



6th June 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely and restful half term. It already feels like a distant memory especially after such a busy and joyful return to school!

Apologies that there was no newsletter before the break; Year 6 and I were away enjoying a fantastic PGL residential. It was a wonderful experience, filled with adventure, teamwork, and lots of laughter. The children were brilliant ambassadors for our school, and I'm so proud of how they embraced every challenge. As you'll see from the picture below, the highlight for me definitely wasn't going on the Giant Swing - twice!!!


This week, we've had some truly special moments in school. We began with a beautiful Reconciliation Service, followed by individual confessions. Thank you to Father Roy and Father Sean for joining us. This was Father Sean's first visit to Our Lady's, from St Teresa's in Beaconsfield, and – unsurprisingly - he was really impressed.

We also celebrated Pentecost with a vibrant and joyful liturgy led by the children. It was a real highlight of the week, featuring a dramatisation of Sunday's Gospel and prayers spoken in different languages - a lovely reminder of the unity and diversity of our school community.

I hope to see many of you at the Pentecost Youth Mass at St Columba's on Sunday!

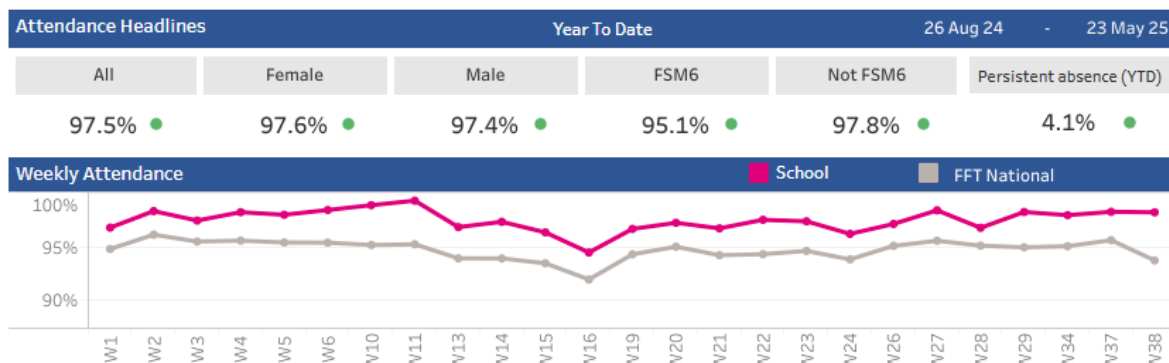
Have a lovely weekend

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Attendance



At Our Lady's Roman Catholic School, we know that good attendance is vital for children to make the most of their learning, build strong friendships, and develop positive habits for life. We are therefore delighted to share our latest attendance figures, which reflect the fantastic commitment of our pupils and families.

I am really pleased that, unlike most of schools in the country, our attendance didn't drop off before half term. In fact. Our attendance was nearly 5% higher than the national average. Well done everyone – every single day matters.

