

Important May/June/ July dates:

#### Newsletter—Friday 16th May

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Dear Parents,

Another busy week in OLOP.

This week has mainly been focussed upon the Year 6 SATs. Welldone to all the children. They should be incredibly proud of their hard work and preparation for these tests. We should hear about the outcome of these tests in July and information will be shared with parents in the end of year reports.

The Friends have achieved an amazing result with the Colour Run. The total raised was £2,797! This is an amazing amount raised and I want to thank you all for your ongoing support. The funds raised will help support the school in providing necessary resources and experiences for all of the children.

Do put in your diaries the next event which will be our first ever OLOP Festival. We currently have some great live music lined up. This event will be taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025. We will be needing volunteers to help run the bar, bbq and stalls. If more parents could offer to help, it does relieve the pressure on the regular helpers and enables them to also enjoy the events. Information about signing up to help will come out soon.

Just a gentle reminder to please ensure all children's belongings are labelled. This ensures any lost property is returned to its owner. Please do check at home if you have any items that don't belong to your child. We have had some reports from parents that some items are missing and they're not in lost property. It's easily done, but please return to the school office anything found.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

**Mr Stopps** 

#### PLEASE SEE FULL CALENDAR OVERLEAF

#### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

#### **Class Attendance:**

RHA—St Valentine –96.2%

RHC—St Joseph – 97%

Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska –94.6%

Yr1—St Bernadette –95.2%

Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta –96.4%

Yr2—St Mary Magdalene –98.3%

Yr3—St Paul –98.5%

Yr3—St Martin de Porres –95.6%

Yr4—St Peter –97%

Yr4—St John-Bosco –92.5%

Yr5—St Thomas More –98%

Yr5—St Clare of Assisi –99%

Yr6—St Maximilian –99.3%

Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita –100%

Whole School—96.7%



# **UPCOMING DATES**

#### **Important May/June/July dates:**

Monday May 19th Marian Mass Liturgy—10:30am Tuesday May 20th Year 3 trip to RHS Wisley Friday 23rd May Doughnut Sale Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – INSET Day Tuesday June 3rd Start of New Term Year 5—Whipsnade Zoo Thursday 12th/Friday 13th June Father's Day 'Marvellous Men' Gift Shops

Tuesday June 17th

Year 2 Recorder Assembly—9am—9:30am

Music Concert—5:30pm

Wednesday June 18th

4MB Ukulele Assembly—9am

Wednesday June 25th

4SS Ukulele Assembly—9am

Saturday June 28th

**OLOP Fest** 

Monday June 30th

Year 3 Violin Assembly—9:15am-9:45am

**Tuesday July 8th** 

Year 6 Production—1:30pm—6pm

Wednesday July 9th

Year 6 Leavers Mass—Time TBC—Parents Welcome

Year 6 Production to parents—6pm

We are still finalising the plans for Sports day and dates currently published on the school website may change. We will keep you informed as soon as details are confirmed.

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### **ACHIEVEMENT & SUCCESS**

#### This week's pupils of the week are:

- NURSERY Jan
- RHA—St Valentine—Amber
- RHC—St Joseph—Taji
- Yr1—St Faustina Kowalska—Omamwen
- Yr1—St Bernadette—Whole Class
- Yr2—St Teresa of Calcutta—Zuzanna
- Yr2—St Mary Magadelene—Mia F
- Yr3—St Paul—Rose
- Yr3—St Martin de Porres—Larysa
- Yr4—St Peter—Cequoia
- Yr4—St John-Bosco—Sebastian
- Yr5—St Thomas More—Shannon
- Yr5—St Clare of Assisi—Georgina
- Yr6—St Maximilian—Whole Class
- Yr6—St Josephine Bakhita—Whole Class

Congratulations to all of our pupils of the week for your hard work and achievements this week.





