



6th December 2024

Dear Parents,

We are getting to the busiest but probably the most joyful part of the year. On Monday, the Faith Ambassadors led the school in an Advent Liturgy in which we blessed our Advent Wreaths and the school crib.

Also, this week, the classes have been busy practising for the various Christmas Concerts that are coming up. As you can imagine, it all takes some serious negotiation for hall space but I'm pretty sure you'll think it is worth it when you come and see the performances.

Finally, I just want to say a massive thank you again to the PTA. They have had a really busy few weeks. Last Friday was the Hollyberry Boogie, which was great fun and, for the first time ever, I won a raffle prize. As an ex-secondary school maths teacher, I'm not sure maths tutoring would have been my first choice, but it doesn't change the fact that it feels great to win something. Then last night, they organised a wreath making workshop and today, Emma and Laura were in running the Secret Gift Room for the children. I hope they have a well-deserved rest this weekend! One more big event to go with the Christmas Fayre next Friday.

Finally, I am including in the newsletter all the dates over the next few weeks as it is incredibly busy. We start on Monday with our Feast Day and will be celebrating Mass at 2pm. It would be lovely to see any parents who are available to come in at that time.

God Bless

M. Holden

Christmas Lunch

A massive thank you to all the lunchtime staff and all the parent helpers who came in to help with Christmas lunch on Wednesday. The children had an absolutely fabulous time and it really helped to make them feel more Christmassy.



Almost everyone had Christmas lunch, but a few people dropped out in the last 48 hours. Unfortunately, as per our emails, we had already ordered the food by then so people will get charged as we have to pay for the meals. We can't force people to pay but it costs the school so we will just add the meal to your account. If you really don't want to pay, then phone us. But people just need to acknowledge that it has been paid for by the school and is a waste of food.

We often bend the rules for late payments etc because we don't want the children to miss out but sometimes being too flexible causes these sorts of problems.

Last Two Weeks of Term

Feast of Immaculate Conception – School Feast Day Mass	9 th December 2.00pm	Whole School
Keyboard/Guitar Assembly	12 th December 9.30am	Whole School
Reception Nativity	13 th December 9.15 am	Reception
Hollyberry Fayre	13 th December 3.30pm	Whole School
KS1 Performance	18 th December 2.00pm	Key Stage 1
KS2 Carol Service – St Aidan’s Church	19 th December 6.30pm	Key Stage 2
End of Term	20 th December 1.30pm	Whole School



Our Lady's School invites the KS2 parents to the

KS2

Carol concert 2024

Thursday 19th Dec at 6.30-7.45pm



at St Aidan's Church, Little Chalfont

Car Park

Unfortunately, this week we had an accident in the car park involving a member of staff's car. This was while people were trying to pick up from extra-curricular clubs. Please only park in the car park when you have permission. I know it is dark, but you are putting the safety of our children at risk. Fortunately, it was only a car that was damaged but people parking inconsiderately puts the children at risk. If you do have permission, please make sure you park in an actual car parking space and don't leave your car blocking exits or parked in areas you shouldn't.

I don't know if the people in these pictures have permission or not, but it does demonstrate how dangerous it is:



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 Charlie Varun	Sofia Evie Arthur Rory Josephine Juno Francesca Thomas Zachary Olivia Caolan Martha Daisy Jan Nathan	Keera Alyssa James Renske Adam Michael Cuthbert Mason Misha Victoria Hansini Cat Cat Elise Xavier Sharvil Annie Klara Nikolay Maja	Tamsin Sienna-Rose Evie Dominik Elizabeth Simeon Grace Arthur Jacob Erica Shanaya Lorcan Aliza Hansika Erin Chanuga Olive Hugo Emilio	Mark Mia Ivor Spike Wanda Rebecca Charlie F Finley H Charlie K Michael M Evelyn Dominik Robert Joseph Curtis Zuzanna

Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Iulia, Peter
Year 2	Antonio, Tosia
Year 3	Arty, Rory
Year 4	Malwina, Michael
Year 5	Sienna-Rose, Donnie
Year 6	Adam, 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)

Next YOUTH MASS – Sunday 15th Dec @ 6pm

Next MUSIC practice – Saturday 14th Dec @ 5-6pm

Next YOUTH CLUB – Saturday 14th Dec @ 6-7pm (for catering and safeguarding purposes please let Federica know if you are attending and if you have any dietary requirement)

Next FHC session – Saturday 14th Dec @ 4-5pm

IHM – Great Missenden

New Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

email: 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)

CHRISTMAS EVE Family/ children Mass – 24th Dec @5pm

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).

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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It was lovely to join Year 6 and the local parishioners at Mass this morning #OLSYear6 #OLSBuildingTheKingdom

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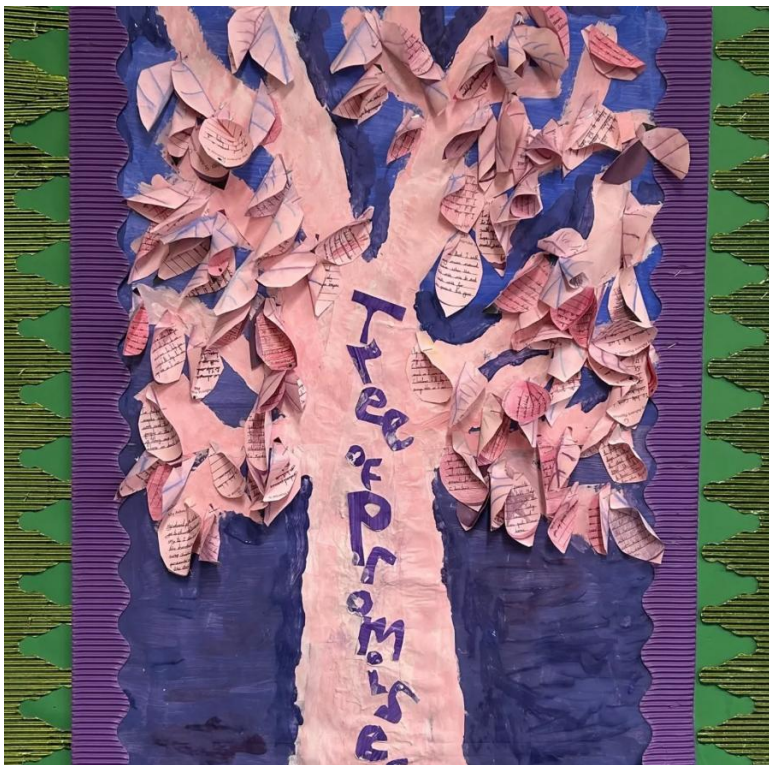
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Year 5's Tree of Promises #OLSYear5 #OLSBuildingTheKingdom #OLSAdvent

