



The Rosary Trust

*'With God all things are possible'*

# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

18th November, 2022

The month of the Holy Souls

Issue 11

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been all about giving our children the tools to **SPEAK OUT** and **STAY SAFE**.

During Monday's worship assembly, the children thought about who they look to in times of trouble. In an age appropriate way, the children were informed about the different forms of abuse, including bullying. They talked about the kinds of worries that children may have and about the importance of speaking to a trusted adult if they were worried about anything.

On Wednesday, the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors led a whole school assembly, adopting this year's theme '**Reach Out**'.

The children spoke with confidence about the need to treat each other with dignity and respect, and importantly to stand up to bullying by speaking out. The children were reminded about where to find the OLI worry box, and Buddy, the NSPCC mascot, made a special appearance, reassuring children that difficult times never need to be dealt with alone.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

## Year 5 Remembrance Day Assembly

On Monday, our Year Five children led a very moving Remembrance Day assembly.

Inspired by their recent World War 1 history studies, Year Five told the story of those who had lost their lives in action, through poetry and song. They made connections to their class novel, "War Horse" and sang "The Green Fields of France" beautifully.

The poignancy of the assembly was made palpable by the poise and dignity with which the children conducted themselves.

Thank you Year Five for a powerful reminder of the sacrifice made by others so that we could be free.



## Thought for the weekend



**Kind** words can be short  
and easy to speak,  
but their echoes are truly  
**endless**

~Mother Teresa

## Virtues to Live by

### Hope

This week the children have continued to grow in the Virtue of Hope.



**God Bless!**

*Lesley Roche*  
Headteacher

## Rosh Hashanah

On Tuesday, Julian Sorsby came to talk to the children about the Jewish festival, Rosh Hashanah. The children learnt that Rosh Hashanah commemorates the creation of the world and marks the beginning of the Days of Awe, a 10-day period of introspection and repentance that culminates in the Yom Kippur holiday, also known as the Day of Atonement. Julian will be returning in a couple of weeks to talk to the children about Hanukkah—the Jewish festival of lights



## Odd Socks Day

Thank you to everyone who celebrated their uniqueness by coming into school dressed in odd socks. All monies raised for this event will be going to the NSPCC.



## Friends Association

On Monday evening, I was invited to attend the Friends Association meeting. It was extremely humbling to watch this amazing group of parents give up their time to work tirelessly, with determination and enthusiasm to prepare for the Christmas bazaar.

**THANK YOU** each and every one of you, for all that you do to enrich our children's educational experience.



# DATES TO REMEMBER

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

<b>NOVEMBER 2022</b>	
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>	
Friday, 2nd	Non uniform day - bring a bottle for the Bazaar tombola
Sunday, 4th	Christmas Bazaar
Wednesday, 7th	Foundation class Nativity @ 9.30am
Thursday, 8th	Feast Day - whole school Mass @ 10.30am
Monday, 12th	Years 5 & 6 attending Christ Church to see The Snowman @ 12.45pm
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 sale
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
Thursday, 19th	Year 1 trip to Oaklands Museum
<b>FEBRUARY 2023</b>	
Monday, 13th - Friday, 17th	Half term
Monday, 20th	INSET DAY
<b>MARCH 2023</b>	
Wednesday, 1st	Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum - details to follow
Thursday, 2nd	World Book Day - Bedtime Stories
Wednesday, 15th	Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle - details to follow
Friday, 31st	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM - please note there is no after school Ark club

## MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 18th November 2022

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

Foundation	Rachel	Daisy
Year 1	Rosie	Zerah
Year 2	Sienna	Peter
Year 3	Keva	Daniel
Year 4	Nell	Malachy
Year 5	Patrick	Alessia
Year 6	Catherine M	Katherine G

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 18th 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>
2nd (129)	2nd (131)	1st (126)	2nd (135)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 18th November 2022

Foundation	Alexandra	Neve
Year 1	Lucas	Violet
Year 2	Charlotte	Elsie
Year 3	Russell	Kimberley
Year 4	Oliver	Hattie
Year 5	Caius	Erin
Year 6	David B	Amelia

## 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,

## **Christmas merchandise**

There is still time to order the Christmas merchandise, the extended deadline is now 23rd November.

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

We are still looking for volunteers for our Christmas Bazaar on Sunday the 4/12/22. Please sign up via the following link:

<https://signup.com/go/wRzXkqj>

Or, contact Siobhan Harrison on 079666 92425 or Karen Charles Foster at [Friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk)

## **Christmas Bazaar Donations**

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 next week.

### ***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.

## **Christmas jumpers**

Christmas jumper day is coming up and we would like to help with the cost and the environmental impact! So we will be having a Christmas jumper stall at the Christmas bazaar, for a small donation. Please donate any that you no longer need.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



## **PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - THIS SUNDAY!**

Our Parish Christmas bazaar takes place THIS Sunday 20th November from 10am until 2pm in our school hall.

There will be lots of lovely stalls selling toiletries, bric a brac, jewellery, books, cakes and much more. Also toys, craft stall and nail painting for the children. Please do come and support the Parish and enjoy the fun. Delicious bacon rolls, homemade soup & roll and teas, coffees and cakes too. Hope to see you there!

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](http://www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.org)) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy

## Attendance

Attendance Data:

**94% and below**

**94% - 97%**

**97% and above**

	Last week % 07.11.22 - 11.11.22	This week % 14.11.22 - 18.11.22
Foundation	93.3%	97.7%
Year 1	94.3%	92.7%
Year 2	93.3%	95.7%
Year 3	99.1%	93.8%
Year 4	94.3%	99.4%
Year 5	95.6%	95.9%
Year 6	91.9%	97.5%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>94.8%</b>	<b>96.1%</b>

Congratulations to Foundation, year 4 and 6 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 - 21st November – 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).

**A NEW MENU STARTED 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>**

## 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.

## 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.



## 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

