



9th January 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and, in amongst the excitement, managed to enjoy some well-deserved rest. On behalf of myself and all the staff, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your generous gifts at Christmas – they were very much appreciated.

This week has certainly been a cold one! I was hoping for breaktimes in the snow today, but sadly it never arrived. Nevertheless, the children have been in great form, and we've had really good attendance. This half term is a short one, so hopefully we can all keep our energy levels up.

My highlight of the week has definitely been celebrating the Epiphany at Our Lady's Church. One of the great things about marking Holy Days of Obligation in the parish is that it gives parishioners the chance to see just how wonderful our children are. It truly was a beautiful Mass!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Holdsworth



Reception 2026-2027

Just a reminder to parents of children due to start in September that the deadline for applications is next Thursday, 15th January. If you know of any families considering a school place for next year, please encourage them to come and have a look around.

Mr Holdsworth

Accelerated Reader

The children are all completing their Reading Star tests this week, so we will soon have a list of those reading at the correct level and achieving 80% or more in their quizzes.

NumBots

We are encouraging Key Stage 1 children to use their NumBots accounts more regularly. It's a fantastic system where they earn certificates for completing levels, which we will present each week. NumBots is an excellent way to support your child's understanding of number bonds and to strengthen their addition and subtraction skills. These are essential building blocks for higher-level maths concepts, so we are excited about the positive impact NumBots will have on your child's learning.



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Youth Masses

ST COLUMBA'S (Chesham):

Parish Priest: *Fr Mirek Misiura*

email: FrMirek.misiura@northhamptondiocese.org

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

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

For catering purposes, please email Federica (federica@olschesham.co.uk) if your child is planning to attend the Youth Club.

IHM – Great Missenden

Parish Priest: *Fr Mirek Misiura*

email: FrMirek.misiura@northhamptondiocese.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