



2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been a lovely week in school. We've had fewer interruptions than usual, and it has been wonderful to enjoy a week without trips, sports festivals and other events taking us away from our normal routines. Whilst we love these opportunities, it is always nice to have some uninterrupted time so that we can really get our teeth into the learning.

One of the highlights for me this week has been showing a number of prospective parents around school. I have visited every classroom multiple times and I genuinely don't think I walked into a single lesson where the children weren't fully focused on their learning. The atmosphere in classrooms has been calm, purposeful and engaging, and it has been a real pleasure to showcase what makes our school such a special place. The children should be very proud of themselves.

Last weekend saw the first Cross Country event of the year at Gayhurst School. It was wonderful to see around 600 children from schools across the area taking part. This is always one of my favourite sporting events, not only because Gayhurst does such a fantastic job organising the entire event, but also because it includes the Key Stage 1 Dash, giving even our youngest children the opportunity to experience the excitement of competition.

This year we had our youngest ever participant, Aadharsha in Reception, Aadharsha, you were absolutely brilliant! Congratulations also to Juno, who won her race, and to our fantastic Year 5 girls' team, who were victorious in their team event.

We also had other medal-winning performances from Joseph in Year 6 and Zoe in Year 5. Well done to all of them on their fantastic achievements. However, what I enjoyed most about the event was simply seeing so many children taking part, challenging themselves and enjoying running. I am already looking forward to the next three races, which are a little closer to home, and I hope to see even more of our children joining in.

Finally, a reminder that this week is the **Youth Mass at St Columba's at 6.00pm**. We will have an art exhibition on display, and our Mini Vinnies will be selling cakes after Mass. We would love to see as many families as possible there. Let's fill the church to bursting and come together as a community to celebrate the wonderful gifts and talents of our children.

God bless,

M. Holdsworth

Mr Holdsworth



### **Mrs Neary**

I am going to get into big trouble for writing about Mrs Neary! Today, is Mrs Neary's last day as a paid member of staff at Our Lady's as she is going to officially retire, and I am under strict instructions not to make any fuss. But let's be honest, when someone has worked in a school for 22 years you aren't allowed to leave quietly. Mrs Neary has been an incredible member of staff. There are so many children that without her input just wouldn't have got to the expected levels in Year 6. Although children's academic achievement isn't the only thing that will define them as they move through their life, it is a fact that achieving Reading, Writing and Maths at the end of year 6 plays a massive role in keeping doors open for you as you move through your educational journey. Thank you Mrs Neary and goodbye. I'll see you on Monday when you come back very generously volunteering your time and making sure a few more children get there.

## **Gratitude Assembly Certificates**



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

|        |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| Year 1 | Felixs, Philip   |
| Year 2 | Ariah, Gabriele  |
| Year 3 | Peehu, William   |
| Year 4 | Rosie, Rory      |
| Year 5 | Ann, Sofia       |
| Year 6 | Cat Cat, Malwina |

## **Chiltern League**

Another beautiful evening, another goal for Michael C but another tough match. The children continue to play with big smiles on their faces. I'm going to leave it there. Well done everyone!



## Accelerated Reader

The children who are already above their target and are higher than 85% in their quizzes are:

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3  | Year 4    | Year 5    | Year 6    |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|        | Bertie | Mayra   | Jessica   | Harish    | Alvin     |
|        |        | Margot  | Reuben    | Sofia     | Alyssa    |
|        |        | Wilfred | Rex       | Josephine | Chloe     |
|        |        | Joseph  | Pola      | Juno      | James     |
|        |        |         | Oliver    | Megan     | Michael C |
|        |        |         | Rory      | Francesca | Renske    |
|        |        |         | Anastasia | Thomas    | Joseph    |
|        |        |         | Sofia     | Roberto   | Cuthbert  |
|        |        |         |           | Niamh     | Hansini   |
|        |        |         |           | Olivia    | Sharvil   |
|        |        |         |           | Eugenie   | Annie     |
|        |        |         |           | Martha    | Hannah    |
|        |        |         |           | Genevieve | Nikolay   |
|        |        |         |           | Mason     | Minchun   |
|        |        |         |           |           |           |

*Please remember ensuring your child is reading every day is the most important thing you can do for them educationally.*



The following children have been awarded a Numbots certificate in the last week.

| Rust             | Iron            | Tin | Brass | Copper      | Steel | Chrome |
|------------------|-----------------|-----|-------|-------------|-------|--------|
| <b>Jessica</b>   | <b>Sonny</b>    |     |       | <b>Evie</b> |       |        |
| <b>George</b>    | <b>Ella May</b> |     |       |             |       |        |
| <b>Francesco</b> | <b>Mia H</b>    |     |       |             |       |        |
| <b>Marley</b>    |                 |     |       |             |       |        |
| <b>Margot</b>    |                 |     |       |             |       |        |
| <b>Fiadh</b>     |                 |     |       |             |       |        |

