



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

*"A place of learning – A community of Christ"*

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30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been another incredibly busy week. The highlight has certainly been the OLS Parliament elections on Wednesday. All of the children who stood were absolutely brilliant. They showed tremendous courage to stand up in front of the whole school for the hustings. All the speeches were amazing and the rest of the school listened so attentively. All of the children will be involved but there can only be one Primary minister and one Deputy Primary minister. So I would like to formally announce the two children who have been elected to serve our community:

**Primary Minister: Albert Rushton**

**Deputy Primary Minister: Molly Culligan**

I look forward to working with them over the next year.

Also this week, Year 3 went on a trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum as part of their History topic The Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

M. Howarth

*Catholic Social Teaching*

*Advent Term 1*

**The Dignity of the Human  
Person**



**Genesis 1:26-31**

God created all people in his image.

**Deuteronomy 10:17-19**

God loves the orphan, the widow, and the stranger.

**Psalms 139:13-16**

God knows us intimately.

**Proverbs 22:2**

The Lord is the creator of both rich and poor

**Luke 10:25-37**

The Good Samaritan recognised a brother

**Romans 12: 9-18**

Love one another, share with those in need, live in peace.

**Galatians 2:27-28**

We are one in Christ Jesus

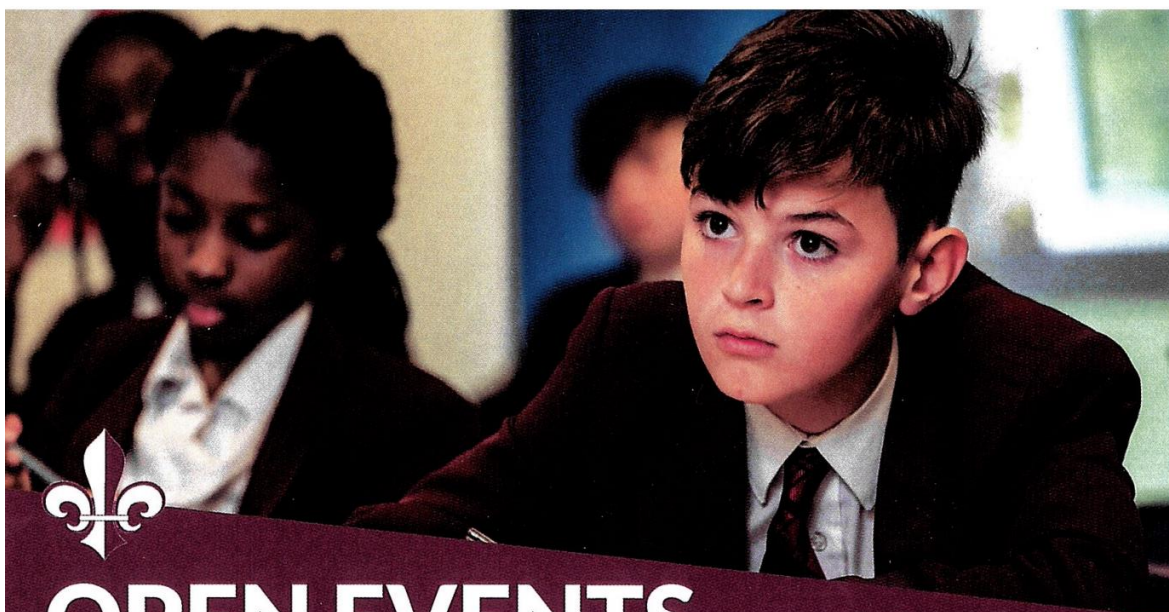
## Sport

Last weekend, was the first of the School Cross Country events at Gayhurst school in Gerrards Cross. It was a beautiful sunny morning and great to see so many youngsters out running. It starting with a dash for the Key Stage 1 children (mainly siblings of other runners) and then the distances got gradually longer up to Year 6. Everyone ran amazingly well but a special mention must go to Thomas Saller in Year 3, and Jack Rogers and Albert Rushton in Year 6 who all received medals for coming in the top 10. Also, really well done to the Year 6 boys who came third overall. It is great when we can get enough runners in a year group to compete like that.



