



## Weekly Newsletter

8th November 2024

Dear Parents,


I hope you had a lovely half term. The children have come back refreshed and have settled back into their learning really nicely. It is the time of year where I am showing prospective parents round school which is always an absolute pleasure. If you know of anybody whose children are starting next year then please encourage them to come and have a look. Although we give preference to children from Catholic families, we often have places for other children in Reception. Once people find out we have spaces we fill up very quickly which is why we are full everywhere else.

The highlight this week was definitely Rise theatre coming in and leading us on our God's Planet Day. The church is currently in the Season of Creation which gave us a great chance to do something in response to "Laudato Si". The children were involved in a fabulous interactive production, workshops and other activities learning about God's Beautiful Creation. If you want a taste of what we actually did, the following promotional video will give you an idea:

[God's Planet Trailer - RISE Theatre](#)

Have a lovely weekend,

God Bless

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## **Girl's Football**

I took ten girls to Waterside school to play in a football tournament yesterday. We played against three other schools to see who would represent Chesham United in a national competition which ends up at Wembley.

The children were absolutely great and although they didn't win a game they got better as the tournament went on. The games got closer and closer. A special mention to Renske in Year 4 who was amazing in goal.

Well, we won't be going to Wembley this year but I can definitely see some potential for the future.



## **Year 6 Careers Fair - Can you help?**

The Pupil Parliament and Mrs Cid-Fuentes have been talking about ways of developing the Year 6 children's aspirations and helping them think about their future career options. What started off as an idea for them all to come in dressed up as people in different jobs turned into the idea of a Careers Fair. I think this is a great idea and maybe something we could do every year for Year 6. However, we need your help! We are looking for parents who could come in and set up a stall showcasing their job. It would be great for children to get a sense of what sorts of jobs they can do and what their educational path to getting there might be.

We have a provisional date of the morning of Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January. If you think you could help, then please will you email the office. Your own child doesn't need to be in Year 6. We are hoping this is something we will do every year.



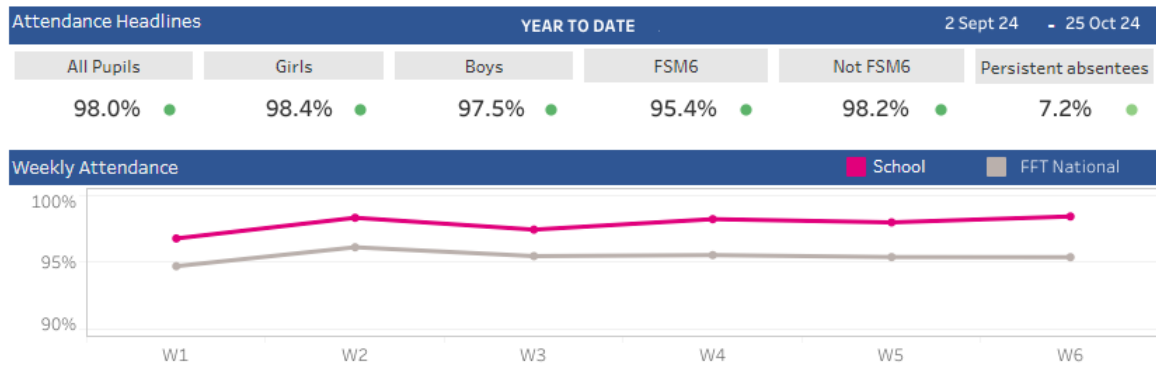


On Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, the Environment committee are hosting a coffee shop after school until 3:50pm. There will be tea and coffee with biscuits for £1.

All the money will be dedicated to the Keyworker Garden to clean it up and grow more fruit and veg. Help make the world a better place and support your Environment Committee.

The Environment Committee  
Curtis and Michael L Year 6,  
Erin Y5, Aoife Y4, Francesca Y3, Oliver  
Y2, Tom Y1

# Attendance



Our whole school attendance is currently above 98% which is great. We have been trying to get above 98% for years so it will be great if it continues like this. Two classes this week Year 5 and Year 3 had 100% attendance so earned themselves an extra break.

