



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

"A place of learning – A community of Christ"

Faith . Hope . Love

8th March 2024

Dear Parents,


Without a shadow of doubt, this week's highlight was World Book day yesterday. Now at this point, I could write all about the amazing lessons the children had and the excitement there seemed to be all day however just for once I don't want the focus to be the staff or even the children. I want to say a MASSIVE thank you to all of you – the parents. The children all looked absolutely amazing and I know how much they love it. It really wouldn't be the same without the efforts you all go to. We are very lucky to work with families who throw themselves into this sort of thing because you value the experience of school as much as the academic progress.

World Book day is a great way of celebrating the joy of reading and the joy of books. I know you have heard this from me before but there is nothing more important than helping your child to read and then, once they can read, to encourage them to continue to read. The more words you know, the easier it is to explain the world around you which is what we get assessed on when we do GCSE's and A-Levels. As a parent, nothing you do for your child will have as much impact on them educationally as making them read and yes sometimes you have to make them.

I look forward to seeing you all at parents' evening next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,

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Dear Parents and Children,
 You are all invited to this Mass. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible. Please will you respond via the office.

Thank you

Our Lady's Girl's Football Team

The girls football team have made a great start to the Chiltern League. They have won two more games this week against Chartridge (2-0) and Hawridge (1-0). It is the sign of a great team to win these close fought games. A special mention to Eliza the two-goal hero from our Chartridge win.





CAFOD's Big Lent Walk!

This Lent our school is supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help fight poverty around the world.

To raise money, we're going to try and walk from Northampton Cathedral to Jerusalem. Altogether that is 4520km. All of the children and staff are joining in and Mr Holdsworth is trying to run 400km (10km a day)

Well done to all of the children; we have already walked half of the distance. Please share our just giving page.



<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/our-ladys-fundraising-page>

[Donate - Donation amount - JustGiving](#)

Please share it with you friends and family

We really appreciate your support and hope that everyone has fun helping us raise money for CAFOD.

For more information about CAFOD please visit cafod.org.uk/families

Curriculum – Handwriting

Letter-join Pupil log-in

Dear Parents,

Our school is now part of the Letter-join handwriting scheme and our pupils can log in to the Letter-join website at home on iPads, tablets and computers.

There you will find the same, easy-to-use handwriting resources that we use at school.



PC DESKTOP AND LAPTOP LOG-IN

Log in at www.letterjoin.co.uk and use the Desktop log-in option with these details:

Username: qr8792

Password: home

PC Browsers:

Letter-join will work on the following browsers on PCs/Macs:

- Google Chrome
- Safari

Do not use Internet Explorer.

IPAD AND TABLET LOG-IN

Go to www.letterjoin.co.uk and use the Tablet log-in option with these details:

Username: qr8792

Swipe code
(starting at top left):

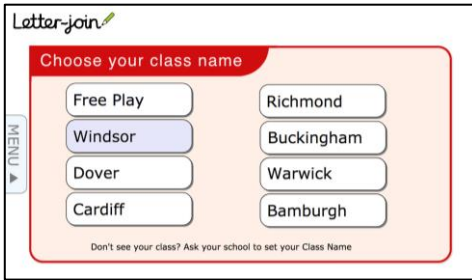


Tablet/iPad Browsers:

Letter-join will run on the following tablets:

- iPads running iOS7 and above through the Safari browser.
- Windows 8 tablets (8 inch and bigger) using the built-in browser.
- Android tablets (8 inch and bigger) using Google Chrome.

Choose a Classroom



Once logged-in, choose your child's classroom and you can use Letter-join's resources and fun activities to reinforce the handwriting we teach at school. You can trace over the letters and words and play the games on your tablet.

We are limited to the number of users who can log in to this account, so please do not share these log-in details.

News From The Parishes

OUR LADY'S AND ST AIDAN'S

Children's Liturgy is held in the Guild Room during the 9:00 Mass at Our Lady's every Sunday. All are welcome, although it is aimed mainly at children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion.

For parents with younger children (birth to school age), OLOPS Toddler Group is open on Friday mornings from 9:00-10:30 in the Guild Room at the back of Our Lady's Church. OLS parents are welcome to come along with their little ones as soon as older children have been dropped at school. We have a play yard to keep the babies and younger toddlers safe and some soft play equipment for more boisterous preschoolers, as well as a wide selection of other toys and activities. A drink and snack are provided, and we always finish with singing.

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

Website: <https://stcolumbas.church/>

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times: on SUNDAYS only

@ 9am (traditional choir)

@ 6pm (Youth Band)

NEXT YOUTH-LED MASS on SUNDAY 10th MARCH at 6pm – Mothering Sunday

The children involved in the Gospel reflection mime at St Columba should arrive by 5.40, if possible. Thank you.

