



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

31st April 2023

The Month of the Holy Eucharist

Issue 27

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who joined us on our Lenten journey to walk the way of the cross. Much credit goes to Year 5, and in particular Luke who took on the role of Jesus. We enjoyed beautiful singing and acting from the soloists, small groups and the choir. Their reverence shone through, touching our hearts and lifting our spirits during this Lenten time. Thank you Year 3, 4 and 6 for their amazing support, singing and accompanying percussion. Of course a huge thank you to all the teachers and support staff, **inspiring our children to reach personal excellence for themselves and for the Glory of God.**

Thank you, Mr Harrison for taking lots of beautiful photos and Mr Musumeci for recording the Service, helping to create lasting memories for our Year 5 families.

Thank you as always to Father Martin, for allowing us to use your wonderful Church to journey as a school community in the footsteps of Christ. **CHURCH, HOME AND SCHOOL** coming together to live out our faith, and to Father Damien for his special Easter blessing.

***We have lifted our voices to You.
We celebrated the greatest day in history,
when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness
and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light.
May we ever live to praise You!***



Happy Easter from everyone at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
May God's love and power fill your hearts today and forever.

Easter Service

Congratulations Year 5, on a spectacular performance!



Friends Association News

Adventure Island wristband

Adventure Island wristbands will be on sale in the playground at pick up, and also will be available during the Easter holiday. Please send an email to the friends association email friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

Family Bingo 22nd April

Bingo tickets will be available the week commencing 17th April and are £2.50 each.

Thank you all so much for your generous donations for the raffle and the fun day. The money raised from this event will pay for an exciting virtual reality day after the Easter break.

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

We hope you have a lovely Easter break.

Thanks a million,



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

| 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 6 meeting re. June Residential trip @ 6.30pm |
| Wednesday, 24th | Year 4 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 |
| 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 |

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.

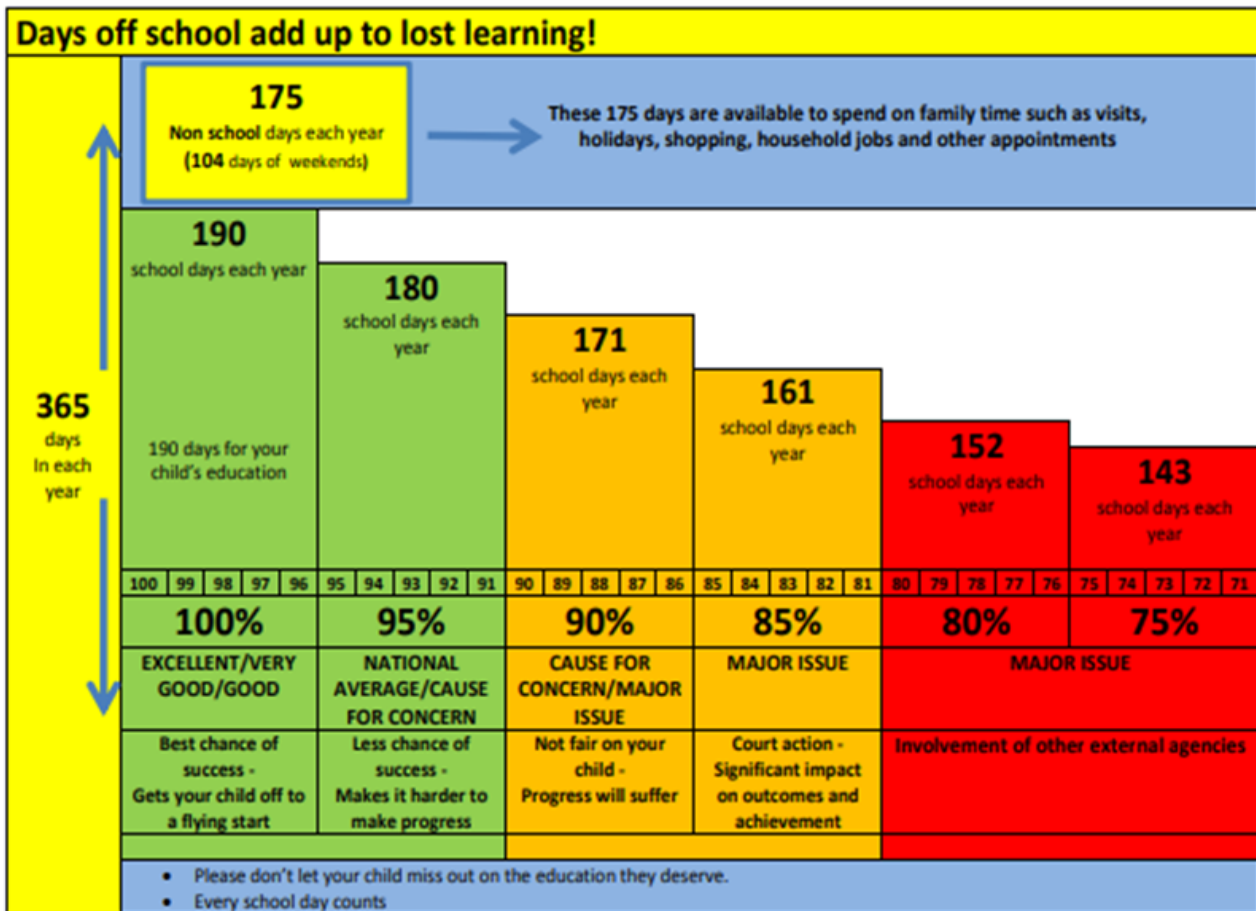
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EMAIL ADDRESS NOR VIA SCHOOLCOMMS – THANK YOU.

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.



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

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.



Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

| | Last week % 20.03.23 - 24.03.23 | This week % |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Foundation | 88.3% | 80.3% |
| Year 1 | 95.3% | 94% |
| Year 2 | 98.7% | 96.3% |
| Year 3 | 94.1% | 86.6% |
| Year 4 | 95% | 97.5% |
| Year 5 | 97.2% | 93.4% |
| Year 6 | 96.3% | 91.6% |
| Whole School Total | 95% | 91.4% |

Congratulations to year 4 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.

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.

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) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 17th April 2023 – 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).

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.

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