Well done to the school football team who drew another Chiltern League match this week against Ley Hill school. They played some great passing football and Ewan Davis scored a lovely left-footed goal from the edge of the box. In the end, we didn't take our chances and the game finished 1-1 but we continue to improve each week. Well done everyone.





# OPEN EVENTS

Mrs Bernadette O'Hanlon, Headteacher and Mr Stuart Hynes, Chair of Governors at St Joan of Arc Catholic School warmly invite all prospective students and their parents who are seeking admission in September 2023 to our Open Evening & Open Morning.

## OPEN EVENING

**Thursday 6th October 2022**

6.00pm to 9.00pm

## OPEN MORNING

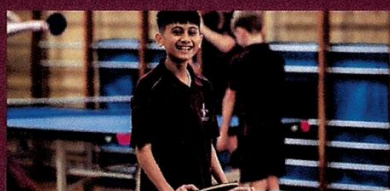
**Friday 7th October 2022**

9.00am to 11.30am

There will be opportunities during your visit to:

- View the school facilities, meet Staff, Students, Governors & members of the PFA
- Hear about the Headteacher's vision for the future
- Share our successes

St Joan's is a very popular, highly oversubscribed Catholic School where every child matters, we have a strong system of support, care & guidance, a commitment to high standards of behaviour and academic success.



Find out more about our school and download application forms at:

**[www.joa.herts.sch.uk](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk)**

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Hertfordshire, WD3 1HG

Tel: Main Reception 01923 773881 or Admissions 01923 587970

Email: [admissions@joa.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@joa.herts.sch.uk)



**ST. JOAN OF ARC**  
**Catholic School**

## **Safeguarding - Attendance**

This week, as part of my safeguarding messaging, I am just reminding parents about attendance. All the evidence is that children who are more vulnerable tend to have poorer attendance which is why we are required to monitor it so carefully. The table below shows how many lessons children miss even if they have relatively good attendance. We normally start getting concerned if your child's attendance drops below 90% but as you can see they will already have missed 100 lessons.

<b>If your child's attendance during the school year is .....</b>	<b>Your child would have lost approximately .....</b>	<b>Or they would have missed approximately .....</b>
<b>95%</b>	<b>9 days</b>	<b>50 lessons</b>
<b>90%</b>	<b>19 days</b>	<b>100 lessons</b>
<b>85%</b>	<b>29 days</b>	<b>150 lessons</b>
<b>80%</b>	<b>38 days</b>	<b>200 lessons</b>
<b>75%</b>	<b>48 days</b>	<b>250 lessons</b>
<b>70%</b>	<b>57 days</b>	<b>290 lessons</b>

It is really important, as parents, to remember that children never get those lessons back. Every time they are off, they are disadvantaged compared to their peers so they should only be off if it is completely unavoidable.

## **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

The 7th October is CAFOD's Family Fast Day and, as has become our tradition, St Joseph's will be supplying us with soup and a roll for our school lunch. I would like to encourage children to have a school lunch that day and we will donate the money you pay to CAFOD. Not only is this a really good way to raise money but it also helps our children show solidarity with hungry children across the world.

On that day, we are also going to collect donations for families more locally. It would be great if the children could bring in a tin of food for Chesham foodbank. They are after the following:

Tinned Pear  
Tinned Sweetcorn  
Tinned Rice Pudding  
Tinned Hot Dogs  
Tinned Tuna  
Tinned Fruit

Tinned Beans/Pulses  
Tinned Macaroni  
Tinned Meat  
Tinned Carrots  
Tinned Spaghetti Hoops

**Thank you**

## Parking

Unfortunately, I'm having to write again to parents to ask them to park considerately in the local area. I have had two letters from local residents recently and sadly the last one was from someone who had missed an important hospital appointment because they couldn't get out of their drive. What is more embarrassing is that they spoke to the parents who were just rude to them. This really is unacceptable and I have had emails from other parents who are equally frustrated with the lazy parking of a small minority.