Gratitude Assembly Certificates



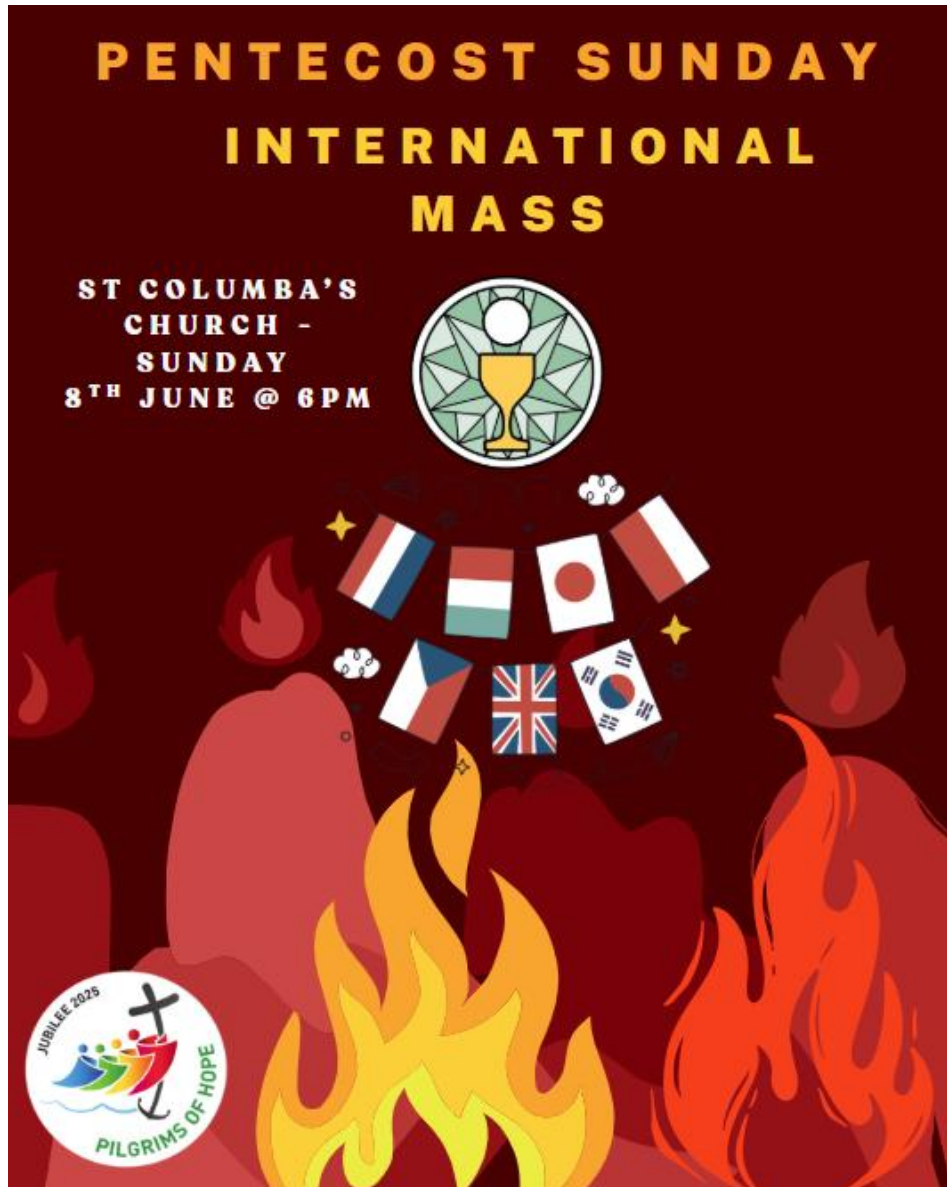
Last week's Gratitude Assembly Certificates:

Year 1	Agnes, Filip
Year 2	Robin, Grace, Cian, Marilyn
Year 3	Evie, Olivia
Year 4	Michael, Antra
Year 5	Erica,

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 Alexander Grace Maksim Oliver Rory Leon	Sofia Arthur Rory Ruby Josephine Megan Thomas Allison Roberto Niamh Olivia Caolan Martha Jan Alex Nathan Mason	Alvin Alyssa James Michael C Szymon Malwina Renske Adam Michael F Joseph Cuthbert Mason Misha Victoria Hansini Cat Cat Elise Annie Catherine Hannah Maja	Tamsin Evie Donnie Elizabeth Grace Eleanor Jude Arthur Jacob Jaeda Erin Hugo Emilio	No targets yet. Been a bit busy preparing for tests.



Youth Masses

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

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

Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo

email: freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org

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:

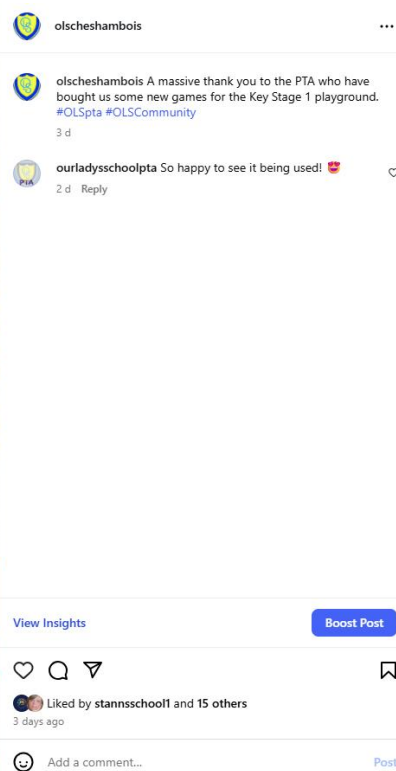
Our Lady's - Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 9 am (with children's liturgy and a choir for children in Year 3 and above - all welcome to come and sing, and there's a brief practice after Mass)

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

Children are the future of our Church and are always welcome at Mass, but parents often worry about small children getting restless and disturbing other members of the congregation. As well as children's liturgy at the 9:00 Sunday Mass, Our Lady's Church now has a speaker set up in the guildroom. This allows you to continue to follow the Mass if your toddler needs a break from sitting still.

