



# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

*"A place of learning – A community of Christ"*

**Faith . Hope . Love**

24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents,

What a week! We expected it to be so much quieter at school this week without Year 6, who were away on their much deserved residential trip to Kingswood in Ashford, Kent, but so much has been happening, with fantastic work going on across the classes, as well as assessments, trips, visits and visitors, the time has passed in a productive whirl!

The Year 6s set off very energetically on Monday morning and have just arrived back at lunch time today, full of good cheer and funny tales of raft building, giant swing and Jacobs ladder adventures. They have had an action-packed, memory-making week and I am sure they will all sleep well this weekend. These quotes from the happy-campers sum it all up; "Exceeding all expectations" (Ben), "A once in a lifetime experience" (Sabrina) and a "Really fun, eye-opening week of activities" (Maltilda).



Our Butterfly week has metamorphosed into a Butterfly fortnight, with the Reception class setting out on Thursday to search for butterflies native to the Chilterns. The butterfly theme has continued in other classrooms with beautiful Science work, clay butterfly-tile creations in Year 1 and the releasing of real-life butterflies in Years 5 and 2.



Other highlights of the week include Year 1's Forest school trip, Year 2 and 5's Basketball tournament with Coach Jenner and a visit from our Artist-in-Residence, Nancy, who was finalising some work with Year 2 and 3 for our forthcoming exhibition. We were also delighted to have another inspiring visit from Father Dave who led the Year 4 children in thinking about how the local church continues the work of Jesus. He told us that he was impressed with both the questions and behaviour in Year 4, which is great to hear.



On the topic of continuing Jesus' work, it was very inspiring to see so many past OLS pupils making their Confirmation last week. The four parishes of St Aidens, Our Lady's, St Columba's and Immaculate Heart of Mary came together for this very important Sacrament on Saturday. It was a beautiful and moving occasion and we were very proud to see our OLS alumni being anointed with the Holy Spirit by Bishop David. Many congratulations to Carlo, Rosaria, Jason, Liam, Maria, Maisie, Eva, Peter, James, George, Sophia, Hannah, Orla, Caitlin, Conon, Emma, James, Emmet, Alex and Seb.

Finally, please feel free to pop into our Prayer Garden, where our beautiful new statue of Mary, which was blessed during our May Procession last week, has been placed. Please see the photos below. It is a calm spot in the grounds that you may wish to pop into, at pick up or drop off, to pray or take a moment. Thank you to Mr Barber and his son Michael, for their hard work in preparing the grotto.

Have a lovely half-term everyone.  
Take care.  
Mrs Cid-Fuentes







## **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](#)

## **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)

**YOUTH MASS** - The next Youth Mass will be on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at St Columba's at 6pm: everybody welcome! Please arrive by 5.45pm to practise your tasks: reading, welcoming, offertory procession, playing, singing. You can volunteer on the day if you haven't got a task yet!

### **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (IHM) in Great Missenden:**

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

Priests: Fr Dave & Fr Giacomo

Mass times:

Every SATURDAY @ 6pm

Every SUNDAY @ 11am

**YOUTH MASS** - The next Youth Mass will be on Sunday June 2nd at HM at 11am. everybody welcome!

**Patronal Feast Day** on Sunday 9th June.

Mass at 11am followed by BBQ and live music in the garden. For catering purposes please let the parish secretary know if you are coming to the BBQ.

[\(parish.ihm@northamptondiocese.org\)](mailto:parish.ihm@northamptondiocese.org)

### **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)

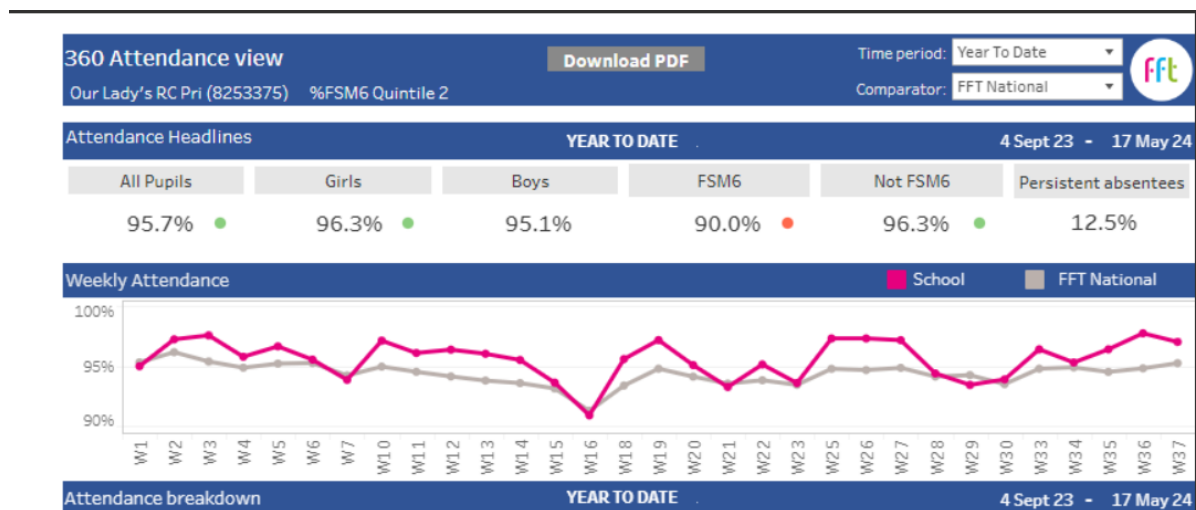
OLOPS toddler group is every Friday of term time, 9:15-10:30. All parents/carers with children aged from birth to school age are welcome. We have playtime, singing and a snack, and if you have an older child at OLS, you are welcome to come as soon as you have dropped them off at school. We request a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

