



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

7th June 2024

Dear Parents,


I hope you had a lovely half term. We have had the exciting news that we had solar panels installed over half term. We have been waiting over a year for them so it is great we have them for the summer. We now have also bought an app so that we can teach the children about their carbon footprint and green energy. Thank you to everyone who donates to the Our Lady's Trust as they have helped by donating £5000 which we have used to top up the government grant. If you aren't donating, please consider whether you are able to make a small monthly contribution. All of the information is on our website:

[Our Lady's Trust - Our Lady's Catholic Primary School \(olschesham.co.uk\)](https://olschesham.co.uk)

This week was also my favourite day of the year International Day. The children all looked great in their international dress. The theme this year was Road 2 Paris to tie in with the Olympics. I know the children enjoyed trying out lots of different sports and considering what it is like to be a Paralympian. A massive thank you to all of the parents who provided food for the evening. It is great to celebrate what a diverse community we are and I definitely enjoyed the eating.

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless

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Curriculum – Maths

Like so many other schools in England, we use White Rose Maths resources as our scheme of work. Obviously, we adapt it to ensure we are challenging all of our children but if you want an idea of the types of learning we are doing, they produce a comprehensive set of lessons which you can use at home to help your child with their maths. On the whole we stick to the structure of White Rose so if you follow the structure you will be in line with what we are doing in school. It will also give you an idea of the types of methods we are using. A link to their resources is here:

[Maths home learning | Home learning | White Rose Education](#)

Prayer and Liturgy

We have had a very busy week. Last weekend, Cuthbert in Year 3 received his First Holy Communion. It is really special to receive your First Holy Communion on the Feast Day of Corpus Christi. Congratulations Cuthbert!

On Tuesday, Father Giacomo brought the Blessed Sacrament to school for Adoration. This is the second time we have done this and it really is a beautiful way to pray and spend time with Jesus. The children were amazing. Parents are welcome to come and join us next time we do this.

Finally, this morning we had a penitential liturgy for Year 3 as they are celebrating their First Holy Communion over the next couple of weeks. This was followed by the opportunity to go to confession for staff and children across the school. I'd like to thank Father Dave and Father Giacomo for making this happen as the Diocese expect us to provide the opportunity for confession in school.



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:

Every SATURDAY @ 6pm

Every SUNDAY @ 11am

St Aidan's Church

Priest: Father Roy

Mass times:

Every SATURDAY @ 6.15 pm

Every SUNDAY @ 11 am

@ 9 am (Polish Mass)

Our Lady's Church

Priest: Father Roy

Mass times:

Every SATURDAY @ 5 pm

Every SUNDAY @ 9 am (including children's liturgy, including during the holidays)

OLOPS toddler group is every Friday of term time, 9:15-10:30. All parents/carers with children aged from birth to school age are welcome. We have playtime, singing and a snack, and if you have an older child at OLS, you are welcome to come as soon as you have dropped them off at school. We request a voluntary donation of £1-£2.

Please remember in your prayers those of our children from St Aidan's and Our Lady's parishes who will be making their First Holy Communion at Our Lady's Church tomorrow afternoon.

We have recently started a children's choir to help lead the singing during the 9:00 Mass. If your child is in Year 3 or above and enjoys singing, please encourage them to join Michael and Lucy for a rehearsal of next week's hymns in the church after Mass."

The children making their First Communion on Saturday are Klara, Annie, Hanna, Renske, Isabelle, Aoife, Mason and Victoria from Year 3 and Shanaya from Year 4. There will be cake and other refreshments in the guild room after Mass before the children go off for their own family celebrations, to which all are invited.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

On messaging apps, social media and online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they can be great for connecting with others, there are several risks posed by these tools.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING

Teens are often trying to find their place in their social group. Unfortunately, group chats can sometimes lend themselves to unkind comments being shared freely, putting people down to make their peers laugh – often creating a vicious circle that encourages others to join in. Being bullied so publicly – in front of friends and acquaintances – can also amplify the hurt, embarrassment and anxiety that the victim feels.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: for instance, starting a new group, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one person doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss events that exclude them – for example, sharing photos from a day out that they didn't attend.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by a child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some apps have features that cause messages to disappear after they're viewed, so children may be unable to report something they've seen, as it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT

