



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

21st October, 2022

The month of the Holy Rosary

Issue 8

THE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30 AM. UNTIL 4:00 PM. MONDAY—FRIDAY
Tel: 01245 353755

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we arrive at the end of the first half term of the new academic year, we can all be extremely proud of the achievements of our outstanding pupils. In particular, our new pupils, who joined us in Reception in September, have settled quickly into life and learning at Our Lady Immaculate School. The support of all our families is truly inspirational ensuring that all of our children live out the school's mission: **'...to achieve personal excellence for themselves and for the glory of God'**, knowing that **'With God all things are possible'**. Thank you!

I would like to remind parents/carers of the importance of regular school attendance for their children. Attendance matters a great deal. Once a pupils' attendance falls below 90%, or the equivalent of half a day per week, their academic achievement suffers significantly. Of course, pupils will get ill from time to time, but maintaining excellent attendance will make it easier for them to do well at school. We want all of our pupils to achieve their potential and they cannot do this if they are not in school every day.

Our attention in school now refocuses to the second half of the Autumn term, which is due to begin on Monday, 31st October. Please ensure children are dressed in full winter school uniform, including black or navy-blue hats, coats, and scarves and black shoes.

The following half term is one of my favourites as we prepare for the Christmas Season. I am looking forward to it already!

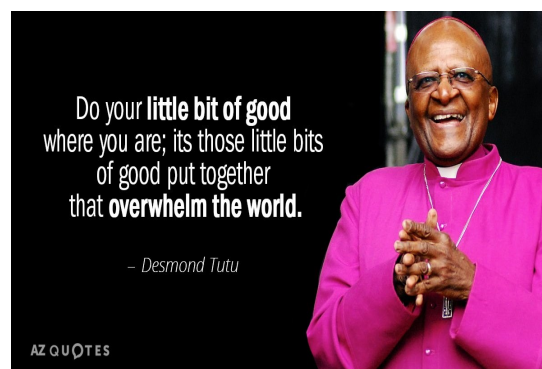
Wishing you all a relaxing and safe half-term break.

May God bless you and keep your family safe.

God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Thought for the weekend



National Fundraising



Today, rather than our traditional blue uniform, a sea of pink could be seen across the playground, as we came together to support 'Wear it Pink Day'. This event brings together thousands of people on one day, all with the same aim – to raise money and help make life saving breast cancer research happen by dressing in pink and raising awareness.

Through being committed to works of charity, we are developing in children their understanding of responsibility, showing our support and solidarity with all members of God's family, whilst reminding children that:

'We are what we repeatedly do!'
(Aristotle)

Year 1—Pizza Express



Attendance Matters!

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

Mini Vinnies—Foodbank Collection

The Mini Vinnies were delighted by your amazing generosity—**FAITH IN ACTION**



Year 6 travel to Duxford

As part of their WWII studies, Year 6 travelled to Duxford to immerse themselves in a day of history.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

OCTOBER 2022	
Monday, 24th - Friday, 28th	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2022	
Wednesday, 2nd	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 4th	Bags 2 School
Monday, 7th	Friends Association Meeting
Tuesday, 8th	Individual school photos - please see below note
Wednesday, 9th	Year 5 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 11th	Poppies and Poetry Day
Monday, 14th	Year 5 Remembrance Assembly @ 2.30pm
Wednesday, 16th	Year 1 trip to Oaklands Museum Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 18th	Odd Socks Day - £1 donation for NSPCC
Monday, 21st	Year 3 Advent Assembly @ 2.45pm
Wednesday, 23rd	Year 1 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 30th	Year 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
DECEMBER 2022	
Sunday, 4th	Christmas Bazaar
Wednesday, 7th	Foundation class Nativity @ 9.30am
Thursday, 8th	Feast Day
Tuesday, 13th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity @ 9.30am - Year 1 parents to attend
Thursday, 15th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity @ 9.30am - Year 2 parents to attend
Friday, 16th	Friends Christmas gift safe
Tuesday, 20th	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM - please note there is no after school Ark club
JANUARY 2023	
Thursday, 5th	First day back to school

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 21st October 2022

(Merit Badges are awarded for demonstrating the Value of the Week)

Foundation	Jessica	TJ
Year 1	Joshua	Raine-Esme
Year 2	Ciara	Richmond
Year 3	Jack	Finn
Year 4	Joseph	Lillie-Mae
Year 5	Beatrice	Henry
Year 6	Amelia	Daniel

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 21st October 2022

(figures in brackets refer to aggregated totals from the start of term)

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (85)	2nd (86)	3rd (80)	4th (84)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 21st October 2022

Foundation	Peter	Olivia
Year 1	Nahson	Francine
Year 2	Peter	Jaelan
Year 3	Matilda	Tommy
Year 4	Isaac	Sofia O'S
Year 5	Patrick	Agnese
Year 6	Charlotte	

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PARKING

Church Car Park and Staff Car Park (in front of school)

Please remember that there is NO PARKING behind the church when dropping off or collecting your child. The car park is for Church use only.

Please also note that you are not to park in the staff car park (in front of the school) for drop off for the Ark. This applies to both before and after school.