NEXT MUSIC PRACTICE (in church) & YOUTH CLUB (in the parish hall) on SATURDAY 9th MARCH @ 6-8pm

(Due to the limited capacity of the parish hall and requirements for adults/ children ratio, please contact Federica (federica@olschesham.co.uk) in advance if your child wishes to attend the Youth Club).

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (IHM) in Great Missenden:

Website: <https://www.ihmmissenden.org.uk/>

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times:

Every SATURDAY @ 6pm

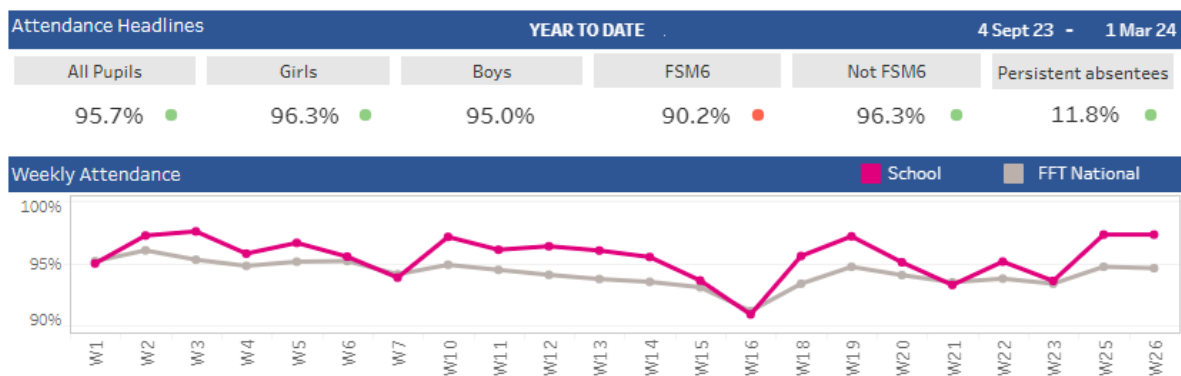
Every SUNDAY @ 11am

NEXT YOUTH-LED MASS on SUNDAY 17th MARCH at 11am (Youth Band)

If your child wishes to be involved in the Youth-led masses (as readers, welcomers, offertory, music, drama, etc...) please contact the school chaplain, Federica, as some rehearsals can be arranged at school during lunchtime.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Well done everyone. Our attendance has been excellent the two weeks after half term. Above 97% which is where I would expect it. The number of Persistent Absentees has also dropped and I expect it to continue to fall rapidly over the next few weeks as there are quite a few children who are just below 90%.



Chesham KIDS

FUN TRIATHLON

SWIM - BIKE - RUN - FUN

SATURDAY 13TH JULY 2024

CHESHAM LEISURE CENTRE & CHESHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL