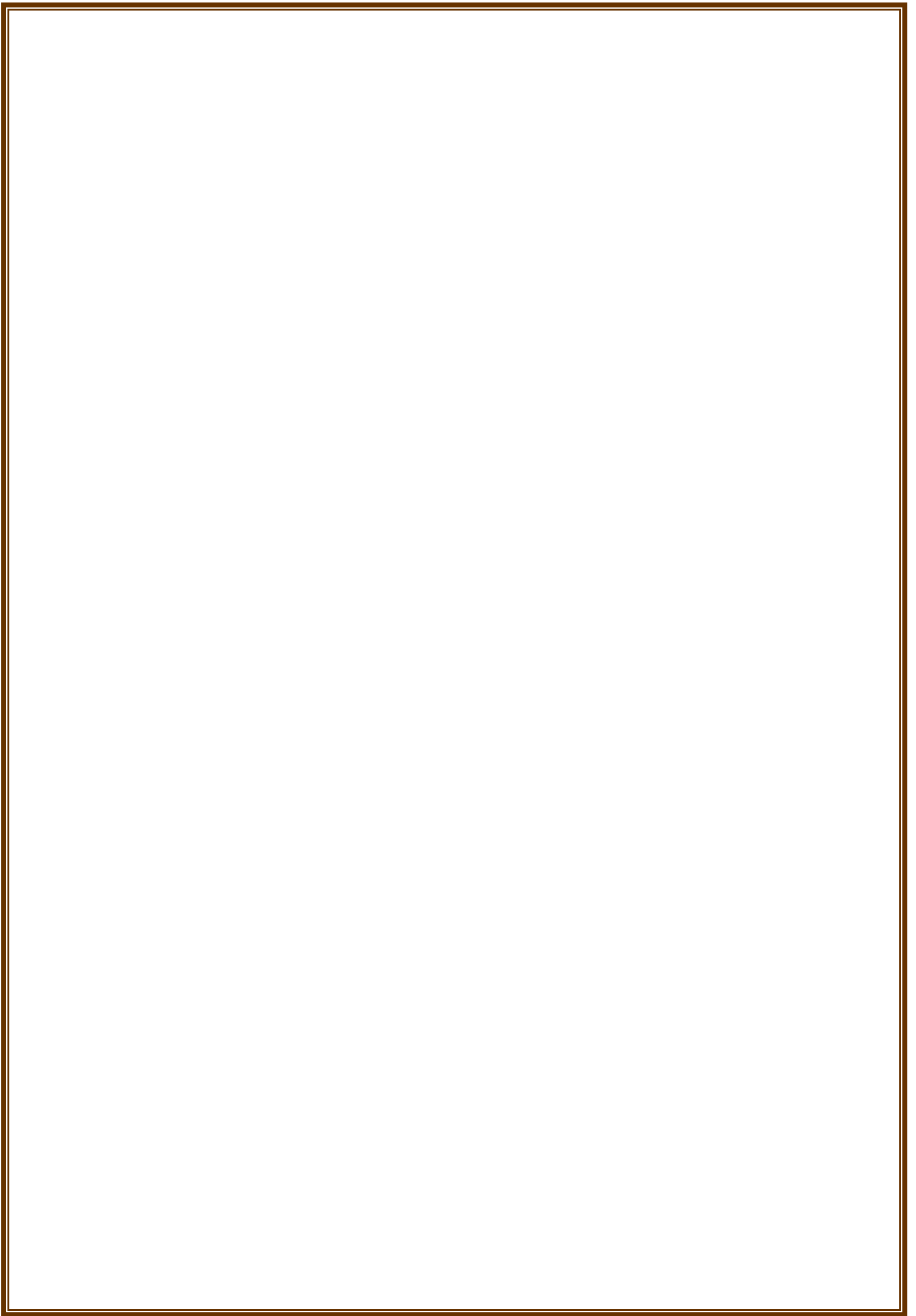
We have recently started a children's choir to help lead the singing during the 9:00 Mass. If your child is in Year 3 or above and enjoys singing, please encourage them to join Michael and Lucy for a rehearsal of next week's hymns in the church after Mass.

## Attendance



Up again on last week! Our highest attendance of the year last week.  
Well done everyone.





## **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
<b>Sofia</b>	<b>Alyssa</b>	<b>Tamsin</b>	<b>Archie</b>	<b>Ellie</b>
<b>Rory</b>	<b>Szymon</b>	<b>Sienna-Rose</b>	<b>Rebecca</b>	<b>Lena</b>
<b>Josephine</b>	<b>Renske</b>	<b>Donnie</b>	<b>Charlie K</b>	
<b>Juno</b>	<b>Misha</b>	<b>Dominik</b>	<b>Michael</b>	
<b>Francesca</b>	<b>Hansini</b>	<b>Elizabeth</b>	<b>Dominic</b>	
<b>Olivia</b>	<b>Steve</b>	<b>Simeon</b>	<b>Robert</b>	
	<b>Sharvil</b>	<b>Stash</b>	<b>Hannah</b>	
	<b>Annie</b>	<b>Eleanor</b>	<b>Joseph</b>	
	<b>Klara</b>	<b>Jude</b>	<b>Curtis</b>	
		<b>Lorcan</b>		
		<b>Aliza</b>		
		<b>Thomas</b>		
		<b>Florence</b>		
		<b>Olive</b>		

## **Millionaire Readers**

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

## **Triple Millionaire Readers**

Harry – Year 6