Group chats can feel more private and protected, allowing children to share inside jokes and video calls with a smaller group of friends. It's important to remember that while the chat's content is private between those in the group, individual users can easily share material with others outside of the group, or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something a child intended as private becoming public is higher if there are strangers in the chat.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely for children to communicate with people they don't know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly towards everyone present. It's wise for young people to avoid sharing personal details and remember that they have no control over what others do with the material they send into the chat.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications they tend to generate. Every time someone sends a message, each member's device will be 'pinged' with an alert. This could result in hundreds of notifications a day. This is often highly distracting, and young people's fear of missing out (FOMO) can cause increased screen time as they try to keep up with the conversation.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats can become an arena for young people to compete for social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse which could upset others. Help children consider how people might feel if they behave in this way. If the child does upset someone, encourage them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Group chats are an excellent way for children to connect and feel like they belong. However, remind them that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their feelings and empower them by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. You can also encourage children to speak up if they witness others being picked on.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If a child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block whoever sent the material, report that person to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could put a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise that it's OK for children to simply leave any group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Ensure children understand the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school, or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they can't be certain where it might end up and how it might be used.

AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their identity to gain a child's trust and serve their own ends – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure the child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and why they should never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a device bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be an irritating distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to children that they can still be part of the group chat while disabling notifications – and that it would be healthier for them to do so, avoiding a situation where they could feel pressured to respond.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and setting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: <https://www.thenationalcollege.org.uk/what-is-a-group-chat/>, <https://www.nps.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>



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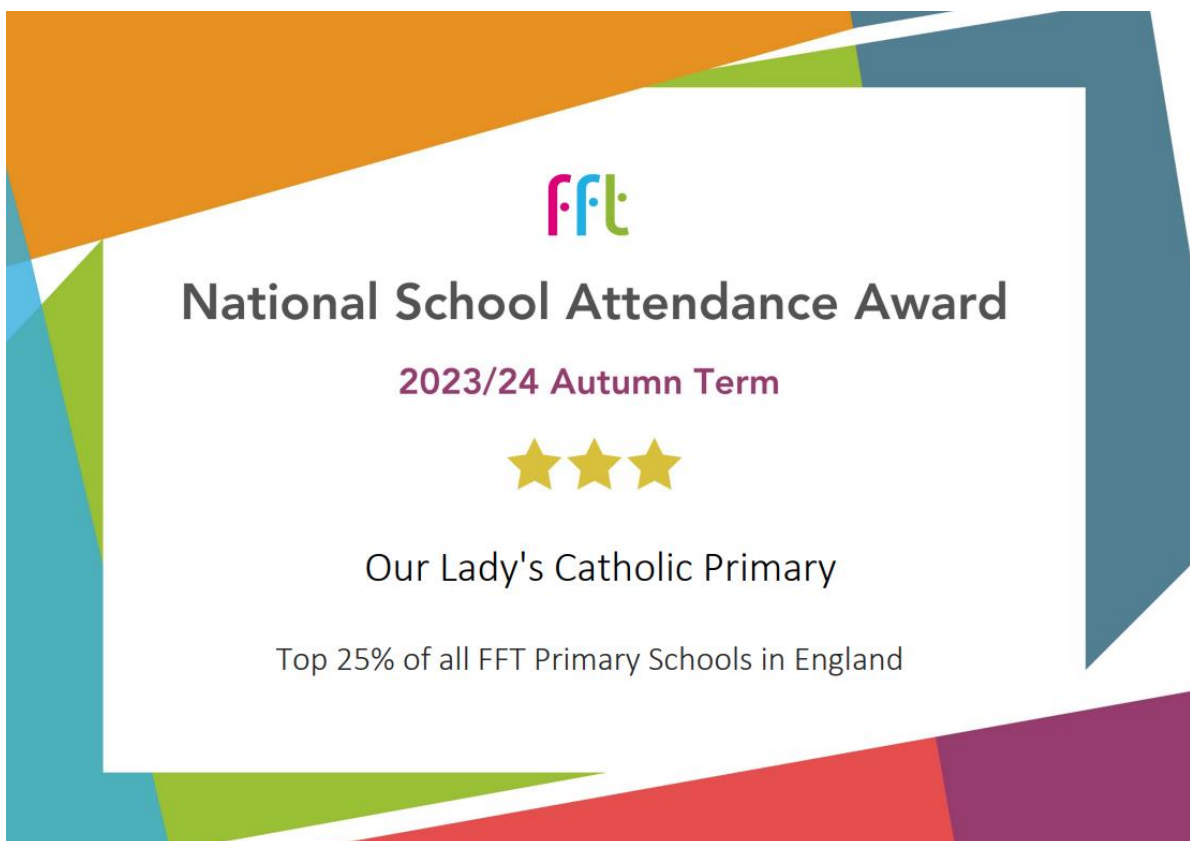
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Attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Well done everyone! We have been awarded a certificate for being in the top 25% of schools for attendance in the Autumn Term. Lets get ourselves back into the top 10% because that is where our attainment usually is but we will only stay there if our children are in school more than most children!!!!