# **MY ACTIVE CALENDAR**





# WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

With its limitless opportunities for building, exploring and collaborating, Minecraft remains a global gaming phenomenon. Its broad appeal lies in how open-ended it is – but this also means it's not without risk. From chatting with strangers on public servers to the grief of having a beloved creation destroyed, young players can face challenges if left unsupervised. Minecraft can also become a time sink for enthusiastic players, with late nights spent crafting and constructing, potentially impacting school and social lives.

We've created this free guide to help parents and educators understand how to keep young gamers safe – from choosing age-appropriate game modes to setting boundaries around screen time and spending.





## **FRIENDS OF OLOP NEWS**

#### Colour Run

Thank you to everyone who supported our first Colour Run last weekend, we hope everyone had a great time - the weather was on our side and the atmosphere was amazing!

We are delighted to announce that the event has raised £2797 so far, thank you so much for your generous support. ParentPay will be open until Friday 23rd May if you still have sponsorship money to donate.



#### Father's Day 'Marvellous Men' Gift Shop

Our Father's Day gift shop will be open in school on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th June. Children will be able to visit our shop in their class groups to choose a gift for Dads, Grandads, Uncles, Stepdads or any other special men in their lives. Gifts are priced at £3 each and must be pre-paid through ParentPay from now until Thursday 5th June.

#### **OLOPFest**

Make sure you save the date for OLOPFest on Saturday 28th June! Our summer event is always our biggest of the year and this time we're having a Festival.... We have live music performances by our fabulous school choir, as well as Sing4You Community Choir, The Haystacks band for some country vibes and line dancing and the amazing local band Daft! will be our headline act to end the day. We'll still have bouncy castles, penalty shoot-out and the splash zone as well as food, drink and festival-themed stalls.

Tickets will be available soon so look out for more details.....

In order to be able to run large events such as the Colour Run and OLOPFest, we need a LOT of volunteer help! Even if you don't have time to come to meetings or be involved in any planning, if you can spare an hour or two to help on the day it makes a huge difference to what we are able to do! We love being able to organise fun events and activities for our school community but the biggest challenge is always finding enough people to help out during the event.

If you can help during OLOPFest please sign up using this link and we'll be in touch. <u>https://</u><u>volunteersignup.org/37XAA</u>

We're hoping to have bbq, bar, ice-cream and cakes stalls, festival glitter, bouncy castles, penalty shoot-out and a splash-zone and more - but we won't be able to do all this without volunteers on the stalls! If you can help, but can't do the full 2.5 shift on the sign-up sheet, please do put your name down and just let us know when you are available. Thank you!



# SEND SUPPORT

Please see flyer below regarding our upcoming workshops and courses from GEMs:

GEMS Autism & ADHD Support Service East Berkshire



https://www.gems4health.com

gems.4health@nhs.net

GEMS is for children and young people who are diagnosed with, or who may have, autism and/or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The service also supports parents and carers and is open to anyone living in Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead or Bracknell Forest.

#### **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND COURSES**

Sensory Processing - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 7 to 8:30pm Autism Course - Wednesday 11th, 18th & 25th June - 7 to 9pm ADHD Course - Thursday 17, 24 June, and 1 July - 7 to 9pm Sleep - Autism and ADHD - Tuesday 17th June - 7 to 9pm Girls and Autism - Tuesday 10th June - 10am to 12noon Adolescence - Wednesday 2nd July - 10am to 12noon Managing Anxiety - Tuesday 8th July- 10 to 12noon Empowering Calm - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - 10am to 12noon









## KEEP YOUR KIDS ACTIVE AND SMILING THIS HOLIDAY!

We're excited to invite your child to our **Football & Multi-Sports Holiday Camp** at **Dedworth Middle School** – the perfect place for boys and girls aged **4–11** to stay active, make new friends, and have fun over the school holidays!

