



6th February 2026

### Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the start of February. Last weekend, just over 40 of our children took part in the local schools' cross country event at Lowndes Park. That is over a third of Key Stage 2 which is amazing. We were incredibly fortunate to have what must surely be one of the sunniest days in January! A huge well done to all the children who represented our school with such determination and spirit.

A special mention goes to our medalists: **Juno (1st), Zoe (4th), Evie (6th) and Joseph (8th)**. We are also delighted to share that the **Year 4 girls won the Gold Team medal**, beating strong competition from Heatherton House and Godstowe Prep School. A fantastic achievement!

On Monday, the children took part in our school's celebration of **Candlemas**. A group of children from each class had the opportunity to spend time in **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, offering a moment of stillness, reflection and prayer. It has been a beautiful way to mark this important feast in the Church's calendar.

Year 6 enjoyed a very special **film premiere day** on Tuesday to celebrate the end of their class reader, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. The effort the children put into their costumes and presentations reflects the phenomenal effort they have put into their writing this year. Some of the magic tricks in particular were great. We are incredibly proud of them. Thank you to the Year 6 parents because we know the children don't get the costumes together on their own.

Finally today Year 3 have been visiting the **Verulamium Museum in St Albans**, enriching their learning in history. I am sure they will have a wonderful time exploring the exhibits and bringing their Roman studies to life.

I look forward to seeing many of you at **Youth Mass at St Aidan's tomorrow**, and at the **School Disco on Sunday**.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Holdsworth



## **Tag Rugby Match Report - Chartridge Fixture**

Yesterday after school, our Tag Rugby team travelled to Chartridge School for our second match of the season. Despite the very wet and muddy conditions, spirits were high and the children threw themselves into the game with great enthusiasm.

It was a slightly slow start, and we found ourselves 6-2 down at half time. However, after a quick team talk, the children came out fighting in the second half. By running forwards with more confidence and working together in attack, they produced a fantastic comeback performance. The final score finished 19-18 – so close, but just out of reach. Even so, it was a brilliant effort from the whole team, and it's clear that we are improving with every match we play.

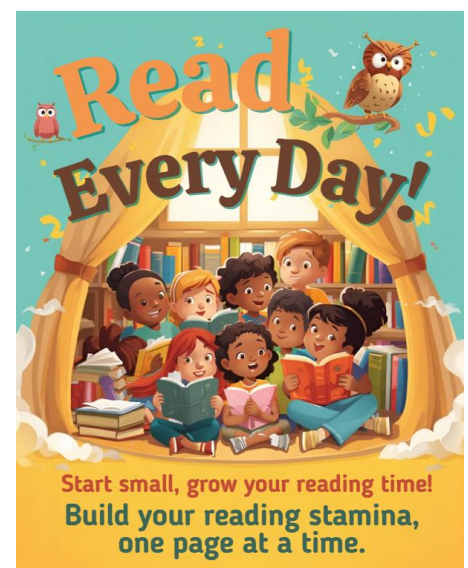


## **Fit for Reading**

Not their physical fitness, but their reading fitness. How long can they read without interruption?

When I sit in a classroom, I don't even need to listen to the children read to make a judgement about their reading. I can simply watch them reading independently. Children who don't read at home often find it very difficult to sit and read for more than a couple of minutes at a time.

Parents can make a real difference with this. Help your child develop good habits. Start small and build up gradually. If they aren't reading regularly, you can't expect them to read for half an hour in one go. Begin with five minutes a day and slowly increase the time. It's just like training for a marathon or doing Couch to 5K.