## Parking



## 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
Reuben Rex Oliver Charlie Noelia Varun	Sofia Evie Thomas Allison Zoe Zachary Ralph Olivia Daisy	Keera Alvyn Alyssa James Renske Adam Michael Cuthbert Mason Misha Victoria Hansini Cat Cat Xavier Sharvil Annie Klara Nikolay	Tamsin Evie Dominik Elizabeth Grace Andrew Arthur Jacob Erica Jaeda Shanaya Lorcan Aliza Hansika Erin Chanuga Hugo Emilio	Leo Mark Mia Spike Wanda Rebecca Charlie F Finley Michael M Evelyn Dominik Robert Joseph Curtis Zuzanna



# Gratitude Assembly Certificates



Last week's Gratitude Assembly certificates were awarded to:

Year 1	<b>Masie, Joseph</b>
Year 2	<b>Jessie, Eoin</b>
Year 3	<b>Francesca, Nathan</b>
Year 4	<b>Annie, Chloe</b>
Year 5	<b>Tamsin, Dominic</b>
Year 6	<b>Evie, Lola</b>

# News From The Parishes



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

*New Parish Priest: Fr Eustace Durugbo*

*email: [freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org)*

Sunday Masses @ 9am (traditional choir) & 6pm (Youth Band/ Choir)

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

**Next Youth Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.**

**Next Music practice for Youth Mass on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 5-6pm.**

**Next Youth Club on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6-7pm.**

## **IHM – Great Missenden**

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*email: [freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:freustace.durugbo@northamptondiocese.org)*

Saturday Mass @ 6pm

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

There is a baby and toddler group in the guildroom behind Our Lady's Church on Friday mornings - officially 9:15-10:30, but you're welcome to come round as soon as you've dropped off your older child(ren).


The first First Communion classes will be held this week in both Our Lady's and St Aidan's - you should have received details of these classes if you have registered your child.




# #OLScheshambois

Here is a quick snapshot of our learning this week:




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olscheshambois It was great seeing the girls play football this afternoon. We played 3 games and got better and better as the tournament went on. #OLSport

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latimercat A brilliant afternoon, some more observations:

- support of each other and worked together regardless of experience
- celebration of one another, shouts from the sideline, no one getting frustrated with anyone
- smiles and laughter, it was cold, we didn't win any of the games but they gave their all, and were so happy with what they did together
- pride in the whole tournament, chatting about the girls in the other teams, how powerful they were, and that they could roll and bounce, and how good they were but positive vibes.

In summary, If this is what girls football is about I'm completely hooked, touched and inspired by our daughters and how lucky we are to have them, such a brilliant couple of hours, and they were a powerhouse together, I look forward to seeing what they will achieve together 🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌🍌


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olscheshambois Year 4 have started learning about Prophecy and Promise in RE #OLSEYear4 #OLSRE

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olscheshambois We had great fun making junk models today as part of our God's Planet day lead by @risetheatreco. There are fish, jellyfish and lots more! #laudatosi #OLSBUILDINGTHEKINGDOM #OLSSewardship
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olscheshambois It is lovely to welcome @risetheatreco to school leading us in our God's Planet day. #OLSBUILDINGTHEKINGDOM #OLSSewardship
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olscheshambois Year 1 have been learning all about Stewardship and how God wants us to look after the world #OLSStewardship #OLSBuildingTheKingdom


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olscheshambois And Year 4 have also done some brilliant work in Art based on their work on Egyptians #OLSYear4 #OLSHistory #OLSArt

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## November 2024

November is a month of special feasts starting with the Solemnity of All Saints and Feast of All Souls and ending with the Solemnity of Christ the King which marks the end of the liturgical year.

Our November resources invite children to explore what is most important. The Gospels encourage us to prioritise God over all things and love our neighbour. Jesus explains that true generosity of heart means giving with the confidence to trust that God will provide us with all that we need and He is always there ready to help and guide us.

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

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

**Jesus,  
We want to be like you.  
Send your Holy Spirit to  
help us to be good leaders in all we do.  
Amen**