



'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



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Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

17th March 2023

The Holy Month of St Joseph

Issue 25

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 as busy as ever and with only two weeks to go before the end of term, it is really important that we make the most of it in terms of teaching and learning.

In Monday's collective worship, the children heard the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman drawing water at the well. The children thought about Jesus' willingness to engage with people just as they are—and how that includes us too. God has no favourites; we are all loved equally by God. The more we experience and share God's love, the happier we become.

Through our acts of worship, R.E. lessons, and preparations for the Easter Service, we continue to prepare ourselves as a school community for Lent.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

CAFOD!



On Wednesday, the children took part in a CAFOD Assembly. Mrs Linda Orr shared CAFOD's mission which is to support teams of experts to act fast in countries where there is a crisis, providing food, water and shelter for people who have lost everything.

Year 3 Trip—Colchester Castle!

On Wednesday, Year 3 travelled to Colchester to visit the largest Norman Keep in Europe—Colchester Castle. As you can see by their smiles, they had a brilliant day!



Thought for the weekend!

Love the Lord your God with all
your heart and with all your
soul and with all your mind
and with all your strength...

Love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no commandment
greater than these.

Mark 12:30-31

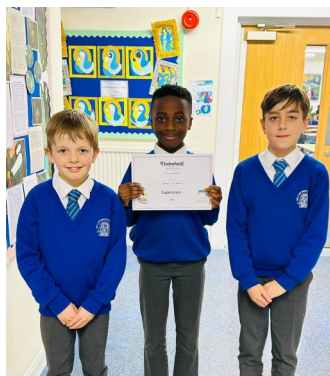


Year 2 Chelmsford Infant Music Festival

Well done Year 2 on a fantastic performance!



SPORTING AT OLI



Year 4

Before half term, year 4 participated in Superstars competition against other schools in the local area. As a class, OLI came 5th out of 44 schools and David C, Jackson B & Isaac B achieved certificates.

Congratulations Year 4!

Year 5

The netball team from year 5 attended a tournament at New Hall School on Friday, 10th February against some of the best schools in Essex. After making it to the semi-final, they won the match 7-0. Unfortunately, they lost 3-1 in the final.

Congratulations to all involved.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

MARCH 2023	
Monday, 20th	Foundation class assembly celebrating Mother's Day at 2.30pm
Wednesday, 22nd	Year 5 Parish Mass @ 9.30am Years 3 & 4 - The Everyman Cinema trip
Wednesday, 29th	Year 5 meeting re. year 6 residential trip to Bawdsey Manor, Suffolk @ 6.30pm
Thursday, 30th	Junior Easter performance in the Church @ 11am
Friday, 31st	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM - please note there is no after school Ark club Friends Easter Raffle and Easter Fun Day
APRIL 2023	
Monday, 17th	First Day of Summer Term
Wednesday, 19th	Year 3 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Saturday, 22nd	Friends Bingo
Monday, 24th	Year 4 trip to Harry Potter World
Wednesday, 26th	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
MAY 2023	
Wednesday, 3rd	Foundation and Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 10th	Year 1 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Saturday, 13th	Friends Race Night
Wednesday, 17th	Year 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 24th	Year 3 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 29th - Friday, 2nd	Half-term
JUNE 2023	
Monday, 12th - Wednesday, 14th	Year 6 trip to Norfolk
Thursday, 15th	Year 6 Theatre Trip - more details soon
Friday, 16th	Friends Father's Day Gift Sale
Wednesday, 28th	Year 5 - Farm to Fork at Writtle College - more details soon

JULY 2023	
Wednesday, 5th	Infants trip to Barleylands - more details soon
Saturday, 8th	Friends Summer Festival
Friday, 21st	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM - please note there is no after school Ark club

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 17th March 2023

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

Foundation	Theodora	Luca
Year 1	Praise	Alexander
Year 2	Ronnie	Ayden
Year 3	Max	Santiago
Year 4	Akosua	Oscar
Year 5	Beatrice	Agnese
Year 6	Melissa	Filip

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 17th March 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (253)	3rd (252)	1st (230)	1st (270)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 17th March 2023

Foundation	Annie	Richmond
Year 1	Toby	Brooke
Year 2	Sean	Avery
Year 3	William	Julia
Year 4	Edward	Lara-Rose
Year 5	Millie	Anthony
Year 6	Ciaran	Ivy

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Friends Association News

Dear All,

Easter Hamper raffle and fun day

The trolley will be out for Easter donations and kindly ask for hamper donations by Friday 24/3 so we have time to make the hampers.

The hamper raffle ticket sales will commence on Monday 27/3 and the drawer will be on Friday 31/3.

Please, if you're able to contribute we would love any of the following:

- Mini Eggs (for guess the no. of eggs) Easter Biscuits
- Red/White/Rose Wine
- Prosecco
- Beer
- Luxury Chocolate Bunny
- Children's Easter Eggs
- 7 x Cuddly Bunny Rabbit (new/unused)–for guess the bunny name. Easter Craft Pack/Activity Book
- Easter themed cookie set
- Easter themed Colouring Set

As per last year we would like to give each child a small Easter egg so we do require approximately 230 Easter eggs.

