

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

A Place of Learning -
A Community of Christ

Faith
Hope
Love

8th May 2026

Dear Parents,

We've had another great week in school! It might have only been four days, but we seem to have crammed in five days' worth of work.

On Tuesday, Year 1 and Year 2 had their next Forest School lesson. They particularly enjoyed the investigative walk through the woods to the Forest School site. This week, they loved sketching the flowers and other greenery. If you get the chance, please wander down with your children and have a look — I know they would love to show you.

We held our annual May Procession on Wednesday. This is our chance to think about Mary and how she trusted God, saying "Yes" to becoming the Mother of Jesus. Thank you to Deacon Peter for coming in to celebrate with us, thank you for providing such beautiful flowers, and a really big thank you to everyone who managed to get time off work to join us.

Finally, today we welcomed our resident artist, Nancy, who worked with Year 5 on ceramics. They are currently making some crosses which reflect our school virtues Faith, Hope, Love. It's wonderful that we've built Nancy's work into our curriculum, as it gives the children the opportunity to develop specialist skills that we couldn't teach ourselves.

Have a great weekend,

God bless,
Mr Holdsworth



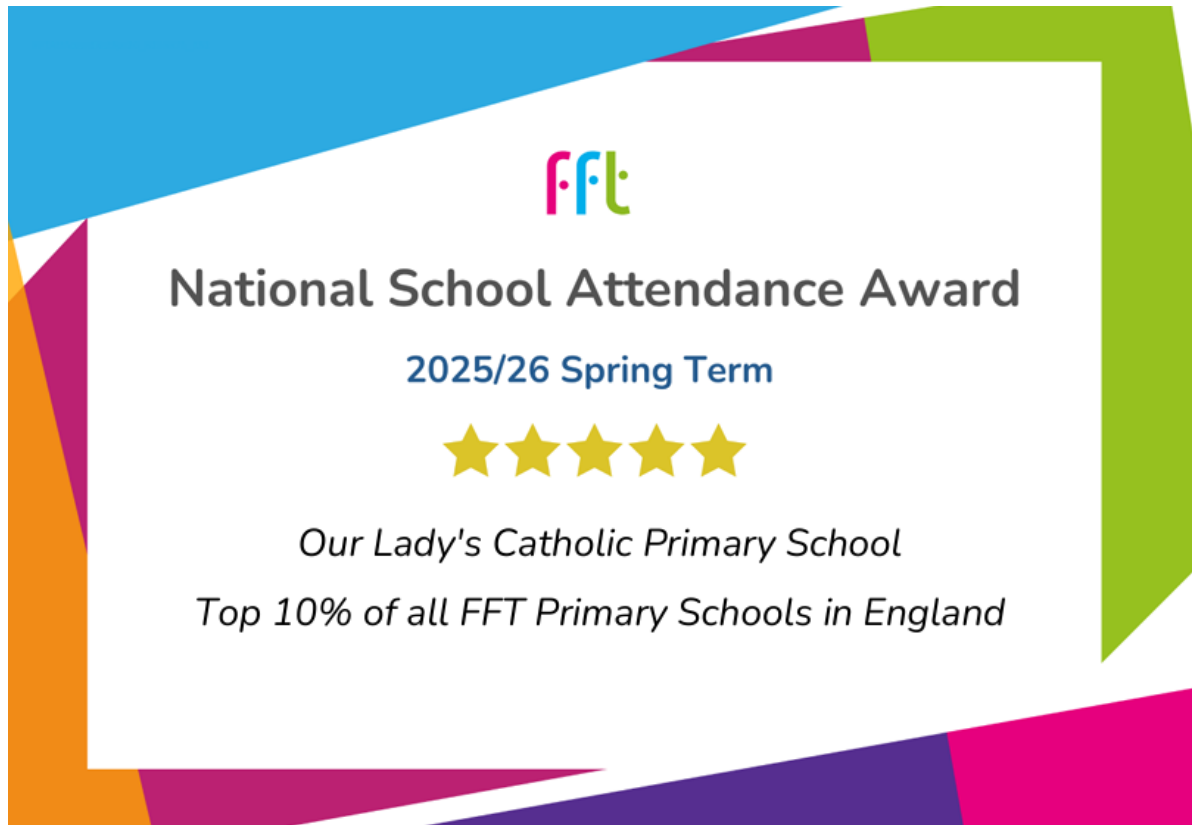
First Holy Communion

Last Saturday we celebrated our second First Holy Communion Mass of the year at St Columba's. I am so sorry that I couldn't be there, but I've heard it was another beautiful occasion. It is such a day for the children and their families, and the church was filled with a real sense of joy. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the children and to their families for helping them along their faith journey.



Attendance

Great news. We have been awarded two certificates for our attendance in the spring term. Not only are we in the top 10% of schools nationally but also in the top 10% of similar schools.



Even better news is our attendance is now 97.4% up from 97.3% . Our DFE target is 97.5% and I did promise that we would get everyone an ice cream if we achieved it so keep up the good work!

