



30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Dear Parents,**

Firstly this week, I want to congratulate Oliver in Year 3, who was baptised last weekend. What a special moment for him, his family, and for us as a wider community. Most of our children are baptised when they are very young, but there is something extra special when children decide for themselves. Federica was there representing the school and said it was a really beautiful service. Last weekend's Gospel was about the apostles answering Jesus' call to become 'fishers of men'. Well, Oliver — you have truly responded to your calling. Amazing!

On Monday, I attended a meeting with the OLS Trust, who asked me to express their gratitude to the whole community, particularly to those who donate. It really does make a difference. Over the years, you have donated hundreds of thousands of pounds through this trust, which has had a tremendous impact. Along with the PTA, they have funded the library, Accelerated Reader, Year 6 laptops, interactive whiteboards, playground equipment, new flooring, and much more. I know that one thing parents often ask for is an idea of what we are currently raising money for, so here are just a few projects:

- New flooring in the last three classrooms
- Two new interactive whiteboards to replace older ones
- New computer hardware for the ICT suite
- LED stage lighting, so the children can control it as part of the Year 6 productions

As you can imagine, these items will cost tens of thousands of pounds and cannot be funded from the school's regular budget. If you aren't currently donating but feel you could contribute even a small amount, please do read the information on the website:

[Our Lady's Trust - Our Lady's Catholic Primary School](#)

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Holdsworth



## **Visualisers**

A massive thank you to the PTA who have bought us new visualisers. They are such a useful teaching tool! It is a great way of promoting quality presentation or more accurate punctuation.



## **Cross-Country**

Mr Byrne from Chesham Bois walked the course at Lowndes Park yesterday morning and we are very pleased to confirm that the races on Saturday morning will be taking place.

Whilst the course is muddy, and there is more rain due, it is safe to run if you are wearing the correct footwear. Football/Rugby boots or spikes are a must; Mr Byrne walked the course in trail shoes and it was slippery - normal trainers would definitely not be adequate.

## **Mrs Cid-Fuentes**

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Cid-Fuentes was discharged from hospital yesterday. After lots of tests, they seem to have diagnosed the issue and she is now using on a course of medication. Hopefully, we will be seeing her very soon.

Thank you for your prayers.

## **Chiltern League - Tag Rugby**

What a great start to this season's Chiltern League Tag Rugby campaign. After two weeks when we had to call the games off because of rain, it was lovely to get out on a cold but sunny evening. We got off to a flying start, forcing the opposition into some errors with our "blitz" defence. This helped us build up a 6-1 lead at half-time. Hawridge and Cholesbury came back strongly in the second half, but we also got better and better, and the final score was 15-6. A really big thank you to Liam, Emilio and Michael, who stepped in at the last minute after a couple of other players were injured. We are looking forward to playing Chartridge next week.



## **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
	<b>Aariv</b>	<b>Jessica</b>	<b>Harish</b>	<b>Alvin</b>	<b>Tamsin</b>
	<b>Theresa</b>	<b>Reuben</b>	<b>Sofia</b>	<b>Alyssa</b>	<b>Sienna-Rose</b>
	<b>Mayra</b>	<b>Joseph</b>	<b>Evie</b>	<b>Michael C</b>	<b>Evie</b>
	<b>Manny</b>	<b>Tiernan</b>	<b>Rory</b>	<b>Malwina</b>	<b>Giovanni</b>
	<b>Margot</b>	<b>Rex</b>	<b>Juno</b>	<b>Renske</b>	<b>Donnie</b>
	<b>William</b>	<b>Oliver</b>	<b>Megan</b>	<b>Mason</b>	<b>Dominik</b>
	<b>Freddie</b>	<b>Rory</b>	<b>Francesca</b>	<b>Misha</b>	<b>Rory</b>
	<b>Zac</b>	<b>Anastasia</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Hansini</b>	<b>Simeon</b>
	<b>Joseph P</b>	<b>Sofia</b>	<b>Allison</b>	<b>Cat Cat</b>	<b>Elizabeth</b>
	<b>Bettie</b>	<b>Noelia</b>	<b>Roberto</b>	<b>Xavier</b>	<b>Grace</b>
	<b>Gaia</b>	<b>Robyn</b>	<b>Zoe</b>	<b>Antra</b>	<b>Stash</b>
		<b>Robin</b>	<b>Zachary</b>	<b>Sharvil</b>	<b>Eleanor</b>
		<b>Tosia</b>	<b>Arthur</b>	<b>Annie</b>	<b>Jude</b>
			<b>Niamh</b>	<b>Catherine</b>	<b>Arthur</b>
			<b>Olivia</b>	<b>Klara</b>	<b>Jacob</b>
			<b>Caolan</b>	<b>Hanna</b>	<b>Erica</b>
			<b>Martha</b>	<b>Nikolay</b>	<b>Jaeda</b>
			<b>Daisy</b>	<b>Minchun</b>	<b>Aliza</b>
			<b>Alex</b>		<b>Thomas</b>
			<b>Nathan</b>		<b>Bianca</b>
					<b>Hansika</b>
					<b>Florence</b>
					<b>Erin</b>
					<b>Olive</b>
					<b>Emilio</b>



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

Rust	Iron	Tin	Brass	Copper
Thomas G	Maisie A	Alexander B	Theresa B	Mayra C
Una O	Margot G	Joseph P	Benjamin R	Theresa B
	Alessandro B	Theresa B	Lucia J	
	Stefan L	Benjamin R		



## Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Ariah, Mika
Year 2	Joseph, Julian, Thishen
Year 3	Isaac, Leon
Year 4	Allison, Zoe
Year 6	Grace, Karo

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## **News From The Parishes**

### **ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):**

*Parish Priest: Fr Mirek Misiura*

*email: [FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org)*

Sunday Masses @ 9 am (children's liturgy) & 6 pm (Youth Band/ Choir)

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

### **IHM – Great Missenden**

*Parish Priest: Fr Mirek Misiura*

*email: [FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org)*

Sunday Mass @ 11 am (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*

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)

***For those of you with younger children, OLOPS Toddler Group runs in the guildroom at the back of Our Lady's Church on Fridays in term time for children aged 0-4 and their parent or carer. We have lots of toys to play with and always finish with a snack and singing. The official timing is 9:15 to 10:30, but you are welcome to come earlier if you're at a loose end after dropping your older child off at school.***

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

**The next Youth Mass at St Aidan's: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 6.15**  
**Everybody welcome to join the choir/band!**  
**If anyone wishes to read please let Federica know at school.**