Mother's day sale

Thank you to Anna for coordinating the gift purchasing and preparation for the Mother's day sale. Thank you for everyone else's support also. We will update you with how much has been raised when we count up the money.

As always we really appreciate your continued support which make these events successful and helps to raise much needed funds for our school.

The Friends Association

Friends association email address:

friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk



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.

UNSAFE DRIVING

It has been brought to the school's attention that a number of parents dropping off children along New London Road and Upper Bridge Road, are not doing so safely. Cars have been seen mounting the curb, putting pedestrians walking along the pavement in danger. It is important that everyone parks safely in future to avoid someone getting hurt.

Many thanks

Mrs Roche

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PARKING

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



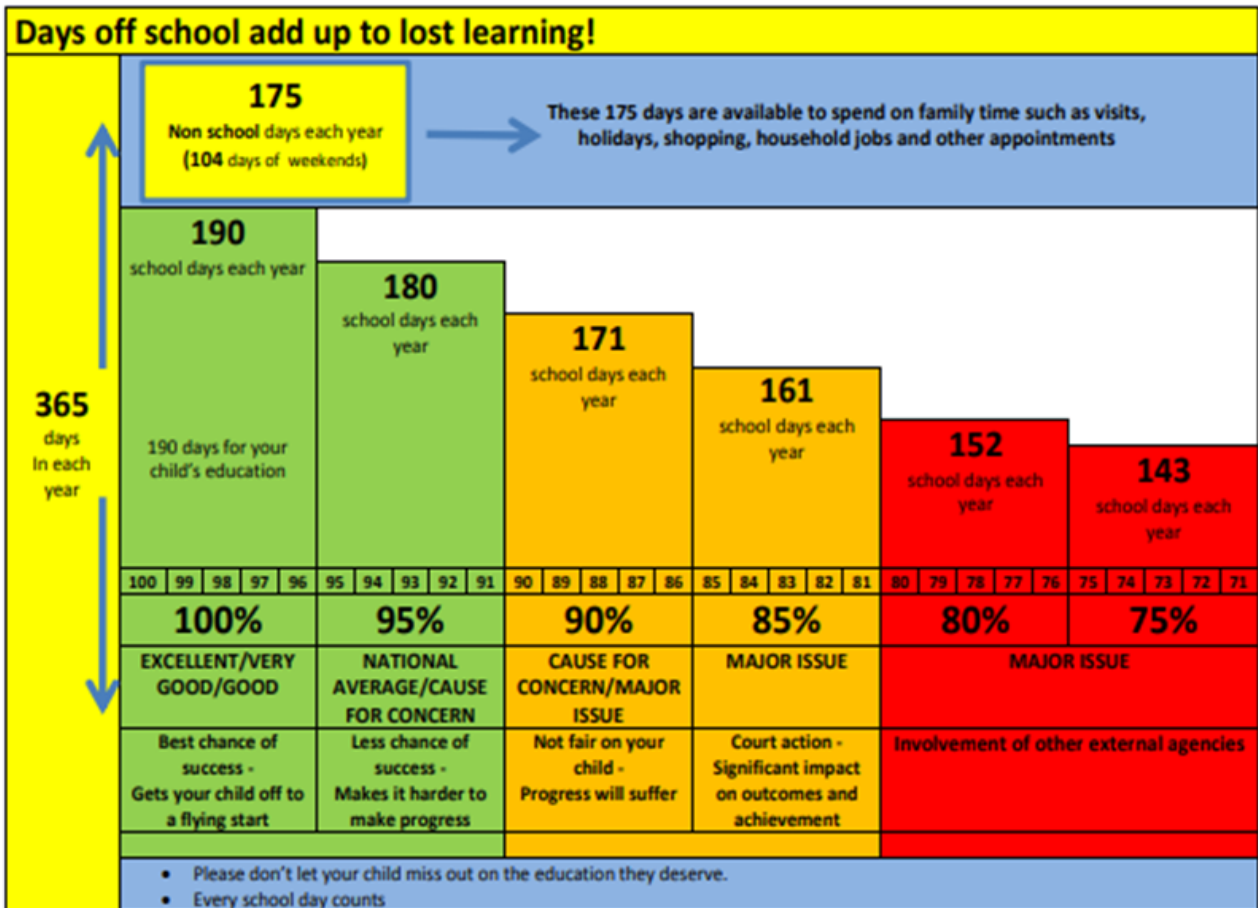
Please remember that there is NO PARKING behind the church when dropping off or collecting your child. The car park is for Church use only.

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.

Attendance

We know that these things are unavoidable but please do ensure that your child is in school whenever they can be. Lost learning now has a big impact on children's future learning.

Please be aware that the school is **strictly unable to sanction any holidays** taken during term time.



Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 06.03.23 - 10.03.23	This week % 13.03.23 - 17.03.23
Foundation	91.3%	97.3%
Year 1	98%	93.7%
Year 2	96.7%	94%
Year 3	94.7%	93.8%
Year 4	90.6%	98.8%
Year 5	100%	95%
Year 6	96.6%	97.2%
Whole School Total	95.4%	95.7%

Congratulations to Foundation and years 4 & 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 - 20th March 2023 – 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>

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.

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, and disturbing children's learning.



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 Fawcett