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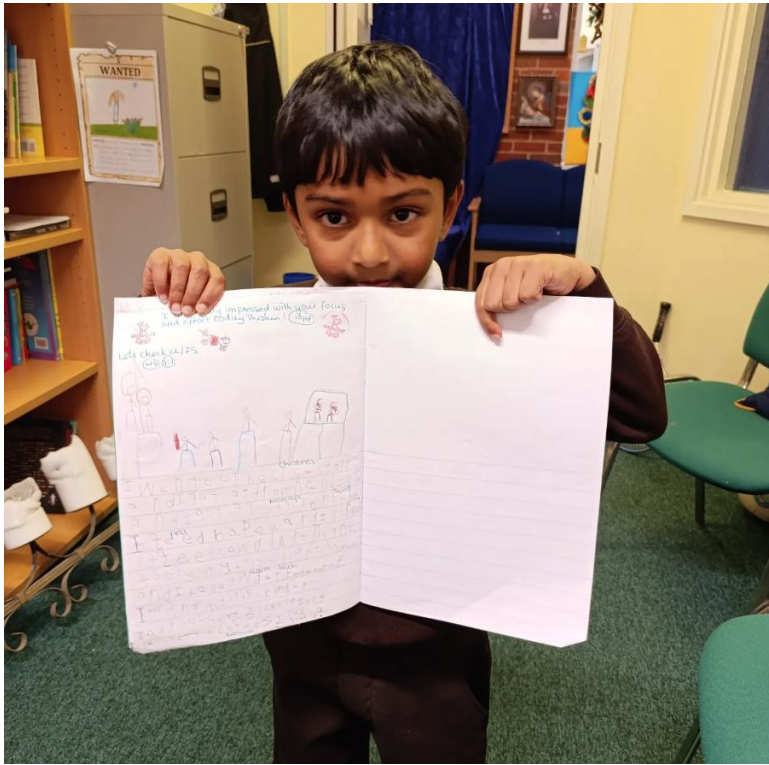
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olscheshambois This young man has started reading more at home which means his writing and reading are really improving quickly #OLSReading #OLSWriting #DeliberatePractise
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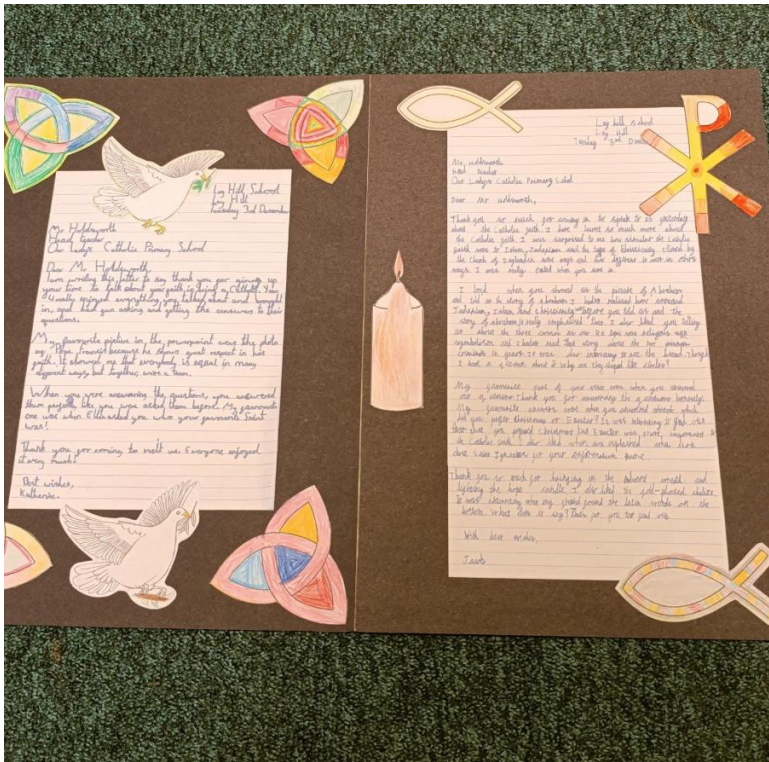
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olscheshambois Yesterday I went to Ley Hill school to talk about being Catholic. I received this lovely card from them today #OLSFamilyAndCommunity #OLScst

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Thank you to the PTA #OLSpta

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December 2024

November is a month of special feasts starting with the Solemnity of All Saints and Feast of All Souls and ending with the Solemnity of Christ the King which marks the end of the liturgical year.

Our November resources invite children to explore what is most important. The Gospels encourage us to prioritise God over all things and love our neighbour. Jesus explains that true generosity of heart means giving with the confidence to trust that God will provide us with all that we need and He is always there ready to help and guide us.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout November 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**