I realise it is difficult because we are a very successful school with a wide catchment area so lots of people drive. However, if you are so busy and in such a rush that you can't walk the extra few hundred metres then you probably should be sending your children to a school much nearer to your home. Selfish parking certainly doesn't fit in with the Christian ethos of this school and is setting a really bad example to your children.

Furthermore, I still have a small minority of parents who think they are busier (or maybe special) than other parents so they feel they have a right to park in the car park at the beginning and end of the day. A few parents/grandparents with blue badges have permission but nobody else should be parking there. It is really dangerous and, once again, selfish. If you are dropping off to breakfast club **before 8.15** or collecting from after-school club **after 5pm** then it is fine but otherwise there is no reason to park there. I have asked the office to start adding a £10 parking charge to ParentPay for parents who park in the car park without permission.

I am very sad to have to write this letter because most parents at this school are fantastic and always set their children a really good example.

Thank you  
Mr Holdsworth





**NEW CLASS STARTS THURSDAY 29/09/22**

**Free Parking!**

# **LEGS TUMS BUMS**

**Contact**  
**Betty Zee - PT**  
**07795-832622**  
**bzeeFitness@gmail.com**

**Thursdays 6pm - £8.50**

**Our Lady's Catholic Primary School**  
**Amersham Rd, Amersham HP8 5PL**



## **A Message from Ten Ten Resources September 2022**

Welcome back to school! We hope that you've had a happy and restful summer, and have recharged your batteries in time for all the changes that the new school year will bring. Whether your child is new to the school or old hat, we hope you and they will enjoy faith-journeying with us this term.

Please follow this link for our Parent Newsletter:

[www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-newsletter/)

## Good News Certificates



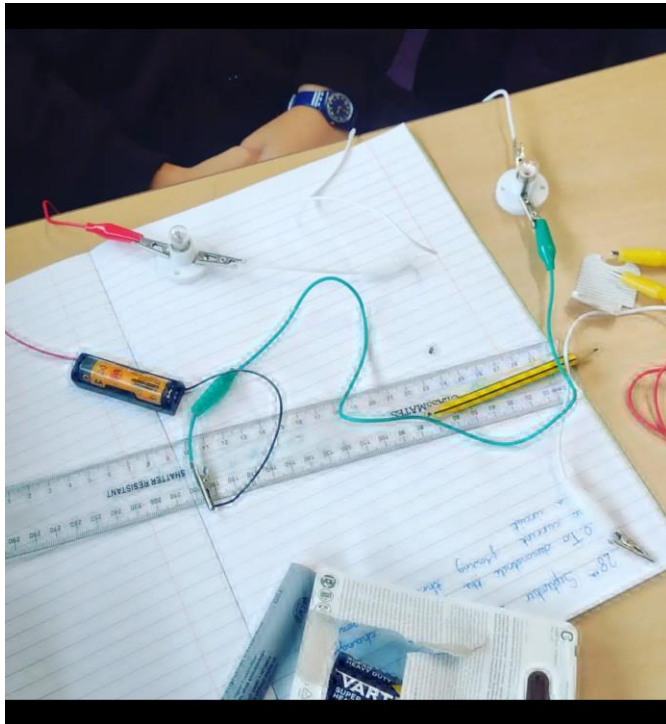
Last week's Good News certificates were:


Year 1	Niamh, Arthur
Year 2	Malwina, Steve
Year 3	Tamsin, Jude Gamble
Year 4	Archie, Louis
Year 5	Freya, Sabrina
Year 6	Esther, Matthew