Gratitude Assembly Certificates

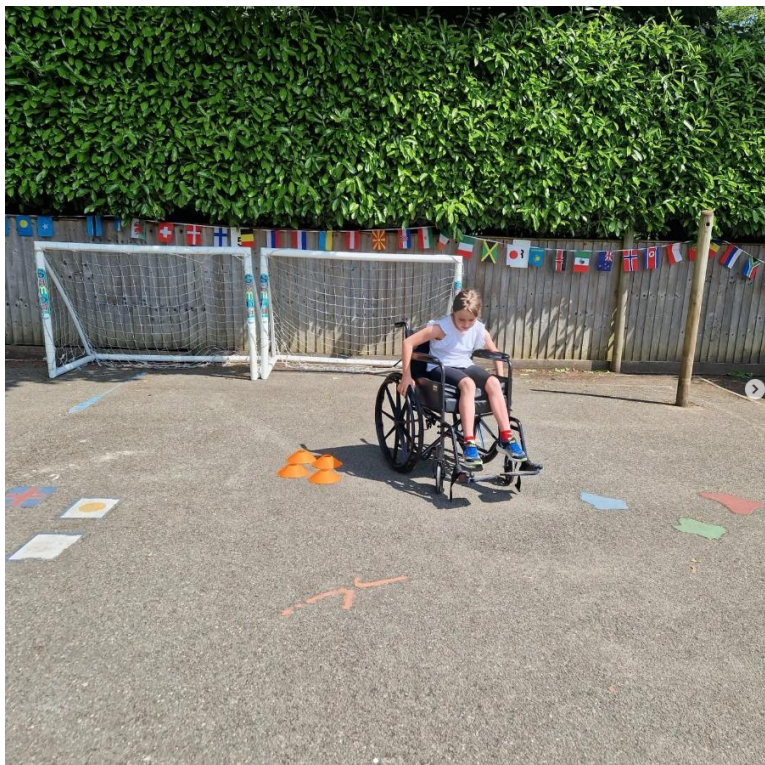


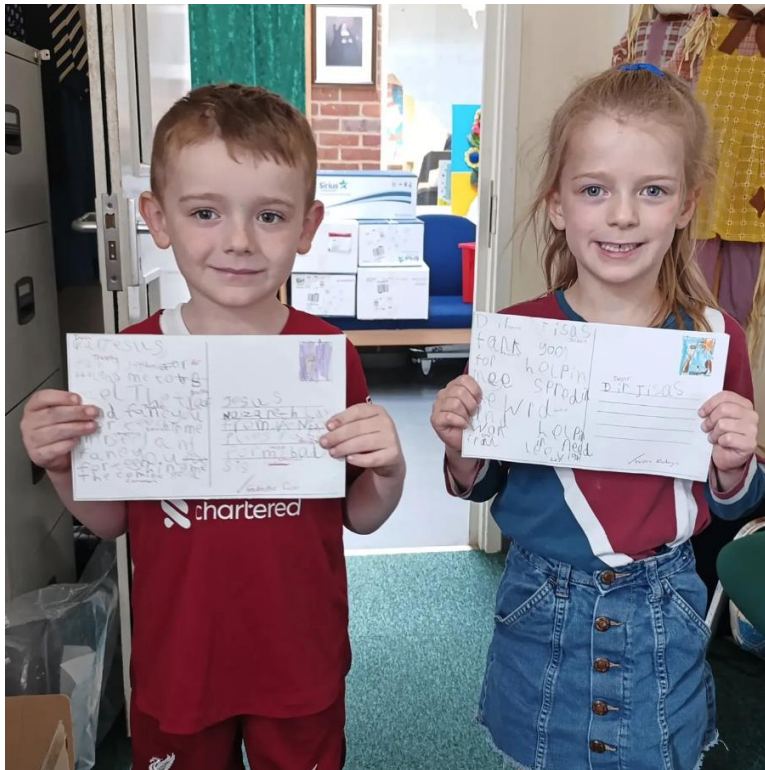
Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	Sofia, Oliver
Year 2	Allison, Thomas
Year 3	Seraphina, Renske
Year 4	Florence, Hugo
Year 5	Liam, Michael M

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Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:





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olscheshambois Year 1 are writing postcards from Levi to Jesus. Fantastic work #OLSRE #OLSYear1
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olscheshambois The SoulBeat Band practising for Praise & Songs today! #OLSChaplaincy #OLSBuildingTheKingdom #OLSMusic
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olscheshambois Our Primary Minister and Deputy Primary Minister talking to the new Reception Parents this evening. Fabulous ambassadors for the school #OLSYear6 #OLSParliament

