



## Weekly Newsletter

4th October 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had another great week. It is the time of year where I start showing prospective parents around school. There is a really purposeful atmosphere as we go round and I always see great learning taking place. The parents are always particularly impressed with how the children make links with Catholic Social Teaching.

On Monday, we had a photographer come into school to take some professional photos for the website. Thank you for making sure your children came in looking so smart. I am hoping to get some photos back next week which we can use for all sorts of publicity and I hope to share some with you over the next few months.

Year 1 have been on two sports trips this week. A dance festival at Amersham school on Wednesday and then a football festival at Chiltern Hills today. They have had a great time; it is so important that we make sure they are learning that being active is fun.

Finally, well done to the school football team who won a Chiltern league game against Waterside 3-0 yesterday evening. It was their best performance of the season with a special mention going to the hat-trick hero Robert.

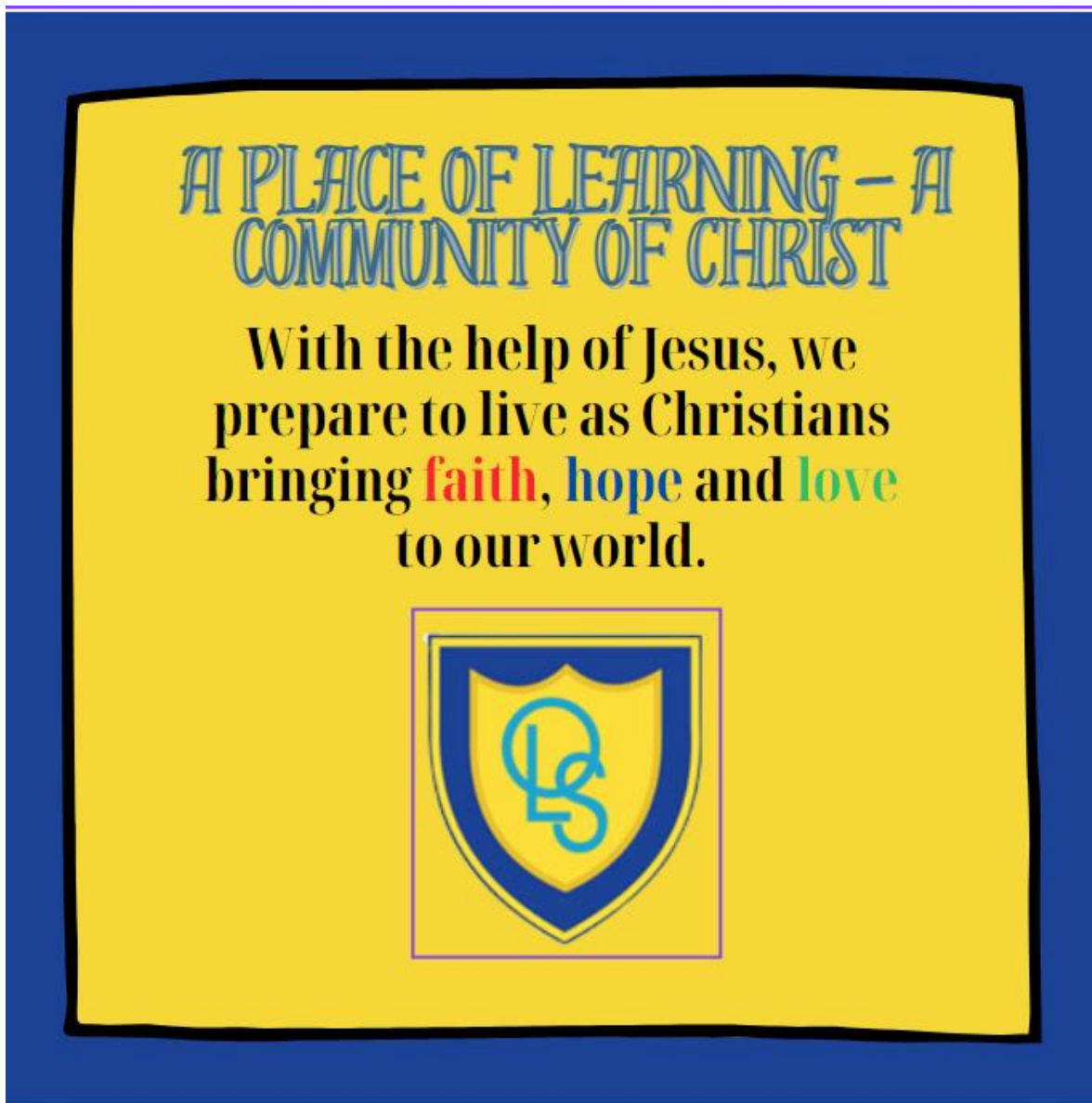
Have a lovely weekend

God Bless

Mr Holdsworth

## **School Mission Statement**

In a world that is in such desperate need for **FAITH**, **HOPE** and **LOVE** we remind ourselves of our mission statement and pray for peace across the world and particularly in the Middle East.