Friends Association News

Dear All,

Bag to school

Everyone should have received the bag to school bag and leaflet in their children's bags. Please fill up with unwanted clothes over the holiday and bring in on the 4th November at school drop off in the morning, to the side gate (New Writtle Street).

Christmas Merchandise

This will be sent home with the children today, so please look out for it and place your orders **by Thursday, 27th October** at the latest. The school receives money for each order.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 10/10/22 - 14/10/22	This week % 17/10/22 - 21/10/22
Foundation	92.7%	79.3%
Year 1	96.9%	96.9%
Year 2	99%	98.8%
Year 3	95%	96.8%
Year 4	97.7%	97.8%
Year 5	96.3%	97.8%
Year 6	97.2%	95.2%
Whole School Total	96.4%	94.8%

Congratulations to years 2, 4 & 5 for being above 97%.

The aim of the attendance chart is for all classes to achieve green

If your child's attendance falls below 95%, you will receive a legal attendance letter as per the Attendance Policy.

Our Lady Immaculate fully complies with information legislation. For the full details on how we use your personal information please see our privacy notices which are located on our school website (www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.org) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy

Clubs

The clubs from 31st October until Friday, 16th December will be:

Monday Multi sports - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm – 4.15pm

(31st October – 12th December)

Team sports - years 3 & 4 - 3.15pm – 4.15pm

(31st October – 12th December)

High 5's - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm – 4.15pm

(31st October – 12th December)



Tuesday Rugbytots - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm – 4.15pm

(1st November – 13th December)

Football - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm – 4.15pm

(1st November – 13th December)



Wednesday Drama - years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm – 4.30pm

(2nd November – 14th December)

Art - years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm – 4.30pm

(2nd November – 14th December)

Thursday Bootcamp - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm – 4.15pm

(3rd November – 15th December)

Mindful Movement (formerly Music and Movement) - years 1-6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(3rd November – 15th December)

Chess - years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(the bookings have continued from September - 3rd November – 15th December)

Art - years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(3rd November – 15th December)

Friday Guitar - years 3, 4, 5 & 6

(4th November – 16th December)

Booking for clubs will be open on either the 17th or 18th October. Please look out for the emails on those days. **Clubs are still booked on a first come, first served basis apart from Art club. If you have already been booked into Art club this half-term, you will not be able to book for the next half-term.**

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS

parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk Please use the parent email address to leave messages about a child's absence or pick up arrangements. Child absences must be reported by 9 a.m. on the first day, and changes to pick up can be emailed until **2 p.m. on the day**. – You must ring the school thereafter.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ABSENCE NOTES AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS VIA THE ADMIN@

EMAIL ADDRESS NOR VIA SCHOOLCOMMS – THANK YOU.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 31st October – Week 2

Please refer to the menus on our website so the children are aware and know what to choose when asked by their teachers. Please use the online payment system to pay for all dinners (Years 3 to 6).

Is your child eligible for this award - Free School Meals?

In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding, a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income Support / Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit) Universal Credit.**



Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). Further information can be found on <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

London Marathon 2023

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on SUNDAY 23rd April 2023. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Damian Dillon for further details on 07912 308000 / ddillon@bccs.org.uk. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 11th November and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1,800 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Carmel Jane Photographic Ltd will be visiting the school on 8th November to take individual and group family photographs. All the children will be photographed, however, parents are under no obligation to purchase them. If any parent wishes their children to be photographed in a family group, **please send a letter for the attention of Mrs Wright** clearly stating your wishes by Friday, 4th November – verbal messages from children will not be accepted nor will any letters be accepted after this date. If your request for a family photo includes pre-school siblings please bring them to school at 11.00 a.m. If you have any queries see Mrs Wright in the office.

Thank you from The Legion of Mary

"Thank you to the staff at Our Lady Immaculate, who are always so supportive of the Rosary Club on Fridays. A very special thank you to all of the wonderful children who come to pray and get to know Mother Mary and, through her, Jesus. We look forward to seeing you all again in November. Legion of Mary"

Voluntary Contribution

At the beginning of each school term, we encourage parents where possible, to make a small voluntary contribution to the school. Most families contribute between £10 and £15 per family; however any contribution, big or small, will be gratefully received. You are able to pay through School Gateway.

Through the contribution of families and the generous support of parents we have together been able to provide the curriculum resources and facilities that the children now benefit from in our school. For this, we are truly grateful.

REMINDER

Please could you make sure that your child comes equipped and ready for their School Day with their PE/Club kit, Books, Water Bottle, Forest School Clothing, Wellie Boots and their packed lunch (those that have a packed lunch).

This would alleviate the need for the Office Staff to deliver late items to the classrooms.



HEALTHY PLAYTIME SNACKS

Please note that the school has a policy for Healthy Snacks at playtime. As part of our healthy eating programme, children are not permitted to bring sweets or chocolate into school.



LEAVE OF ABSENCE

When asking for time off from school, please remember to complete a Leave of Absence form and accompanying letter. The Leave of Absence form can be found on the school website.

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding officer: **Mrs Roche**. We also have a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer: **Mr Owens**.

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers to seek further advice.

“Safeguarding is thinking the unthinkable and then figuring out how to reduce the probability of the unthinkable happening.”

Graham Fawcet