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[olscheshambois](#) The long awaited solar panels. Thank you everyone who donated to the OLS trust. We've said £10 in 3 hours. #OLSBUILDINGTHEKINGDOM #OLSStewardship

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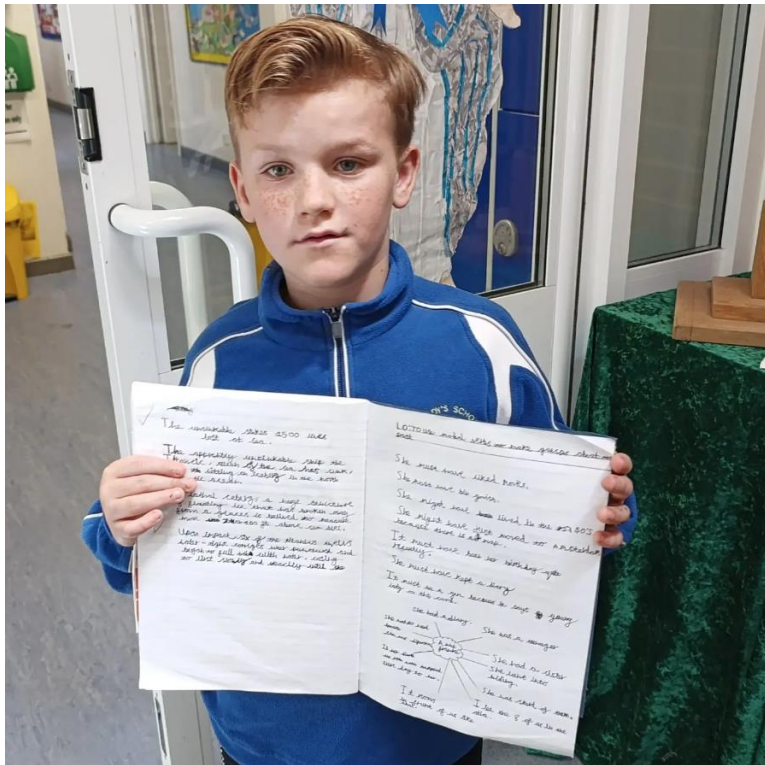
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 **olscheshambois** I can't believe how much progress this young man has made in his writing this year #OLSLiteracy #OLSYear5
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 olseshambois Year 6 children doing some silk painting with our resident artist. We aren't far off our Faith, Hope and Love exhibition #olsbuildingthekingdom #OLSart #OLSYear6