## @OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:




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 **olscheshambois** Year 6 are working on experimenting with a different number of cells and components in a circuit #OLScience  
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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Year 5 are working on their fitness at a circuits festival #OLSport  
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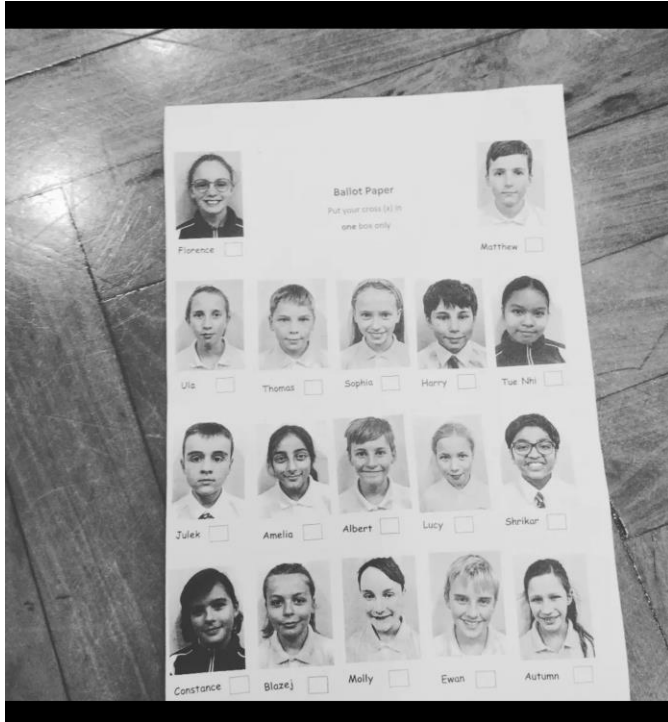
 **julezvern10** Go boys!  
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- olscheshambois** ...
- olscheshambois** Today we have our election for our Primary Minister #OLSparliament  
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- lollimot** Best of luck to all the candidates! :)  
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- sharondodd** 🌟 We'll done to you all!  
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- olscheshambois** ...
- olscheshambois** Year 3 had a great day today at the Chiltern Open Air Museum #OLShistory  
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olscheshambois We are setting up a Minnie Vinnie's group this year in school. Watch this space #OLScbuildingthekingdom  
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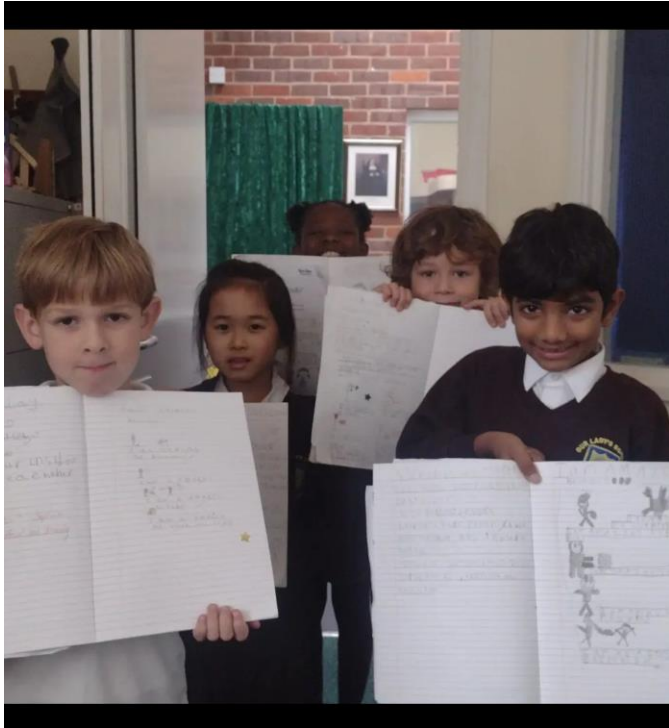


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olscheshambois These children have been learning all about being different but also that they are amazing.  
#OLScbuildingthekingdom #OLScaritas #catholicocialteaching #dignityofthehumanperson

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**olscheshambois** And our last runner of the day. And what a great day it's been #OLSsport  
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**olscheshambois**...



**olscheshambois** Great running from the Year 6 boys. Two more medals.amd we must have a great chance in the team event. #OLSsport  
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olscheshambois Our first medal of the day. Tenth place  
#OLSport

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piedpiper2762 Well done! 🏆🏆



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