**GET READY TO
SWIM, BIKE AND RUN:
CHESHAM KIDS
TRIATHLON IS HERE!**

**FANTASTIC KIDS
FINISHERS MEDAL
FOR ALL FINISHERS**



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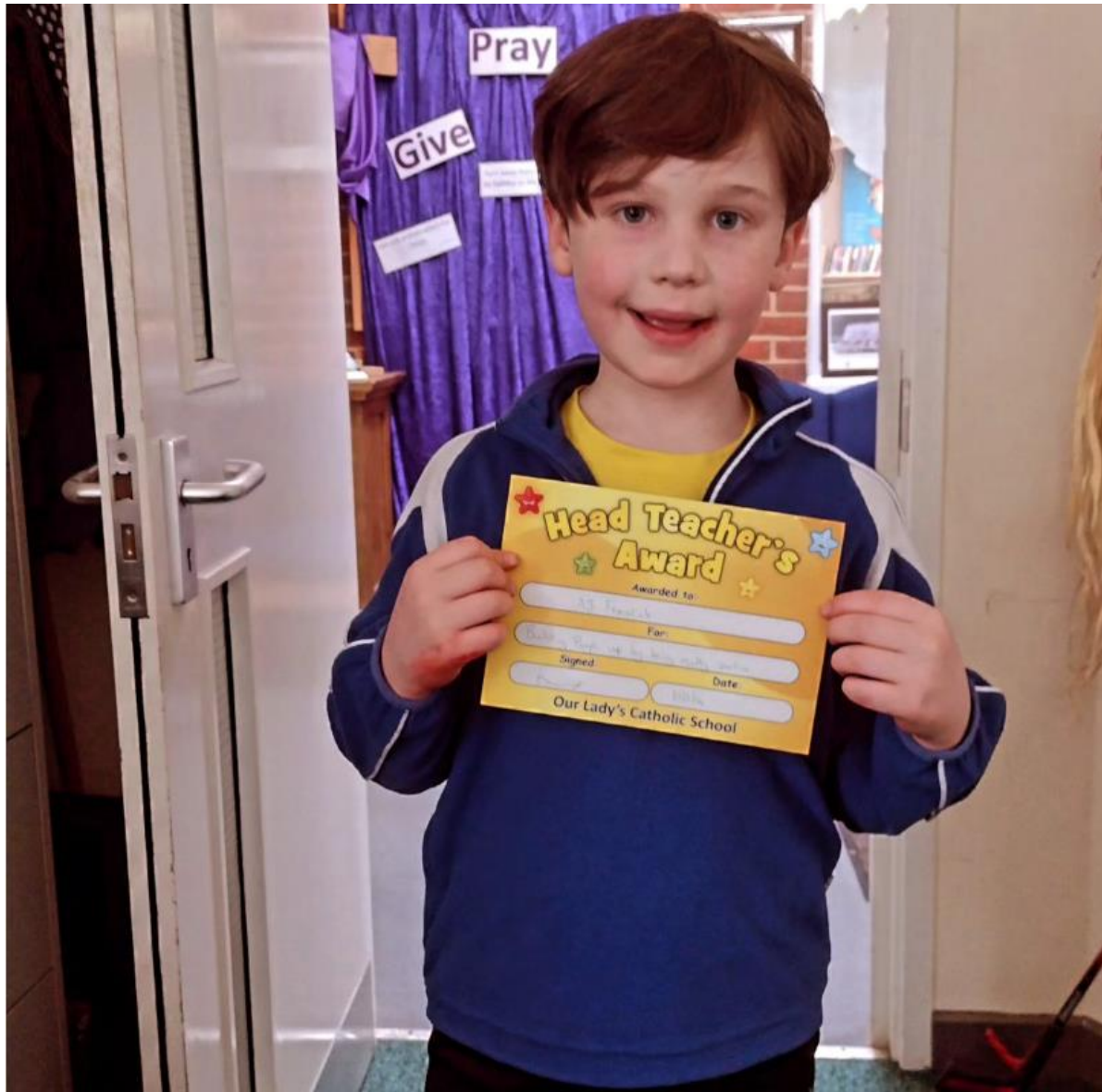
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- ✓ 6 FUN DISTANCES TO CHOOSE FROM
- ✓ HEATED INDOOR POOL SWIM
- ✓ SAFE ALL GRASS RUN & BIKE COURSES
- ✓ NON COMPETITIVE TIMED EVENTS
- ✓ TAKE PART ON YOUR OWN OR AS PART OF A FUN TEAM OF TWO OR THREE
- ✓ GREAT CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE TODAY
UKTRIATHLON.CO.UK

Headteacher's Award

This week it is AJ's turn to get the Headteacher's Award for being so positive and building people up. Well done AJ.



Good News Certificates

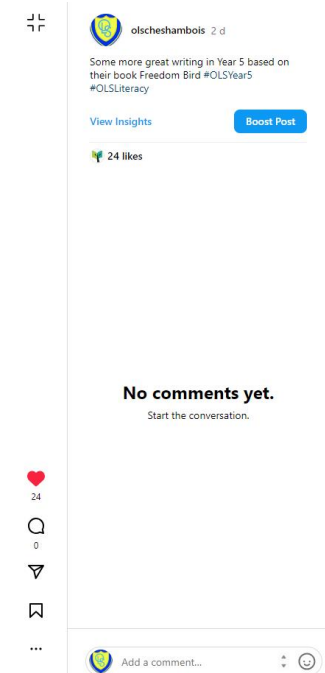
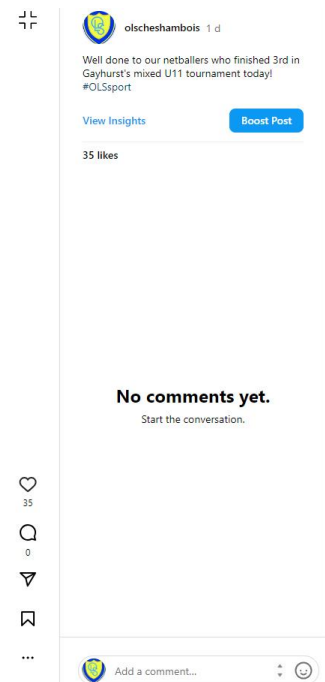
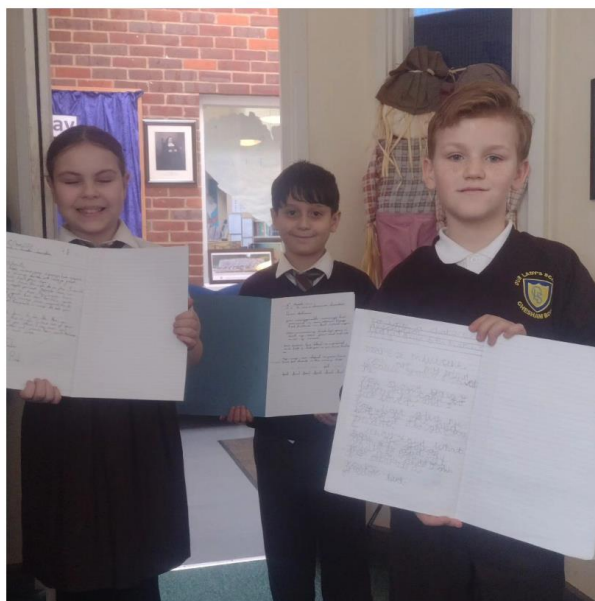


Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:


Year 1	Joseph, Marilyn
Year 2	Niamh, Zac
Year 3	Szymon
Year 4	AJ, Bianca
Year 5	Bea, Isabella
Year 6	Kome, Igor

#OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:











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Reception are learning all about the life cycle of an oak tree. Amazing work. #OLScience #OLReception


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




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Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. We have our first donation #OLSBigLentWalk. You can find the just giving... more

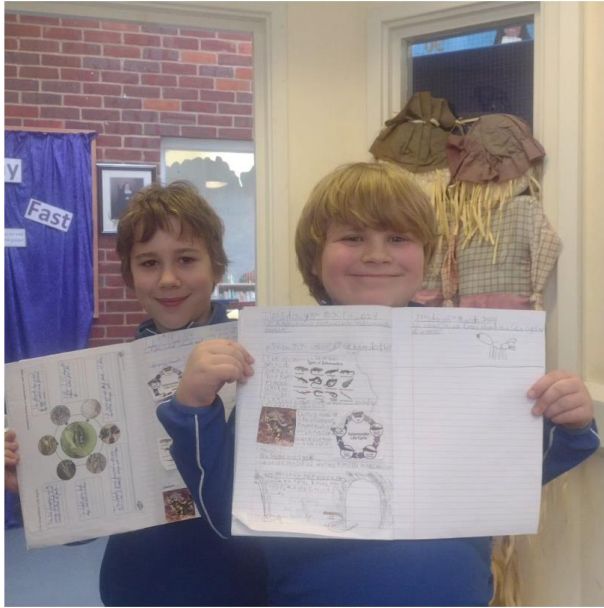
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If you want to know about Salamanders, then ask these two. Great Science!!! #OLSScience #OLSYear5

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Today is the STEM Mars day - look at this amazing spaceship #OLSScience #OLSYear1

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March 2024

March is packed with celebrations! From the Feast Days of St David, St Patrick and St Joseph to Mothering Sunday. Then as the clocks spring forward, we reach Holy Week and the joy of Easter!

Among the excitement and reflection of the Lenten season, family life goes on. As you help with homework or do the school run, perhaps you could find your own moment of calm by using the prayer resources below.

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

Perfect Promises

Throughout Lent, our assemblies follow the theme of God's Perfect Promises.

Continuing from last month, in March children will explore themes of guidance, presence and belonging connected to stories from the Old Testament.

All these help children to understand that Jesus is the fulfilment of God's Perfect Promises. Because of Jesus' death and Resurrection (that we anticipate in Lent and celebrate at Easter) we can be close to God and have a relationship with Him!

**Perhaps you could use this game to think about 'belonging' with your child/ren and have your own discussions at home.
See the game here:**

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

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
Peregrine	Amelie	Tamsin	Ralph	Pierce
Arthur	Renske	Donnie	Spike	Shaun
Juno	Misha	Elizabeth	Wanda	Matilda
Francesca	Xavier	Simeon	Finley H	Grace
		Jude	Charlie K	Jordan
		Arthur	Michael L	James
		Lorcan	Michael M	Stella
		Hansika	Finn	Sabrina
		Florence	Dominik	Hannah
		Erin	Joseph	
			Curtis	
			Zuzzana	

Millionaire Readers

Sherlyn – Year 6

Arthur – Year 4

Matilda – Year 6

Dominik – Year 5

Triple Millionaire Readers

Harry – Year 6

Words Read by Class

	Words Read
Year 3	1,775,622
Year 4	5,856,313
Year 5	4,600,595
Year 6	13,513,502