## **Packed Lunches**

I have never wanted to be the headteacher of a school where we interfered with what parents put in their children's packed lunches. That is why we don't have lots of rules about what they can have. I would just ask parents to consider how much processed food their children are getting. We are seeing a lot more things coming in in packets which isn't particularly healthy and also not great for the environment. If your child is a "fussy" eater, the best thing you can do is get them to have school dinners and the worst thing you can do is give them a lunch full of processed food in packets. Please don't worry about whether they are eating because hungry children eat!



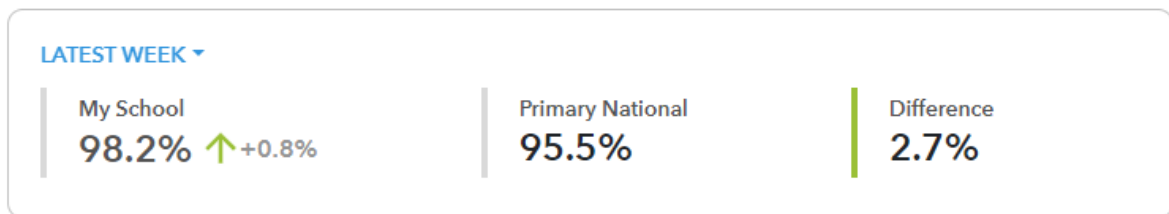
## Parents Evening

We are really sorry that there were so many problems relating to booking onto the parents evening by the app. There has been a bug within the system. If you are still having problems, please contact the office.

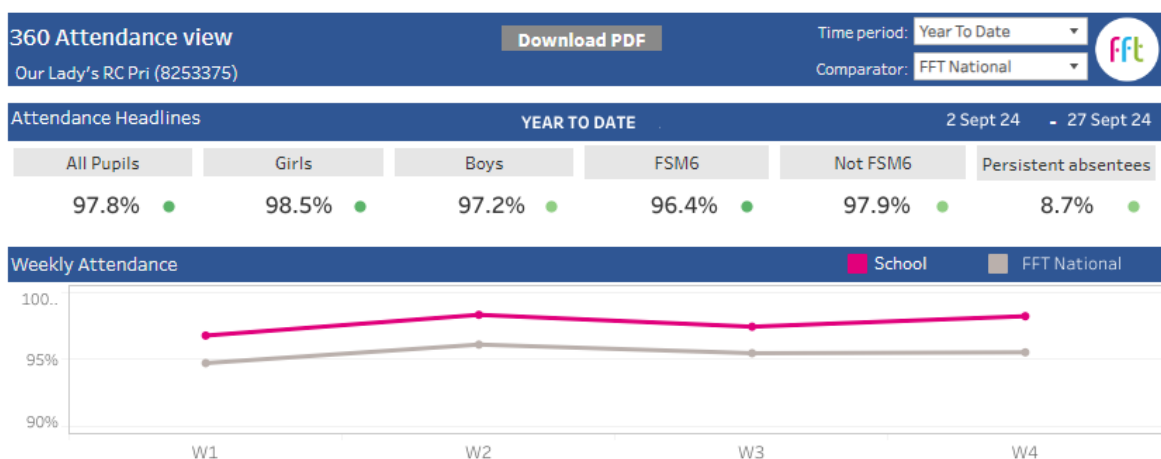
ParentApps have refunded us the cost of the parent evening booking system but we are going to review whether this is the best app to use going forward.

## Attendance

Last weeks attendance was the second time this year our attendance was above 98% which is great. Well done everyone.



The breakdown of groups is as follows with the girls having slightly better attendance than boys. At the moment, we have 8.7% of children with an attendance below 90%. I am determined that we will go back to where we were before the pandemic where the children who had attendance below 90% had serious health issues involving long stints in hospital.



## Homework Club

We are running a homework club every lunchtime for any children who are struggling to access any of the homework on a computer at home. If your child is finding it difficult to do their homework on a computer at home, then please remind them that they can do some of it in school.

## 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
Reuben Rex Oliver	Evie Ruby Ralph Thomas Allison Zoe Zachary	Keera Alvyn Alyssa James Szymon Aoife Renske Adam Cuthbert Victoria Hansini Cat Cat Xavier Sharvil Annie Klara Nikolay	Tamsin Evie Dominik Elizabeth Grace Arthur Jacob Jaeda Shanaya Lorcan Aliza Hansika Chanuga Hugo	Leo Behtin Mark Mia Archie Wanda Rebecca Charlie Finley Evelyn Dominik Robert Curtis

## Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	<b>Agnes, Mayra</b>
Year 2	<b>Noelia, Maksim</b>
Year 3	<b>Caolan, Francesca</b>
Year 4	<b>Alvin, Julia</b>
Year 5	<b>Florence, Rory</b>
Year 6	<b>Mia, Ralph</b>



Avoid bad parking,  
**walk, cycle or  
scoot to school**

**#BeConsiderate**



If you know anyone who would be interested in working with the children at their happiest time – lunchtime - then please direct them to the following advert:

