



*'With God all things are possible'*

# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

25th March 2023

The Month of the Holy Family

Issue 27

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot wait until the clocks go forward on Sunday, as I am hoping that this will kick Spring into action!

This week, I have had the great pleasure of dropping into classrooms to observe teaching and learning. I am pleased to say that the children's learning behaviours were excellent. They were focused on the learning in class and were able to articulate what they were doing. They listened carefully to the teacher and were attentive to directions. They also showed enormous pride in their successes. I could not be prouder of the children and feel blessed to be working with such a dedicated team of staff!

On Monday, we were treated to an amazing Mother's Day Assembly by Reception. The children were glowing with pride as they shared their beautiful pieces of artwork and sang their hearts out.

It was great to see so many friends and families in the audience, making it a truly memorable event!



Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

**God Bless!**

*Lesley Roche*  
Headteacher

## Virtues to Live By



This week we have continued to grow in the Virtue of **Prayerfulness.**

Signs of living the virtue of **Prayerfulness**

- I spend time with God
- I listen to God
- I tell God I love Him
- I grow in friendship with God
- I pray from heart

***Know it in your head, feel it in your heart, and show it with your hands.***

## Thought for the weekend!



# DATES TO REMEMBER

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

<b>MARCH 2023</b>	
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
<b>APRIL 2023</b>	
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
<b>MAY 2023</b>	
Wednesday, 3rd	Foundation and Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 10th	Year 1 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Saturday, 13th	Friends Race Night
Wednesday, 24th	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 29th - Friday, 2nd	Half-term
<b>JUNE 2023</b>	
Monday, 12th - Wednesday, 14th	Year 6 trip to Norfolk
Thursday, 15th	Year 6 Theatre Trip
Friday, 16th	Friends Father's Day Gift Sale
Wednesday, 28th	Year 5 - Farm to Fork at Writtle College - more details soon
<b>JULY 2023</b>	
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 24th March 2023**

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

<b>Foundation</b>	Angel	Hannah
<b>Year 1</b>	Kallie	Aisling
<b>Year 2</b>	Jocelyn	Leonardo
<b>Year 3</b>	Finn	Hartley
<b>Year 4</b>	Jackson	Abril
<b>Year 5</b>	Grace	Teddy
<b>Year 6</b>	Luke	Dolcie

## **HOUSE POINTS**

**WEEK ENDING 24th March 2023**

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

<b>BECKET</b>	<b>CAMPION</b>	<b>FISHER</b>	<b>MORE</b>
4th (258)	3rd (261)	2nd (240)	1st (287)

## **LEARNER OF THE WEEK**

**WEEK ENDING 24th March 2023**

<b>Foundation</b>	Tadhg	Naia
<b>Year 1</b>	Aidan	Rita
<b>Year 2</b>	Charlene	Oscar
<b>Year 3</b>	Jack	Eloise
<b>Year 4</b>	Isaac	Malachy
<b>Year 5</b>	Ben	Scarlett
<b>Year 6</b>	Denzil	Josie

## **UNSAFE DRIVING**

It has been brought to the school's attention that a number of parents dropping off children along New London Road, Upper Bridge Road and Lower Anchor Street, 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

# Friends Association News

## Easter fun day 31/3/23

Next Friday, to round off the spring term it is the Easter Fun Day!

It will be a non uniform day and the day will include:

- guess the name of the bunny
- guess the eggs in the jar
- entry into the children's raffle
- Bingo
- word searches, scrambles, crosswords, colouring and many more games!
- an easter egg for each child (providing we have enough donations)

We would kindly ask for a suggested donation of £2.50 per child.

Also just a gentle reminder we are still in need of 175 small Easter eggs, the ones for £1 in supermarkets are perfect.

### Main Easter raffle

Raffle tickets for the main Easter Hampers will be on sale in the playground today and at pick up daily next week.

The money raised from the Easter fun day and raffle will pay for a virtual reality science day for all pupils in April.

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

### Profit raised recently

Christmas gift sale £384

Mother's day gift sale £381

Disco £1357

Adventure Island tickets £162

### Adventure Island tickets

If anyone would like Adventure Island wristbands for the Easter holidays, they will on sale next Friday, or email the friends: [friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk](mailto:friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk)

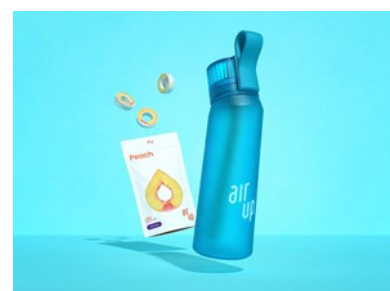
Thanks a million,

The Friends Association



## AIR UP WATER BOTTLES

After Easter, please ensure your child does not come to school with an 'air-up water bottle'. These bottles are very expensive to buy and are causing a distraction in class. Many thanks.