#### What to Expect:

- Action-packed days full of football and a variety of sports
- Friendly, qualified coaches focused on fun, skills & teamwork
- A safe, inclusive environment for all abilities
- Confidence-boosting games and challenges
- **? Location:** Dedworth Middle School
- Dates: All Half Terms. May 26<sup>th</sup> 30th
- 🗭 Time: 10am-3pm (9am for an optional Early Morning Drop Off)
- Booking: <u>https://www.maidenheadunitedfc.org/coaching/</u>

But that's not all...

#### 🔀 Dedworth Sundays Are Back!

Join us **every Sunday morning** at Dedworth Middle for fun football-focused sessions, perfect for children aged 4–11 who want to stay active, build their skills, and enjoy the game in a supportive and friendly setting.

Sunday Session Time: 10am-11am

Location: Dedworth Middle School

Spaces fill up quickly, so book your child's spot today and give them something to look forward to!

For questions or more info, feel free to reply to this email or contact us on Mark.Nisbet@maidenheadunitedfc.org

We can't wait to see your child there!

Look forward to seeing your superstars soon.

### KEEP YOUR KIDS ACTIVE AND SMILING THIS HOLIDAY!



#### **MAIDENHEAD UNITED** FOOTBALL & MULTI SPORTS CAMPS

Maidenhead United FC SL6 1SF **Dedworth Middle School** SL4 5PE Holy Trinity Sunningdale SL5 ONJ Cox Green SL6 3AX



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## 27th - 30th

10 am - 3 pm | Boys & Girls (4 - 13)

Book Online www.maidenheadunited.org

Boys & Girls 4 - 13 years old - all abilities Early Drop Off 9:00 am - 9:45 am £3 cash on arrival

> £25.00 a day £100.00 a week

For any further information:

mark.nisbet@maidenheadunitedfc.org

#### FEB HALF TERM | EASTER CAMPS | MAY HALF TERM | SUMMER HOLIDAYS OCTOBER HALF TERM | CHRISTMAS CAMPS

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### KEEP YOUR KIDS ACTIVE AND SMILING THIS HOLIDAY!

SUNDAY MORNING CLUB FOOTBALL



Sunday Morning Club @ Dedworth Middle School

AGE 4-12 Every Sunday 10am-11am

Our Sunday Club's are coached by FA qualified coaches who plan and deliver football sessions to help players get a better understanding of the game, enhance their personal ability and confidence in a fun, active and nurturing environment.

> FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT: MARK NISBET -MARK.NISBET@MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG BOOK ONLINE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE WWW.MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG

#### **UNITED AS ONE**

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow

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### **Youth Choir Shines at Sunday Mass**

A huge shout out to our amazing Youth Choir—you make every Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church extra special with your joyful voices and big smiles!

Well done Cara(1RS), Max(2SS), Iga(2SS), Delight(2JOK), Esmae(3MP), Martha(4SS), Emmanuella(4SS), Damian(5RB), Casey(5TH), Mishka(6CT)

Thinking of joining? We'd love to have you! Choir practice kicks off at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday, just before Mass. Come sing your heart out, make new friends, and have loads of fun!





#### **CHURCH BULLETIN**



#### Our Lady of Peace & St. Andrew's Church Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

PARISH JUBILEE EVENT – PILGRIMS OF HOPE: We are delighted to invite you to our massive parish Jubilee event, "Pilgrims of Hope," on the evening of Pentecost Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 6pm in Our Lady of Peace Church in Burnham. The Amazing Catholic musical collective One Hope Project—renowned across the UK for inspiring fresh expressions of worship—will lead us in song, and Fr. Andy Richardson has kindly agreed to deliver a reflection on our theme. Please bring your friends to this uplifting celebration and help touch the life of a loved one forever!