Helen Douglas Children's Hospice

Thank you to the Mini Vinnies for all of their fundraising at church and in school. We have had a lovely message from Ella Bowdery (Community Fundraising Manager from Helen and Douglas House Hospice).

Raising £636.31 truly is an amazing total, and I'm incredibly grateful to you, the school and the church for such kindness and generosity. To have this support raised in memory of Max means so much to our families and children, and we are deeply thankful that his memory is being honoured in such a thoughtful way.



Parent and Carer Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete our parent survey. Thank you for your ongoing help and support

PARENT AND CARER SURVEY - [PARENT AND CARER SURVEY - OUR LADYS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL 2025-26 \(PRIMARY SCHOOL\) – Fill out form](#)

OLS TRUST

Last week, I attended a meeting with the OLS Trust. The Trustees have asked me to pass on their gratitude to all those who contribute, with a particular thanks to the 7 new subscribers from families of children in Reception this academic year. The Trust continues to provide funds to the school to help with various projects, most recently for new flooring in 2 classrooms, with the intention to provide funds for additional flooring in due course. As a charitable trust, donations are eligible for Gift Aid; Gift Aid alone over the last 3 years has been enough to cover expected flooring costs for the Year 1 Classroom, so it really is a powerful addition to school funds. As well as regular donations, the Trust can also accept one-off donations, also eligible for Gift Aid. If you would like to make a donation (either regular or as a one-off), please contact the School Office who can provide you the relevant Gift Aid form for completion. Donations can be made to the following account:

BANK: HSBC BANK PLC, AMERSHAM ON THE HILL
A/C NAME: OUR LADY'S DISCRETIONARY TRUST
SORT CODE 40-08-41
ACCOUNT NUMBER 21375113

The current Trustees have also asked me to mention that they are always keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in being a Trustee - if you would like any more information on this, please let me know and I can put you in touch with one of the current volunteers.

In the past, the Trust has funded Accelerated Reader, Year 6 Laptops and Interactive Whiteboards in classrooms amongst other things. Such costs cannot be met from the school budget alone, so a massive thank you to the Trust for their ongoing support.

More information about the Trust can be found below:

[Our Lady's Trust - Our Lady's Catholic Primary School](#)

Thank you

Gratitude Assembly Certificates

Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:



Year 1	Ben
Year 2	Joseph, Myra
Year 3	Alex, Noelia
Year 4	Arthur, Juno
Year 5	Julia, Szymon
Year 6	Elizabeth, Thomas



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

Rust	Iron	Tin	Brass	Copper	Steel	Chrome
Millie	James	Joseph K	Minmamee	Daphne	Philip G	Berite
Freya	Ayda		Zac	Philip G		Abraham
	Jack					
	Tadhg					
	Taylor					
	Felix					
Glass	Tungsten	Aluminium	Kevlar	Carbon Fibre	Titanium	Bronze
Aariv	Aariv	Aariv	Aariv	Theresa	Theresa	Aariv
		Harper		Aariv	Aariv	
Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond	Finished		
				Manny		



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

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Manny	Alex	Sofia	Joseph	Elizabeth
	Lorenzo	Arthur	Alysa	Eleanor
	Varun	Rory	James	Arthur
	Rory	Ruby	Szymon	Jaeda
	Ayla	Josephine	Malwina	Karo
	Rex	Ann	Adam	Aliza
		Francesca	Michael F	Emilio
		Thomas	Hansini	Divine
		Zoe	Cat Cat	Florence
		Niamh	Klara	Jude
		Olivia	Hanna	Hugo
		Jan	Misha	Tamsin
		Nathan	Sharvil	Sienna Rose
		Allison	Alise	Dominik
		Mason	Antra	Hansika
		Artie	Minchun	Stash
		Genevieve	Victoria	Donnie
		Harrish		Bianca
		Peregrine		Erin
		Daisy		Jacob
		Coalan		
		Juno		

#OLS Learning



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Giulio Cercato • If Money Can't Buy Happiness (Reels Sound - Reveal)



olscheshambois Year 4 working out change from £5, £10 and £20 #OLSMaths OLSYear4

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Can I afford it? Year Five are working in teams to see what they can afford with their individual budgets, what toys they would select and how much they would give to their chosen charities and why. #OLSMaths #OLSbuildingthekingdom #OLSYear5
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Yesterday , #OLSYear1 did some amazing sketching of flowers at forest school #OLSforestschoo #OLSart
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olscheshambois ...

olscheshambois It has only taken him a week but he has smashed it. Our first ever Year 2 to Go Green in Timetable Rockstars #OLSMaths
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abbie_camidge Yay Manny! 🙌👏
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News From The Parishes

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

Parish Priest: Fr Mirek Misiura

email: FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org

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

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

IHM - Great Missenden

Parish Priest: Fr Mirek Misiura

email: FrMirek.misiura@northamptondiocese.org

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

Our Lady's First Holy Communion Saturday 16th May at 12.00