## DROP OFF AND PICK UP PARKING

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



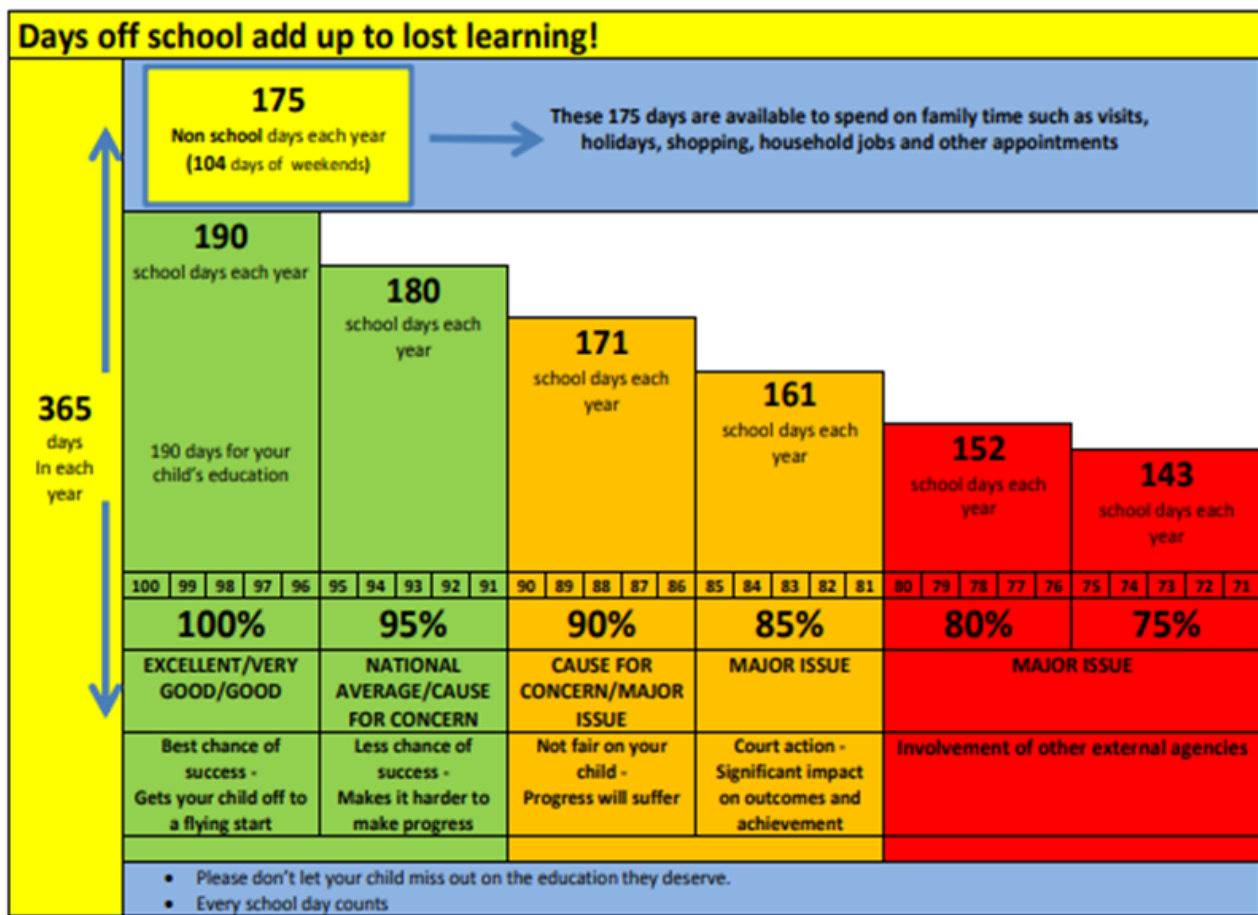
Please remember that there is NO PARKING behind the church when dropping off or collecting your child. The car park is for Church use only.

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.



### MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE



We will again be supporting this charity in school next week by selling the daffodil brooches. The recommended donation is £1 each. Thank you for your support.

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**

	<b>Last week % 13.03.23 - 17.03.23</b>	<b>This week % 20.03.23 - 24.03.23</b>
Foundation	97.3%	88.3%
Year 1	93.7%	95.3%
Year 2	94%	98.7%
Year 3	93.8%	94.1%
Year 4	98.8%	95%
Year 5	95%	97.2%
Year 6	97.2%	96.3%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>95.7%</b>	<b>95%</b>

Congratulations to years 2 & 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.

### **MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 27th March 2023 – 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>



## **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](mailto: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.

## **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



## **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.



## **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.**