most of the time people are saving themselves 50 yards. Walking slightly further is good for your child's health.

Thank you

Mr Holdsworth

#OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



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May 2025

May begins and we are still in the season of Eastertide. As we continue to celebrate the Risen Jesus, we are invited to get to know Him; to recognise Jesus in our lives, listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also celebrate Mary our Mother, as May is traditionally the month of Mary. Many parishes and schools will be honouring Our Lady with spring flowers in May Processions and opportunities to pray the Rosary.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout May, 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/>