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## YOUTH MASS



SATURDAY  
7TH FEB  
2026 AT 6.15PM



## Accelerated Reader

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

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	<b>Aariv</b>	<b>Jessica</b>	<b>Harish</b>	<b>Alvin</b>	<b>Tamsin</b>
	<b>Theresa</b>	<b>Reuben</b>	<b>Sofia</b>	<b>Alyssa</b>	<b>Sienna-Rose</b>
	<b>Mayra</b>	<b>Joseph</b>	<b>Evie</b>	<b>Michael C</b>	<b>Evie</b>
	<b>Manny</b>	<b>Tiernan</b>	<b>Rory</b>	<b>Malwina</b>	<b>Giovanni</b>
	<b>Margot</b>	<b>Rex</b>	<b>Juno</b>	<b>Renske</b>	<b>Donnie</b>
	<b>William</b>	<b>Oliver</b>	<b>Megan</b>	<b>Mason</b>	<b>Dominik</b>
	<b>Freddie</b>	<b>Rory</b>	<b>Francesca</b>	<b>Misha</b>	<b>Rory</b>
	<b>Zac</b>	<b>Anastasia</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>Hansini</b>	<b>Simeon</b>
	<b>Joseph P</b>	<b>Sofia</b>	<b>Allison</b>	<b>Cat Cat</b>	<b>Elizabeth</b>
	<b>Bettie</b>	<b>Noelia</b>	<b>Roberto</b>	<b>Xavier</b>	<b>Grace</b>
	<b>Gaia</b>	<b>Robyn</b>	<b>Zoe</b>	<b>Antra</b>	<b>Stash</b>
		<b>Robin</b>	<b>Zachary</b>	<b>Sharvil</b>	<b>Eleanor</b>
		<b>Tosia</b>	<b>Arthur</b>	<b>Annie</b>	<b>Jude</b>
			<b>Niamh</b>	<b>Catherine</b>	<b>Arthur</b>
			<b>Olivia</b>	<b>Klara</b>	<b>Jacob</b>
			<b>Caolan</b>	<b>Hanna</b>	<b>Erica</b>
			<b>Martha</b>	<b>Nikolay</b>	<b>Jaeda</b>
			<b>Daisy</b>	<b>Minchun</b>	<b>Aliza</b>
			<b>Alex</b>		<b>Thomas</b>
			<b>Nathan</b>		<b>Bianca</b>
					<b>Hansika</b>
					<b>Florence</b>
					<b>Erin</b>
					<b>Olive</b>
					<b>Emilio</b>



The following children have been awarded a Numbots certificate in the last week.

Rust	Iron	Tin	Brass	Copper	Steel	Chrome
		<b>Rose D</b>	<b>Alex B</b>	<b>Theresa B</b>	<b>Mayra C</b>	<b>Aariv B</b>
		<b>Luke J</b>	<b>Joseph P</b>	<b>Aariv B</b>	<b>Aariv B</b>	
		<b>Margot G</b>	<b>Aariv B</b>	<b>Benjamin R</b>		
			<b>Bertie W</b>			
			<b>Mika H</b>			
			<b>Harper D</b>			





These children have gone green in Times Table RockStars which means they know all of their times table facts:

Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Sofia	Joseph	Elizabeth
Arthur	Alysaa	Eleanor
Rory	James	Arthur
Ruby	Szymon	Jaeda
Josephine	Malwina	Karo
Ann	Adam	Aliza
Francesca	Michael F	Emilio
Thomas	Hanisini	Divine
Zoe	Cat Cat	
Niamh	Klara	
Olivia	Hanna	
Jan	Misha	
Nathan	Sharvil	
Allison	Alise	
Mason	Antra	
Artie	Minchun	
Genevieve		
Harrish		


## Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Ciaran, Harper
Year 2	Aariv, Zach
Year 3	Robin W, Rosie
Year 4	Mason, Niamh
Year 5	Keera, Misha
Year 6	Hansika, Stash

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What an amazing morning at the Chiltern Schools Cross Country. Great running from everyone. A special mention to our medalists Juno (1st), Zoe(4th), Evie (6th) and Joseph (8th). Well done to the Year 4 girls who won the Gold Team medal beating a strong @heathertonschool and @godstoweprepschool . #OLSSport @stcat\_schools

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Well done! 🍷🍷🍷

What a great weekend of cross country running from everyone involved.

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Today we have celebrated Candlemas by giving the children the opportunity to take part in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament #OLSChaplaincy

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Year 6 are magic! A film premiere day to celebrate the end of their latest class reader 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' The effort they have made today matches the effort they have made all year with their writing - phenomenal! #OLSLiteracy

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## **News From The Parishes**

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

*Parish Priest: Fr Mirek Misiura*

*email: [FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org)*

Sunday Masses @ 9 am (children's liturgy) & 6 pm (Youth Band/ Choir)

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

### **IHM – Great Missenden**

*Parish Priest: Fr Mirek Misiura*

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Sunday Mass @ 11 am (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*

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)

***For those of you with younger children, OLOPS Toddler Group runs in the guildroom at the back of Our Lady's Church on Fridays in term time for children aged 0-4 and their parent or carer. We have lots of toys to play with and always finish with a snack and singing. The official timing is 9:15 to 10:30, but you are welcome to come earlier if you're at a loose end after dropping your older child off at school.***

St Aidan's - Saturday 6:15 pm; Sunday 9 am (Polish Mass) and 11 am

**The next Youth Mass at St Aidan's: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 6.15**  
**Everybody welcome to join the choir/band!**  
**If anyone wishes to read please let Federica know at school.**