



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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

**Faith . Hope . Love**

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

It is with great sadness that I have to let you know that Max Walder died last weekend. Please keep Max and his family in your prayers. Max, Martha, mum and dad are all incredible people and a real example to us all.



Eternal rest grant unto Max, O Lord,  
and let Your perpetual light shine  
upon him.

May his soul and the souls of all the  
faithful departed rest in peace.

Amen

Dear Parents,

Wow what an incredibly busy week it has been! Monday started with only half the school. Year 5 and the Performing Arts Club were at the Royal Albert Hall, Year 3 were on a river studies trip with Chiltern Rangers and Year 6 were on a Sports trip at the Amersham hall.


Echoes 10 at the Royal Albert Hall was absolutely brilliant. There were over 1600 children from all over Buckinghamshire performing and what a fabulous venue and experience. The wow factor as they step into the arena was incredible. The actual performance was amazing with the children not only singing but also playing brass instruments. A night to remember. I'd like to thank all the staff who went on the trip as it was a very long day and because it was a Monday it makes for a very long week.

The Year 3 trip was great. This was the first time we have done this trip for Year 3 and they were extremely fortunate with the weather on Monday. Ranger Paul from Chiltern Rangers developed the day for us. The children spent the day in the River Wye, measuring the width, depth and speed of the river. They also looked at erosion and deposition in the river and identified the wildlife in the river. This links in really well with our Catholic Social Teaching – Stewardship.

We have also had some good sporting success this week. Year 6 had a great time at the Personal Best sports festival on Monday and we had success at the tag rugby festival yesterday. We didn't quite make the final but we won the third and fourth play off with some great rugby.

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless

M. Hold 

## **Curriculum**

The Geography Society has collated a list of useful resources for parents and teachers to use during the teaching and learning of geography at home. This following link provides an overview of the Society's support and resources, and highlights other online geography-related learning opportunities that you might find useful.

## **[Geography at Home - RGS](#)**

You can find out about new resources and events via our Twitter [@RGS\\_IBGschools](#). You can also find more resources on Twitter using #geographyathome

You can sign up to their [primary or secondary mailing lists](#) to receive emails about new resources and support.

## **Prayer and Liturgy**

Please note the following prayer and liturgy coming up in school. Parents, grandparents, uncles, aunties, friends you are all invited.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Ascension Mass at 10am at Our Lady's Church**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – May Procession 2.30pm**

## **News From The Parishes**

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

Website: <https://stcolumbas.church/>

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times: on SUNDAYS only

@ 9am (traditional choir)

@ 6pm (Youth Band)

### **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (IHM) in Great Missenden:**

Website: <https://www.ihmmissenden.org.uk/>

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times:

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Every SUNDAY @ 11am

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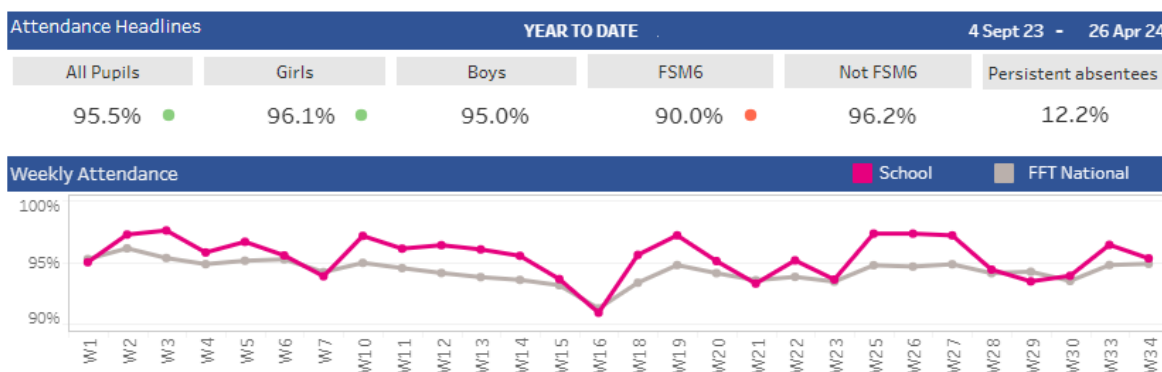
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## Attendance



Our current school attendance is well below the 98% target but hopefully it will pick up over the summer.



The gap between the majority of children and children from less affluent backgrounds is stark. There is a 6% difference. The evidence around attendance is pretty clear really. Children with the best attendance, get the best exam results, earn the most money and have the best life chances. Although there are always exceptions to this, the research is done on the results of all the children in the country over many years. Some people might think their child will buck the trend and I really hope they are right. However, thirty years in teaching tells me that it is unlikely. We currently have over 20 children who are persistent absentees and they are at a disadvantage.

## Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:


Year 1	Sentana, Tosia, Antonio
Year 2	Emily, Zoe
Year 3	Szymon, James
Year 4	Donnie, Evie
Year 5	Robert, Dominic
Year 6	Leo, Nathan




## #OLScheshambois





Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:




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 **olscheshambois** Year 2 had a great time at Forest Schools today  
#OLSForestSchool #OLSYear2  
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 **olscheshambois** ...

 **olscheshambois** Year 3 had a great time in the river today  
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olscheshambois Looking forward to performing this evening at the Royal Albert Hall #OLSMusic #OLSYear5 #OLSPerformingArts  
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olscheshambois Year 4 learning all about money today  
#OLSYear4 #OLSmaths #OLSfinancialeducation  
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olscheshambois Well done to these two girls for their Highly Commended entries to the Rotary Clubs art competition #OLSArt  
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in\_safer\_hands Great job!  
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## May 2024

May begins amidst the joy of Eastertide and there is more rejoicing at the end of the month when Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church at Pentecost.

May is also known as 'The Month of Our Lady', a time to remember that Mary is Jesus' mother and our mother too.

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.

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

## Praying the Rosary

The Rosary is a meditative prayer that helps us to reflect on the life, ministry, and death of Jesus and on His Blessed Mother, Mary. As we repeat the traditional prayers, we use the beads to help us to keep track allowing our minds to think about the lives of Jesus and Mary here on Earth.

The Rosary is made up of four parts or 'mysteries' each having five different events to focus on. Thinking of praying the entire rosary can seem daunting but the prayer can easily be simplified for younger children by focusing on one mystery or one focus event within the mystery and limiting the prayer to one decade. We've created a Rosary resource that we hope will support families with this prayer.

*With your child, why don't you...*

- *Access our Rosary Resource which gives full explanations and guidance to help you pray the Rosary at home with your child(ren).*  
<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>
- *Focus on one of the mysteries and talk to your child about the stories and events that make up each of the five elements. Perhaps a good place to start would be the Joyful Mysteries which contain stories and events that may be the most familiar to children.*

## Celebrating the Holy Spirit

In the Assembly for the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (which is celebrated across the world on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May) and through a drama, two disciples recall the day that changed their lives forever.

Children learn that the Holy Spirit is the helper that Jesus promised His disciples and that the Holy Spirit helps us too.

*With your child, you might like to...*

- *Read the story of [Pentecost](#) allowing space for your child/ren to discuss or ask questions.*
- *Discuss with your child ways the Holy Spirit can help us today e.g. helping us to be peaceful, forgive others, say sorry.*
- *Sing along to 'Come Holy Spirit' by Dan Callow and Emily Clark, by logging into the [Collective Worship Parent Portal](#). (If you don't have the details for the Parent Portal, ask your child's school.)*

## Prayer

The daily prayers for the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May invite children to focus on God's Word and consider what God is saying to them through the Scriptures. Children will be guided through a pattern of meditation based on the acronym 'TRUTH'. You might want to try this with your children, perhaps using verses from Sunday's readings.

**TUNE IN** - Listen to the Scripture reading.

**REMEMBER** – Notice which word or phrase stands out.

**UNDERSTAND** - Listen again to the reading asking God to help you to understand more about the word or phrase that stood out to you.

**TALK** - Speak to God now about what you remember or need help to understand.

**HEAR** – Be still and listen. What is God saying to you today through His Word?

God,  
Your Word is truth.  
Help us to listen and draw closer to you.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

## **Accelerated Reader**

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

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Sofia</b>	<b>Alyssa</b>	<b>Sienna-Rose</b>	<b>Archie</b>	
<b>Rory</b>	<b>Szymon</b>	<b>Dominik</b>	<b>Rebecca</b>	
<b>Josephine</b>	<b>Renske</b>	<b>Elizabeth</b>	<b>Charlie K</b>	
<b>Juno</b>	<b>Misha</b>	<b>Simeon</b>	<b>Hannah</b>	
<b>Francesca</b>	<b>Hansini</b>	<b>Jude</b>	<b>Joseph</b>	
<b>Olivia</b>	<b>Steve</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Curtis</b>	
	<b>Sharvil</b>	<b>Florence</b>		
		<b>Erin</b>		
		<b>Olive</b>		

## **Millionaire Readers**

Sherlyn – Year 6  
Arthur – Year 4  
Matilda – Year 6  
Dominik – Year 5

## **Triple Millionaire Readers**

Harry – Year 6