



The Rosary Trust

*'With God all things are possible'*

# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

11th November, 2022

The month of the Holy Souls

Issue 10

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

During this week's collective worship the children focused upon Pope Francis' encyclical letter, *Laudato Si*. The children learned that in Pope Francis' letter, he asks us to care for the earth by living wisely, thinking deeply and loving generously. The children thought about how climate change affects us all, however, it is the poorest communities who will suffer the most. Finally, the children considered what it means for Christians to be called stewards of the Earth and how they can work together to look after our common home.

Wishing you all a lovely and peaceful weekend.

## Poppy and Poetry Workshop



Inspired by the poets of the Great War, today Years 1-6 had an opportunity to take part in a literature and drama workshop.

During the session the children created scenes that wove together poetry, interviews with soldiers, and personal accounts from the different people involved.

This day provided children with a wonderful way to bring the history of our Great War alive, enabling them to empathise and think critically about the experiences of people who lived and died during the First World War.

## Thought for the weekend

I alone can't change the World,  
But I can cast a stone across the  
waters, to create many Ripples.  
- Mother Teresa -



<https://www.facebook.com/alchimeia coaching>

## Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been busy preparing an assembly to share with the whole school during Wednesday's collective worship. They will be drawing on this year's theme of '**Reach Out**'. Teachers will also be holding class workshops on the NSPCC's '**Speak Out, Stay Safe**' programme.

As part of our Anti-Bullying week activities, on **Friday**, children are invited to come into school wearing '**Odd Socks**'. The children have agreed that all monies raised by this event will be donated to the NSPCC—faith in action.



**God Bless!**

*Lesley Roche*  
*Headteacher*

### **Vicky Ford (Conservative MP for Chelmsford)**

Last Friday, OLI's school council met with Vicky Ford (Conservative MP for Chelmsford) to ask for her support in applying for CIF funding for a new school porch! They were brilliant ambassadors for the school, and future MPs in the making!

Indeed, one particularly politically minded Year 6 council member, asked the question, "What's your opinion of what can only be described as the recent Prime Minister bonanza!"

I am pleased to say that Mrs Ford did not shy away from this important question!



### **New Parents— September 2023 Admissions**

The application period for admission to Foundation class for September 2023 opened on 7th November 2022.

If you have **not** been attending Mass regularly, please do not ask Fr Martin to sign your form. However, please remember that you can still apply for a place at Our Lady Immaculate Primary by completing the Supplementary Information Form and sending this, along with a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate to the office.

All documentation relating to admissions can be found on the school's website: [ourladyimmaculateprimary.org](http://ourladyimmaculateprimary.org).

Please also apply for your child's place via the Council website - [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

**Please note: new information will be presented in red**

<b>NOVEMBER 2022</b>	
Monday, 14th	Year 5 Remembrance Assembly @ 2.30pm Friends Association Meeting @ 7.30pm
Wednesday, 16th	Year 1 trip to Oaklands Museum Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 18th	Odd Socks Day - £1 donation for NSPCC Flu Immunisations
Monday, 21st	Year 3 Advent Assembly @ 2.45pm
Wednesday, 23rd	Year 1 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 28th	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 30th	Year 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
<b>DECEMBER 2022</b>	
Sunday, 4th	Christmas Bazaar
Wednesday, 7th	Foundation class Nativity @ 9.30am
Thursday, 8th	Feast Day - whole school Mass @ 10.30am
<b>Monday, 12th</b>	<b>Years 5 &amp; 6 attending Christ Church to see The Snowman @ 12.45pm</b>
Tuesday, 13th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity @ 9.30am - Year 1 parents to attend
Wednesday, 14th	Children's Christmas Dinner
Thursday, 15th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity @ 9.30am - Year 2 parents to attend
Friday, 16th	Friends Christmas gift safe
Monday, 19th	Junior Carol Concert - 2pm in the Church
Tuesday, 20th	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM - please note there is no after school Ark club
<b>JANUARY 2023</b>	
Thursday, 5th	First day back to school
Friday, 6th	Epiphany Mass - whole school Mass @ 9am
<b>FEBRUARY 2023</b>	
Monday, 13th - Friday, 17th	Half term
Monday, 20th	INSET DAY