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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olscheshambois Yesterday the Children lead us in a really joyful Pentecost liturgy #OLSchaplaincy

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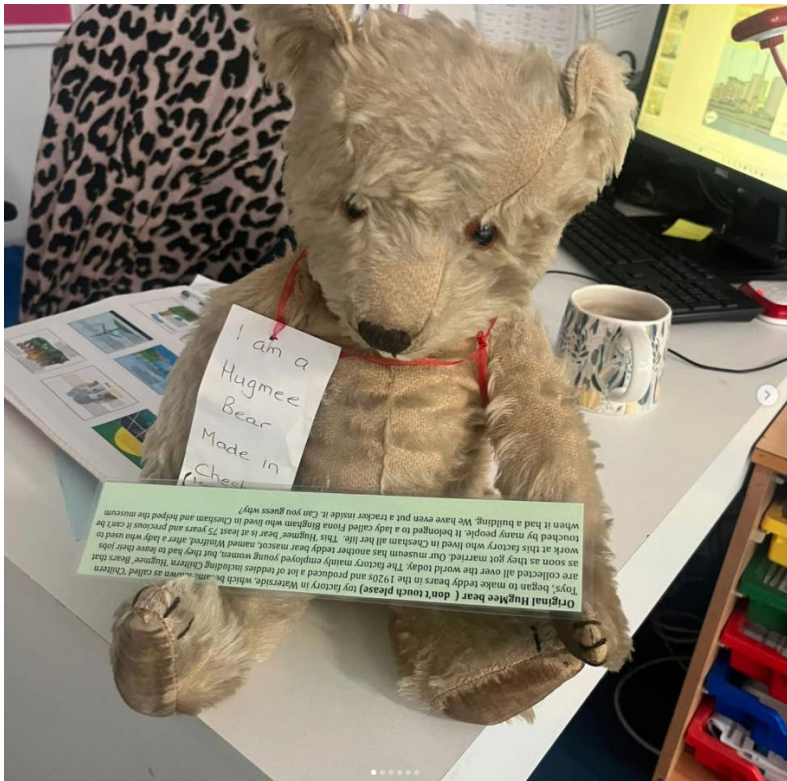
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olscheshambois Year 4 learnt about the 5 b's of Chesham. Boots, beer, brushes, Baptists and bricks referring to the towns historical industries and religious presence. The children got to explore and learn about the objects historical significance in relation to our local area. #olshistory

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olscheshambois Dodgeball at After School Club. Looks like great fun!!!! #OLSpe #OLSAterschoolclub

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olscheshambois Year 6 in role at the OLS WW2 Museum. #OLSHistory #OLSYear6

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June 2025

In June we see the end of Eastertide and the beginning of a month full of joyful feast days in the Church. Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June presents us all with the opportunity to reflect on the amazing love and mercy of Jesus Christ, displayed through His death and Resurrection.

This month children will learn about God's presence, in them and the world around them, taking time to think about how they can share faith and love with others.

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

PENTECOST PARTY

The assembly for the week beginning 9th June marks the Church's birthday with the feast of **Pentecost**. Through a party game and the Scripture reading, children will discover that the arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is cause for celebration!

In the Gospel, Jesus promised that His disciples would receive the Holy Spirit and Pentecost is the day His promise came true. In a time of prayer, children will also have the opportunity to be filled with the Holy Spirit and reflect on our calling to be the dwelling place of God's presence.

You might like to hear more about the Holy Spirit and the events of Pentecost by watching our video 'Who is the Holy Spirit?' with your children on the **Parent Portal**.

With your child/ren, you may also like to ...

- *Invite the presence of the Holy Spirit to be with you in your family prayer time by praying, 'Come, Holy Spirit.'*
- *Talk about some of the fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23 , and discuss how you might grow in these gifts through your thoughts, words and actions.*

5 + 2 = 5000?!

The Gospel for the 4th week of June accounts the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5000. Children will understand that Jesus provides just what we need, both physically *and* spiritually.

Seeing parallels between Jesus' actions in this miracle and the breaking of bread at Mass, children will explore the **Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** (Corpus Christi) which invites us all to celebrate Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist.

Children will also learn that when we offer our prayers and our talents to Jesus, He multiplies our efforts and fills us with His love.

With your child/ren, you might like to...

- *Bake some bread together and remember Jesus' words from the Last Supper (Luke 22:14-20) as you share it.*
- *Pray together the prayer that children will be praying over the week in their Daily Classroom Prayers.*

**Jesus,
I adore you.
I love you.
I thank you.
I ask you.
I respect you.
Fill me with the
food of your love.
Amen**

THE WORK OF GOD'S FINGERS

The prayers for the week of the 16th of June reflect on Psalm 8 and invite children to praise God for His gift of Creation which He made for us to live in and enjoy. Everything we see, touch, smell and hear in the natural world is the work of God's fingers!

In their prayers, children will take time to notice the wonders of nature that surround us and offer their thanks to God for them.

As a family, you might like to bring your own praise prayers to God and conclude with the prayer below.

**O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name through all the Earth!
When I see the work of your fingers,
I give you praise!**

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