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**olscheshambois** Adoration - Time to be very close to Jesus
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**olscheshambois**

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**olscheshambois** Congratulations to this young man who recieved his First Holy Communion on Sunday. It is very special to recieve this gift on the Feast of Corpus Christi.
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**olscheshambois** Year 4's End of Topic Liturgy - To The Ends of the Earth #OLSTYear4 #OLSRE
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**olscheshambois** Year 5 are learning the waltz as part of their Geography topic about Blackpool #OLSGeography #OLSTYear5
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We've missed this over the last few weeks. 🌟

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Well done 🍷

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June 2024

You may or may not know that June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This focus on a popular image representing Jesus with His heart pierced, reminds Catholics of the incredible love of God shown through His Son, Jesus.

June's resources, in a similar way, point children to the heart of who Jesus is, and His power, presence, and love.

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.

Corpus Christi

June begins with the Feast of Corpus Christi meaning 'The Body of Christ'. This celebrates the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. (Catholics believe that the bread and wine used for Holy Communion at Mass become the Body and Blood of Jesus).

Children will spend time in prayer remembering the Last Supper and reflect on what this means for them today. You might wish to use the following video to inspire a reflective time of prayer at home.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

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

- *Use journalling or drawing to reflect on the video. You might like to use prompts to help, such as, 'what do you want to thank Jesus for?'*
- *Talk about special meals you enjoy sharing with your family including the time and preparations. Then discuss how you might put the same preparation and care into spending time with Jesus.*

Family of Followers

The Gospel for the week beginning 10th June reminds children how those who follow Jesus are united as family in their faith. Through Jesus' words about God's family, made up of those who follow God's will, children will reflect on how they can be loving brothers and sisters to everyone and be inspired by the example of the saints who also loved God and followed His will.

Throughout the Year of Prayer, our prayer resources highlight different styles of prayer through real people's experiences and reflections.

This video, from Fr Lee, speaks about praying with the Saints.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

With your child, you might like to...

- *Discuss Fr Lee's questions to encourage them to try praying with the Saints:*
 - *Ask God, who could be your spiritual brother or sister?*
 - *Which saint in Heaven could pray for you?*
- *Explore the stories of some different saints and how they showed their love for God and His family through their words or actions. You might like to start with some of the saints whose feast days fall during the week of the 10th June like [Saint Barnabas](#) or [Saint Anthony of Padua](#).*

Peace in the Storms

Jesus' power and presence is amazing! He is the one who can calm the wind and waves with His voice! Children will reflect on this great truth in prayer, by bringing their own intentions to Jesus about the 'storms' or difficulties that they or others face.

Children will invite the Holy Spirit to help them to trust Jesus and know His peace in every situation.

You might like to use this short prayer to conclude your personal or family prayer time.

**Holy Spirit,
When things are good or when things are difficult,
remind me that Jesus is always there.
Help me to trust in Him.
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
Sofia	Alvin	Tamsin	Archie	Pierce
Arthur	Alyssa	Sienna-Rose	Ivor	Nathan
Rory	James	Donnie	Charlie K	Shuan
Josephine	Szymon	Dominik	Michael	Marieke
Francesca	Renske	Elizabeth	Finn	Ellie
Olivia	Mason	Simeon	Robert	Eliza
Alex	Misha	Andrew	Hannah	Kome
	Hansini	Eleanor	Joseph	Lena
	Xavier	Jude	Curtis	Matylda
	Sharvil	Arthur		Luna
	Klara	Lorcan		Hannah
		Aliza		Franek
		Hansika		
		Florence		
		Erin		
		Chanuga		
		Olive		

Millionaire Readers

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

Triple Millionaire Readers

Harry – Year 6