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|--------|-----------------|-----------|---------|---------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Orla   |                 |           |         |                                 |          |        |
| Kyria  |                 |           |         |                                 |          |        |
| Rory   |                 |           |         |                                 |          |        |
| Orla   |                 |           |         |                                 |          |        |
| Glass  | Tungsten        | Aluminium | Kevlar  | Carbon Fibre                    | Titanium | Bronze |
|        | <b>Bertie W</b> |           |         |                                 |          |        |
|        |                 |           |         |                                 |          |        |
|        |                 |           |         |                                 |          |        |
|        |                 |           |         |                                 |          |        |
| Silver | Gold            | Platinum  | Diamond | Finished                        |          |        |
|        |                 |           |         | <b>Felix<br/>Seth<br/>Manny</b> |          |        |



These children have gone green in Times Table RockStars which means they know all of their times table facts. New children this week in bold:

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4  | Year 5    | Year 6    |
|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Felix  |        | Manny  | Alex    | Sofia     | Joseph    |
|        |        |        | Lorenzo | Arthur    | Alysa     |
|        |        |        | Varun   | Rory      | James     |
|        |        |        | Rory    | Ruby      | Szymon    |
|        |        |        | Ayla    | Josephine | Malwina   |
|        |        |        | Rex     | Ann       | Adam      |
|        |        |        | Tosia   | Francesca | Michael F |
|        |        |        | Reuben  | Thomas    | Hansini   |
|        |        |        |         | Zoe       | Cat Cat   |
|        |        |        |         | Niamh     | Klara     |
|        |        |        |         | Olivia    | Hanna     |
|        |        |        |         | Jan       | Misha     |
|        |        |        |         | Nathan    | Sharvil   |
|        |        |        |         | Allison   | Alise     |

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|  |  |  |  | Mason     | Antra        |
|  |  |  |  | Artie     | Minchun      |
|  |  |  |  | Genevieve | Victoria     |
|  |  |  |  | Harrish   | Mason        |
|  |  |  |  | Peregrine | <b>Keera</b> |
|  |  |  |  | Daisy     |              |
|  |  |  |  | Coalan    |              |
|  |  |  |  | Juno      |              |
|  |  |  |  | Zachary   |              |



## News From The Parishes

# Mass Times

## in Our Local Parishes

*All are welcome to join us  
in prayer and worship*

*Where two or three  
are gathered in my name,  
I am there among them.*  
MATTHEW 18:20

| <br><b>ST COLUMBA'S</b><br>(Chesham)                                                | <br><b>IHM –</b><br>Great Missenden                                                                       | <br><b>Our Lady's</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <br><b>St Aidan's</b>                                                                                                                        |
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|  <b>Parish Priest:</b><br>Fr Mirek Misiura                                          |  <b>Parish Priest:</b><br>Fr Mirek Misiura                                                                |  <b>Priest:</b><br>Father Roy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  <b>Priest:</b><br>Father Roy                                                                                                                |
|  <b>Email:</b><br>FrMirek.misiura@<br>northamptondiocese.org                        |  <b>Email:</b><br>FrMirek.misiura@<br>northamptondiocese.org                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|  <b>Sunday Masses</b><br>@ 9 am (children's liturgy)<br>& 6 pm (Youth Band/ Choir) |  <b>Sunday Mass</b><br>@ 11 am<br>(with children's liturgy),<br>followed by refreshments<br>in the hall. |  <b>Mass times:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Saturday 5 pm</li><li>• Sunday 9 am<br/>(with children's liturgy<br/>and a choir for children<br/>in Year 3 and above –<br/>all welcome to come<br/>and sing, and there's a<br/>brief practice after Mass).</li></ul> |  <b>Mass times:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Saturday 6:15 pm</li><li>• Sunday 9 am<br/>(Polish Mass)<br/>and 11 am</li></ul> |
|  <b>Polish Mass</b><br>@ 12 noon<br>(1st & 3rd Sunday<br>of the month)            |  <b>Polish Mass</b><br>@ 12.15pm<br>(2nd & 4th Sunday<br>of the month)                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

*May our parish communities  
continue to grow in faith, hope and love.*

### **St Columba's (Chesham)**

Sunday 4th October at 6pm celebrating the St Francis of Assisi Jubilee Year featuring artwork by each year group from OLS and Mini Vinnies' local community outreach.

Music practice & Youth Club on Sat 3rd October at 5-7pm. If attending the club, please email federica@olschesham.co.uk (for catering purposes).

## **Notes from the PTA**

### Christmas Card Competition 🎄

Christmas card artwork sheets have been sent home with your children this week. These cards make some wonderful presents for grandparents and other family members.

Please encourage your children to go big and bold with their designs, as these produce the best Christmas cards!

Artwork is due back in on Monday 12th October please (and can come back before then!). This gives Mr Holdsworth time to judge the winners of our competition before we have to send them back off to My Child's Art.

We can't wait to see what you produce!

PTA Team x

❄️ 🎄 Save the date - OLS Christmas fayre 🎄 ❄️

Please save the date for our upcoming PTA Christmas Fayre on \*Sunday 22nd November\* from 12-2pm at the school.

More details coming soon but please diarise the date! ❄️ 🎄