## MERIT BADGES

**WEEK ENDING 11th November 2022**

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

<b>Foundation</b>	Ethan	Annie
<b>Year 1</b>	Ella	Toby
<b>Year 2</b>	Charlene	Jaelan
<b>Year 3</b>	Hanna	Johan
<b>Year 4</b>	Natalia	Jason
<b>Year 5</b>	Jack	Damia
<b>Year 6</b>	Lennon	Ivy

## HOUSE POINTS

**WEEK ENDING 11th November 2022**

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

<b>BECKET</b>	<b>CAMPION</b>	<b>FISHER</b>	<b>MORE</b>
3rd (115)	2nd (118)	3rd (111)	1st (121)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

**WEEK ENDING 11th November 2022**

<b>Foundation</b>	Tadhg	Naia
<b>Year 1</b>	Hugo	Praise
<b>Year 2</b>	Hugh T-C	Nico
<b>Year 3</b>	Julian	Joselyn
<b>Year 4</b>	Oscar	Florence J
<b>Year 5</b>	Aaron	Teddy
<b>Year 6</b>	Edward	Grainne

## 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,

## **Friends Association Meeting**

Monday 14th 1930 at the school, but if you're unable to attend in person there is a Zoom link below.

Everyone is welcome.

Nov 14, 2022 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81354571005?pwd=MVd0ak1PWm1uRlhpWktBT1NFZEwydz09>

Meeting ID: 813 5457 1005

Passcode: ZDT1h7

## **Christmas Bazaar Volunteers 4/12/22**

We are looking for volunteers for our Christmas Bazaar on Sunday the 4/12/22. Please sign up using the simple instructions below:

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on SignUp: <https://signup.com/go/wRzXkqr>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - SignUp will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: Sign Up does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Siobhán Harrison on 079666 92425 or Karen Charles Foster at [Friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk) and we can sign you up manually.

## **Christmas Bazaar Donations**

As the Christmas Bazaar is fast approaching the trolley will be in the playground, near the gate, at drop off and pick up every day until the Bazaar. Every year your donations are vital for the success of the event.

This week we would be extremely grateful of donations of the following please, **Alcohol, chocolates, puddings, chutneys and other luxury food items**, so we can start making the hampers ASAP as they take a considerable amount of time to make.

### ***We are also in need of the following items:***

- Chocolate bars for the chocolate gamble.
- Sweet donations (no nuts please).
- New/unused Gifts items.
- Preloved soft toys.
- New & unused Kids stationery items, Pencils, writing sets, note pads etc.
- Christmas jumpers for the Xmas jumper stall.
- Good quality school uniform.
- If anyone owns a business, maybe you would consider a donation of a gift voucher for the Raffle.

As always thanks for your continued support.

The Friends Association





## Attendance

Attendance Data:

**94% and below**

**94% - 97%**

**97% and above**

	<b>Last week % 31.10.22 - 04.11.22</b>	<b>This week % 07.11.22 - 11.11.22</b>
Foundation	94.7%	93.3%
Year 1	93.3%	94.3%
Year 2	96%	93.3%
Year 3	98.8%	99.1%
Year 4	97.4%	94.3%
Year 5	95.6%	95.6%
Year 6	92.8%	91.9%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>94.8%</b>

Congratulations to year 3 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.

### **MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 14th November – Week 1**

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).

**A NEW MENU STARTS ON MONDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER - PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

#### **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>

## PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS

[parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk](mailto: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.**

## 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.



## Calais light Help Needed

Calais light: Spaces are now open for the next car convoy to volunteer at @Care4Calais, which is an amazing grass-roots charity delivering essential aid and support to refugees living in the worst conditions across Northern France and Belgium. Volunteers will work in their warehouse sorting clothes and preparing its vital services for distribution. (**currently in need of DARK ADULT WINTER COATS**) Calais Light volunteers also get the unique and humbling opportunity to go out and meet refugees to offer solidarity and kindness as well as aiding Care4Calais with its distribution process. For more information go to: <https://>

## 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

