



31st January 2024

Dear Parents,

This week has been surprisingly quiet for OLS. On Monday, we had a visit from Laura Troll from Young Carers who led an assembly. It is really good for the children to learn about what a young carer is and the challenges they have. I am sure we have more young carers in school than we know about. The children don't have to be doing all the caring and may just be helping someone at home. If you think your son or daughter might be a young carer, then please let us know as there are lots of things we can do to help. Just knowing is really important as they move forward in secondary school.

Then on Wednesday we celebrated St Thomas Becket's feast day as the Saint our Multi-Academy Trust is dedicated to. It is a month late as the real feast day is the 29th December but as that is in our holidays we thought we would mark his feast annually a month later. Please see this lovely video celebrating the chaplaincy work which goes on right across the south of the diocese.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8fmQV2SPMY>

Finally, I look forward to seeing lots of you at the cross-country in Lowndes Park tomorrow morning.

Have a lovely weekend. God Bless

M. Holden

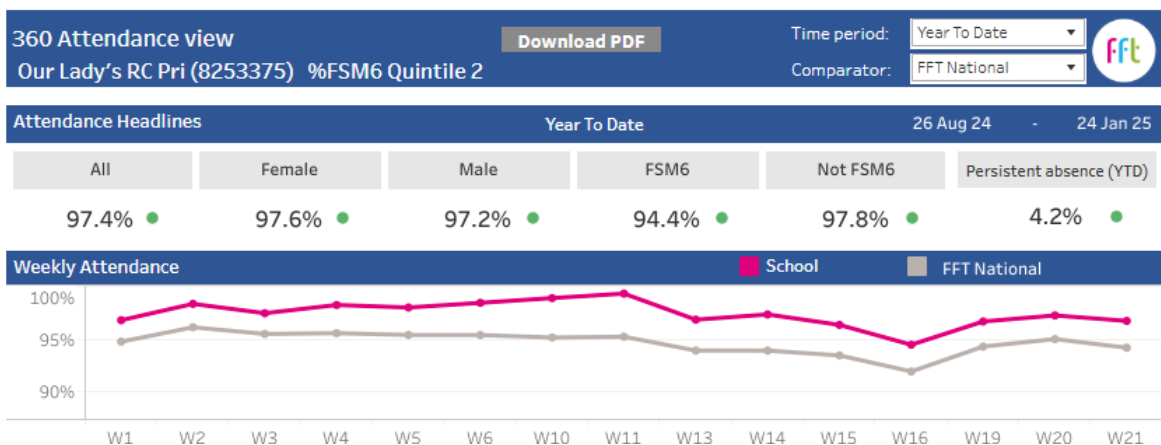
Chiltern League

Last night, we played Ley Hill in the Chiltern League tag rugby competition. We had a much better performance than last week and are definitely moving in the right direction. Although we lost 19-14, we had a much better attacking performance. The children supported really well and concentrated on passing rather than getting their tags back. Next we need to work on getting a defensive line going but if we can put defence and attack together we will be flying. Sorry, I didn't take any pictures today so I used AI to produce an alternative. About time I came into the 21st century!!!!



Attendance

These are our current attendance statistics.



Still really positive attendance despite a bit of a bug going round. Well done everyone.

Accelerated Reader

Well done to the following children who are reading above their reading target (the lower end of their **ZPD**) and are scoring above 80% in the quizzes.

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jessica Reuben Rex Maksim Charlie Sofia Noelia Varun Antonio	Sofia Evie Rory Ruby Josephine Juno Francesca Thomas Roberto Zoe Arthur Ralph Niamh Caolan Peregrine Jan Nathan	Alyssa Malwina Aoife Renske Adam Michael F Mason Misha Victoria Cat Cat Julia Elise Sharvil Annie Klara Nikolay Maja	Tamsin Sienna-Rose Evie Giovanni Dominik Elizabeth Andrew Eleanor Jacob Hansika Erin Hugo Emilio	Leo Behtin Mia Archie Ralph Spike Wanda Rebecca Charlie F Lola Finley H Charlie K Michael M Finn O Evelyn Dominik Robert Joseph Adam Curtis Zuzanna
Year 1				
Aariv Freddie				

Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Zac
Year 2	Lorenzo, Tiernan
Year 3	Martha, Senuk
Year 4	Catherine, James
Year 5	Giovanni, Hugo
Year 6	Charlie, Curtis, Ralph, Spike

News From The Parishes



ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

New 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

New Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

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Saturday Mass @ 6pm

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

#OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



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olscheshambois Reception enjoyed baking their own bread rolls to learn about the feeding of the 5000 #OLSReception #OLSRE

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olscheshambois The Pupil led liturgy in Year 5 this week was very peaceful #OLSchaplaincy #OLSpupilledworship #OLSYear5

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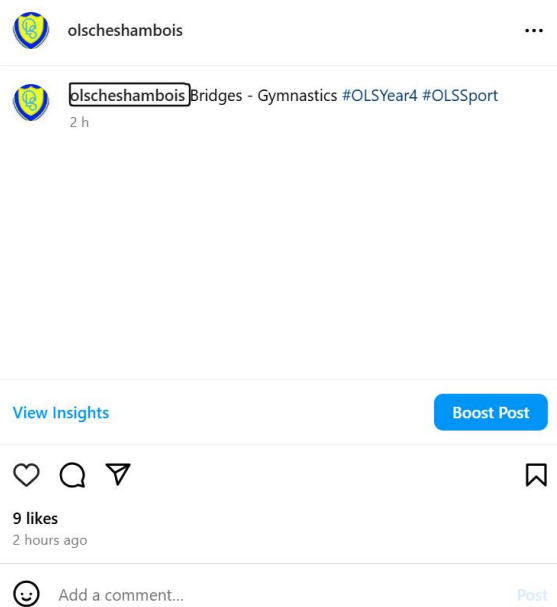
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January 2025

Just when we thought the celebrations might stop after Christmas, the New Year starts with a month full of significant Church calendar events. What's more, [the Year of Jubilee](#) has begun! This special celebration year comes with an invitation from Pope Francis to place our hope in God's love for us and to share His love with others.

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

A Gift for Jesus

The Celebration of the Word assembly for the first week of term celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord. This is when Jesus was revealed to the Wise Men after their long journey following the star.

Through this, children will reflect on how God the Father gave Jesus as a gift for us all. They will also consider what gifts they can offer Jesus, such as their time and attention.

After spotting clues in a painting of the Wise Men meeting Jesus, children will use their imaginations to join with these wise travellers on their journey to see the baby King for the first time.

With your child, you might like to...

- *Watch this guided meditation with and discuss what imagining this great event inspires you to give or say to Jesus in prayer.*
- *Spend time drawing, painting or modelling your own artwork depicting the arrival of the Wise Men.*

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

**Jesus,
We want to be like you.
Send your Holy Spirit to
help us to be good leaders in all we do.
Amen**