Mass Times & Intentions				
Sat	17 <sup>th</sup> May	OLOP	6 pm	Robert Young RIP (O'Donnell) Clinton (Foundation)
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup> May	OLOP	9.30	Anne Maasch RIP Birthday Remembrance (Denise) Robert Potter & Christopher Potter RIP (June Potter & Family) Maria Rawling INT (Mairin Comfort)
		St. A	11.30	Eldred Mascarenhas RIP (Zina & Family) Bill De Silva RIP (Angela De Silva)
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup> May	OLOP	9.30	Ann Marie Krajewska INT (Florence) Thanksgiving for Rafal Birthday INT Aleksander Pepaj RIP (Alma & Family)
Tue	20 <sup>th</sup> May	OLOP	9.30	No Morning Mass
			11.00	Funeral Service – Anthony Galea RIP
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup> May	OLOP	9.30	Mother Angelica RIP (Maria Rawling) Vivienne Gibson RIP (Miriam Balcerski) Ken Meiklejohn RIP (Boundy Family)
Thur	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	St. A	9.30	Jim McErlean INT (Kay) People of the Parish
Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	OLOP	9.30	Susanna Godinho Birthday INT (Borges Family) Basil Potter RIP (Maura Potter)
Sat	24 <sup>th</sup> May	OLOP	10.00	Green (Foundation)
			6 pm	Anna Skroś RIP (Noreen Sugrue & Family) People of the Parish
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup> May	OLOP	9.30	Angela O'Donnell RIP (O'Donnell) Demetrio Macri RIP (Angela Macri) Bridie O'Connor INT (Mairin Comfort)
		St. A	11.30	Arthur K Ratna RIP (Karunaratna Family) Alessia Costanzo and Family INT (Colleen)

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2025: The Diocese of Northampton is pleased to announce the commencement of the Life in the Spirit Seminars for 2025. Our Parish church of Our Lady of peace, Burnham, has been selected as the only Hub in Slough. There are weekday sessions on Tuesdays (May 20, 27 and June 3,10 & 17) at 7:00pm. The Holy Spirit Day will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June (Pentecost Eve) at 1pm at St John the Apostle, Luton. Visit the website (https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2025/ or speak to Parish Office, Mary Magdalene or Shelagh Whitehouse to register.

**RETIRING COLLECTIONS:** This weekend, there will be a retiring collection at the end of all Masses for the Priests' Training Fund.

Next weekend, a retiring collection will be held for the Bishops' Fund.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES: The annual Blessing of the Graves will take place on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May at Slough Cemetery at 3pm.

Fr Kevin will also be blessing the Graves at Parkside Cemetery on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> June at 3pm. All are welcome to attend and pray for their loved ones.

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WEBSITE: WWW.OURLADYOFPEACERC.ORG

on 3 07546 710834.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Loose Collection: £671.41 Sunday Tea & Coffee: £30.27 DONA Plate: £86.49

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MASS SCHEDULE Mondays – Wednesdays & Fridays OLOP @ 9:30am Thursdays St Andrews @ 9:30am Saturdays OLOP @10:00am WEEKEND MASSES Saturdays Vigil OLOP @ 6:00pm Sundays OLOP @ 9:30am St Andrews @ 11:30am

MORNING PRAYER

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri OLOP @ 9:15am Saturdays OLOP @ 9:45am Thursdays St. Andrews @ 9:15am ADORATION

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri OLOP @ 8:15am Saturdays OLOP @ 8:45am

Thursdays St. Andrews @ 8:30am

PARISH INFORMATION Parish Priest: Rev. Anthony Dampson, SMA

Assistant Priest: Rev. Amalraj Lawrence, SMA

Deacon: Rev. Deacon Michael Ossei-Williams

Secretary: Mrs. Venecia Godinho © 01628 605764

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① 01628 661886
All bookings for St Andrew's
Please contact the bookings secretary



#### **CHURCH BULLETIN CONTINUED**

#### DECEASED

Please pray for Anthony Galea RIP, who passed away recently. Anthony was a devoted member of our parish and regularly attended Saturday evening Mass. His presence, faith, and warmth will be deeply missed by all who knew him. A Funeral Service in honour of Anthony's life will be celebrated on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11am in Our Lady of Peace Church, followed by burial at Slough Cemetery.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

#### ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025 This is a truly unique chance to visit our Catholic National Shrine, where Our Lady the Blessed Virgin Mary and Mother of God appeared in 1061. During this Special Jubilee Year, the Slipper Chapel has been afforded the status of HOLY DOOR, with the opportunity for pilgrims to obtain special plenary indulgencies.