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148673/EDV-2024-OLCPS-88572>

# News From The Parishes



**ST COLUMBA'S** 

 **YOUTH MUSIC GROUP & CLUB**

**WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

EVERY SUNDAY @6PM FOR MASS

SATURDAY MONTHLY PRACTICE  
(5-6PM) FOLLOWED BY  
YOUTH CLUB (6-7PM) WITH PIZZA, GAMES,  
ARTS & CRAFT

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT: [FEDERICA@OLSCESHAM.CO.UK](mailto:FEDERICA@OLSCESHAM.CO.UK)



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

*New Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo*

*email: [freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org)*

Sunday Masses @ 9am (traditional choir) & 6pm (Youth Band/ Choir)

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

**NEXT YOUTH MASS on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm: everybody welcome!**

**Children's choir/band practice and Youth Club on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 5-7pm**

(For catering purposes, please contact Federica if you wish to attend the Youth Club).



## **IHM – Great Missenden**

*New Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo*

email: [freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org)

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)

A joint First Holy Communion programme for both parishes will be held at St Columba's starting on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 4-5pm** for children in year 3 and above. Registrations are open until the end of September.

Please contact either Federica ([federica@olschesham.co.uk](mailto:federica@olschesham.co.uk)), Karen Walder or the parish secretary, Sam on:

[parish.stcolumba@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:parish.stcolumba@northamptondiocese.org)

## **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

There is a baby and toddler group in the guildroom behind Our Lady's Church on Friday mornings - officially 9:15-10:30, but you're welcome to come round as soon as you've dropped off your older child(ren).

The first First Communion classes will be held this week in both Our Lady's and St Aidan's - you should have received details of these classes if you have registered your child.

# #OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:



**olscheshambois**

olscheshambois Well done to these three children who have earned a pen certificate. They join their handwriting up consistently so have earned the right to use pen.

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olscheshambois Year six have been enjoying learning about what is in the blood and the circulatory system. #OlsScience #OlsYear6.

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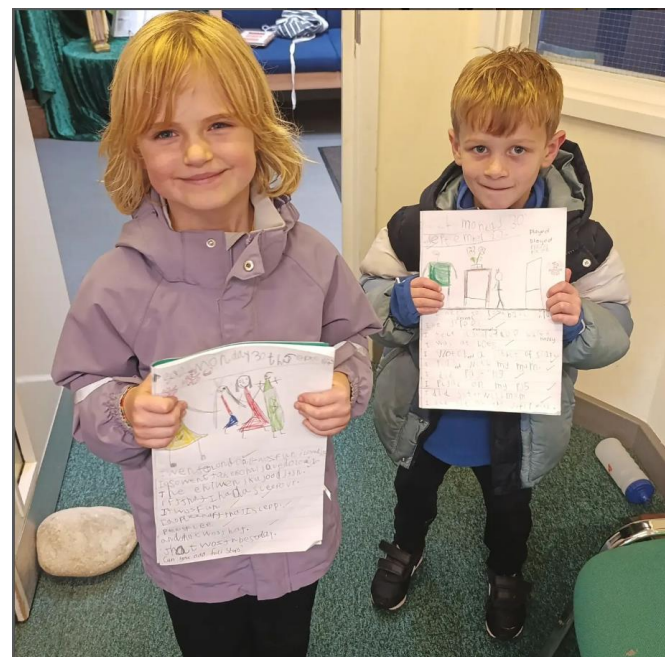
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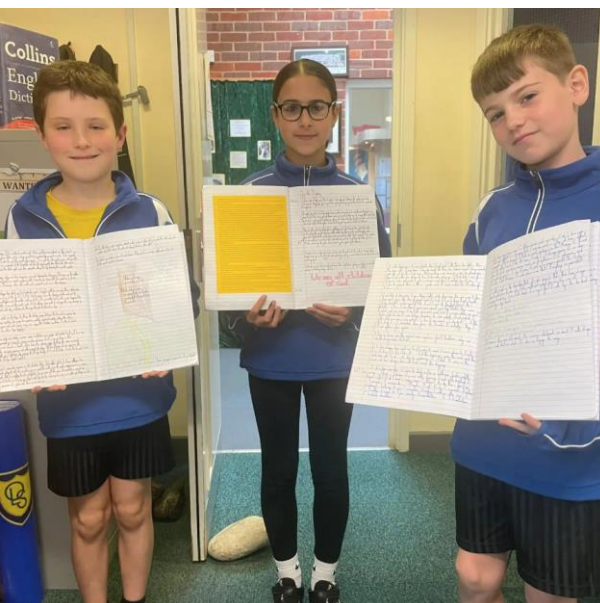
olscheshambols Look at this fantastic French homework! #OLSLanguages #OLSYear4 #OLSHomework  
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## OCTOBER 2024

Our October resources explore Jesus' welcome for everyone and His leadership through loving service. We are encouraged to have an attitude of child-like trust in God who makes all things possible and to respond to Jesus' call to put others before ourselves.

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

<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**