



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

7th October, 2022

The month of the Holy Rosary

Issue 5

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I continue to be incredibly impressed with the hard work and commitment of all of our wonderful children. The staff are working so very hard to ensure the children continue to be settled and as a result, our OLI Family is thriving. Please support your child as much as you possibly can by engaging in your child's learning, and reading with them frequently, living out our mission to **'inspire our children to achieve personal excellence for themselves and for the glory of God', with whom 'all things are possible'**.

On Monday, Years 1 and 2 celebrated Harvest Festival. It was lovely to see so many friends and family join us for what was undoubtedly an uplifting and joyous assembly. Congratulations to both year groups; you truly brought the house down!

Thank you also for all of the wonderful donations received for our Harvest Festival collection. We are always overwhelmed by your generosity. This is a very worthwhile cause, and we are looking forward to passing all of our donations on to our local Foodbank — **FAITH IN ACTION**. The last day for collections will be 14th October, so you still have plenty of time if you wish to make a donation.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

God Bless!

*Lesley Roche
Headteacher*

Thought for the weekend

"ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT THINGS IS NOT TO CHANGE SOCIETY – BUT TO CHANGE YOURSELF."

- Nelson Mandela

www.wealthycelebrity.com



Legion of Mary

At Our Lady Immaculate, we are very fortunate to have the support of the members of the Legion of Mary. They come into school every Friday to pray the rosary with our children, providing them with a quiet space to get to know the Mother Mary and reflect upon different aspects of Jesus' life.

Thank you ladies, we are truly blessed to have you as part of our school community.



Virtues to Live by

This week the children have continued to grow in the virtue of **Thankfulness.**

Today I give thanks
For life and love and beauty.
My heart is full of gratitude
For faith and hope and wholeness.
My life overflows
With abundance and generosity
Today I give thanks to God Almighty
For the provision of all things good.

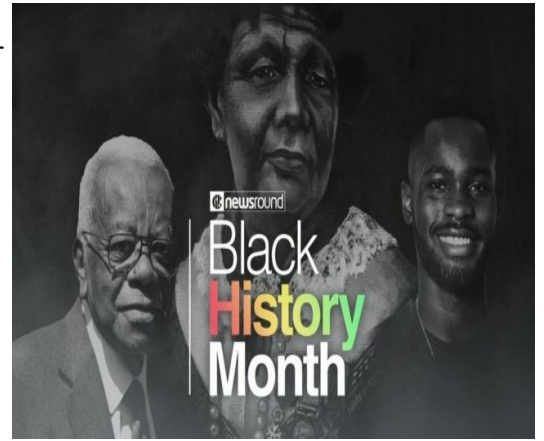


Black History Month

To celebrate this month we are inviting parents, grandparents or other family members in to speak to our children,

Would you like to share the life of a famous person? Read a story from a different culture? Speak to the children about racism and the impact that it may have had on your family? Share elements of your culture and heritage?

I am keeping the calendar clear so that we can accommodate times that are good for you. If you are able to visit, please email admin@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk



Years 1 and 2— Harvest Festival Time



In Sunday's Gospel Reading ...



9th October 2022

In the Gospel of Luke,
Jesus says:

“Your faith has
saved you.”

BDES



Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 26/09/22 - 30/09/22	This week % 03/10/22 - 07/10/22
Foundation	91%	96%
Year 1	98.7%	99.3%
Year 2	97.2%	99.3%
Year 3	96.6%	93.8%
Year 4	96.8%	94.5%
Year 5	100%	95.6%
Year 6	95.3%	92.5%
Whole School Total	96.5%	95.8%

Congratulations to years 1 & 2 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.

Friends Association News

Dear All,

Friends Association AGM

Monday 17th October 19:30 in the school hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend, if you would like to find out about what we have planned and if you would like to help in any way you can.

School disco

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped with the school disco last weekend. It was another success and we all had great fun! We made £1300 profit, so a big thank you and very well done.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

OCTOBER 2022	
Monday, 10th - Tuesday, 11th	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday, 12th	Year 6 trip to Duxford Year 1 and 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 13th	Year 1 trip to Pizza Express
Monday, 17th	Friends AGM in school @ 7.30pm
Tuesday, 18th	Teaching and Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday, 19th	Year 3 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 20th	Teaching and Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Monday, 24th - Friday, 28th	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2022	
Wednesday, 2nd	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
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
Wednesday, 23rd	Year 1 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 30th	Year 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
DECEMBER 2022	
Sunday, 4th	Christmas Bazaar
Thursday, 8th	Feast Day
Friday, 16th	Friends Christmas gift sale

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.

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 7th October 2022

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

Foundation	Alexa	Claudia
Year 1	Gabriel	Kallie
Year 2	Agatha	Alex
Year 3	Sienna	Belle
Year 4	David A-H	Florence J
Year 5	Isabella	Dominic
Year 6	Eli	Grainne

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 7th October 2022

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
4th (54)	2nd (56)	1st (57)	2nd (58)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 7th October 2022

Foundation	Adam	Milan
Year 1	Toby	Aisling
Year 2	Sean	Sienna
Year 3	Paul	Isabella
Year 4	David C	Lara-Rose
Year 5	Conor	Millie
Year 6	Amalie	Catherine

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.



HARVEST COLLECTION 2022

This year to celebrate Harvest Festival and to support our local community we will once again be collecting items for the Chelmsford Foodbank.

We will start collecting from Monday 3rd October until Friday 14th October.

Items to donate are: tinned soups, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetable, tinned fruit, cereals, rice, pasta and pasta sauces.

Thank you in advance.

Mrs McCarthy



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.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 10th October – Week 3

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>**

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



PATHWAY FOR PARENTS

From time to time, parents and carers may have concerns about their son or daughter's education and/or wellbeing at school. Quite often this is due to a misunderstanding about school policy or practice. Sometimes the pupil may be behaving unusually at home or at school and/or expressing their own concerns. Whatever the situation, we would encourage you, and/or your child, to **talk to us about it at the earliest opportunity** so that we can help sort out the problem.

If it is your child's academic progress that you wish to speak to us about, or if it is an issue around your child's wellbeing (for example, bullying or other anxiety), please ask to see their teacher in the first instance or make an appointment, through the School Office, telephone number 01245 353755, or via our Parent email address: Parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk or in person at Reception.

Our Lady Immaculate School emphasises the partnership between parents, church and school and the majority of concerns can be dealt with through informal contacts, usually with the class teacher and, sometimes, the Headteacher. Most concerns and complaints can be sorted out quickly by speaking with your child's class teacher.

If, having spoken to the class teacher, you still have concerns, you should see the Headteacher who will look into the problem and discuss their findings with you so that we can find a way forward together which serves the best interest of both the school and your child.

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