The coach trip will be filled with singing, joy, laughter and prayer, leading to the Midday Mass with the chief celebrant Bishop David. There will be time for all Pilgrims of Hope to engage in private prayers and opportunities to see the Slipper Chapel and the Anglican Shrine. There will also be an option to walk the Holy Mile at 3pm and participate in the short service at the site of where the original Holy House was built.

Our coach will leave OLOP at 6:45am and 7:00am from St Ethelbert's Slough, leaving Walsingham around 5:30pm. Tickets are £35 per person, but for families of 4 persons or more, children under 14 are £25 each.

Please bring a packed lunch (cafeteria facilities are also available). To book tickets, please contact

Edward on 07802 753575, Christina on 07990 655471 or Natty 07397 149269. Payment must be made by 2 June 2025.

JUBILEE TOUR TO WESTPORT, KNOCK & CO MAYO: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Guest Speaker: Marion Carroll, who was cured at Knock. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Museum of Country Life. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

CHILDREN LITURGY: There will be a liturgy of the word will be held this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May at OLOP, for all children attending school years Reception to Year 3 during the 9.30am mass.

**MASS FOR THE SICK & ELDERLY:** A special mass for the Sick will be held on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in St Andrews. All are welcome to join in prayer for healing and support. We can arrange for transport; please contact the parish office at 01628 605764.

#### MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20 -22 June <u>www.retrouvaille.org.uk</u> Tel: 0788 7296983

SHEKHINAH PRAYER GROUP: This Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, the theme will be **Reflections on the Gospel of John 14:23-29**, for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (C). The speaker will be **Deacon Michael**.

#### VACANCY

THE LONDON AND SLOUGH CHARITABLE TRUST (formerly the LASR) – URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS: Could you give up an evening or even an early morning to help those in need? Do you hold a C1 Driving License and are over 25 years of age? We need some volunteers to join our weekly rota. Our drivers leave our food share hub in Slough and collect surplus food from 4/5 supermarkets for our packing teams to then redistribute, ready for early morning deliveries every day. For more information, please call Christina 07990 655471 or contact admin@thelondonandshoughrun.org

**RED BOXES:** As we approach the mid-year changeover time, would all Red Box holders kindly bring in their current boxes and exchange them for new empty boxes. Please don't worry about how full or empty they are, it will be good to keep the turnover rolling. Have a look to see if you have any spare unused Boxes hiding at home please. At the moment we have a long way to go to match 2024. Missio and MHM are always appreciative of all donors and thankful for your valued generosity.

Only leave your Boxes with someone you know at either of our churches.

**CONSIDERING THE DIACONATE?** Are you feeling called to serve in a deeper way? Come and learn about the ministry of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese at an Information Morning on **Saturday**, **31**<sup>st</sup> **May**, **from 10am to 12pm** at *St. Mary's Parish*, 82 *West St., Dunstable.* This is a great opportunity to explore the vocation of a deacon, ask questions, and discern if God is calling you to this ministry. For more information, contact Fr. Tony Brennan at 01582 662710 or <u>franthony.brennan@northamptondiocese.org</u>.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 14:21b-27 'They declared to the Church all that God had done with them.' Psalm 118(117) R/ *I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.* 

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rev 21:1-5a 'God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia 2x A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.



**CREDO:** I believe in God, the Father almighty Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **Amen.** 

# GO IN PEACE

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