

*'With God all things are possible'*



The Rosary Trust

# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

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The Holy Month of St Joseph

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

During Monday's assembly, the children heard about how Jesus spent 40 days in the desert. They also heard how at the end of this time when he was tired and hungry, he was tempted with offers of bread, power and glory. Jesus had to make some choices. First he had the choice to either rely on God or turn stones into bread. Even though he was very hungry, Jesus chose to trust in God. Jesus was also offered all the kingdoms of the world if he turned away from God. Although tempting, Jesus chose to worship God.

The children were reminded that they too have a choice: a choice to be kind and generous, a choice to share and be inclusive. A choice to follow in Jesus' footprints; to become His hands and feet as we journey through Lent.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

**God Bless!**

*Lesley Roche*  
Headteacher

## A busy Saturday!

Last Saturday, I had a very busy day!

It started in the morning, when I joined Year 3 and their parents at St Augustine's Church as they prepared themselves to receive their First Reconciliation.

I felt extremely privileged to be part of this very special Sacrament, celebrating with the children God's endless love through forgiveness.

In the late afternoon, my day got even busier, as I put on my apron to help serve sausage rolls at the Friends Association's Family Disco. As usual this was an enormous success and I would like to give my **HEARTFELT THANKS** to Mrs Harrison and her team for once again giving up their time so generously to organise such an amazing event. Thank you!

## World Book Day

On Thursday, as part of the OLI's Literary Festival, the school was once again buzzing about books, as we came together to celebrate World Book Day. As usual it was an enormous success!

Unlike in years gone past, this year the children were encouraged to come to school dressed in their favourite pyjamas, in celebration of 'bedtime stories'. It was wonderful to see the children looking so relaxed and comfy and I think that it's fair to say that staff also enjoyed having a pyjama day!

During the day itself, the children were extremely lucky to receive a visit from the author Catherine Emmett. Not only did she deliver a fantastic assembly, but she also worked with individual classes on a writing workshop.

I would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to the Friends Association, who once again paid for this amazing experience for our children.

**THANK YOU** also to Mrs Catchpole, who organised such an exciting week for our children.



## Thought for the weekend!



# DATES TO REMEMBER

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

<b>MARCH 2023</b>	
Tuesday, 7th	Parent Evening
Tuesday, 7th	Year 5 Taster Day - SJP 9.20am 3pm
Thursday, 9th	Parent Evening
Tuesday, 14th	Infant Music Festival (Year 2) - more details soon
Wednesday, 15th	Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle Year 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 17th	Friends Mother's Day Gift Sale
Monday, 20th	Foundation class assembly celebrating Mother's Day
Wednesday, 22nd	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
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
Saturday, 22nd	Friends Bingo
Monday, 24th	Year 4 trip to Harry Potter World
<b>MAY 2023</b>	
Saturday, 13th	Friends Race Night
Monday, 29th - Friday, 2nd	Half-term
<b>JUNE 2023</b>	
Monday, 12th - Wednesday, 14th	Year 6 trip to Norfolk
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

## Friends Association News

Dear All,

Thank you to everyone for supporting the disco, it was another great success and lovely to see the children having fun! Thank you especially to the DJ, Chris Storr, and to all those who helped with the organisation.

### Easter Hamper raffle and fun day

Please, if you're able to contribute to the Easter hampers, the trolley will be out from Monday. 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 approx 230 Easter eggs.

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

### Meeting

The next meeting is 19:30 on 15th March

Friends association email address:

[friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk](mailto:friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk)

## 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.

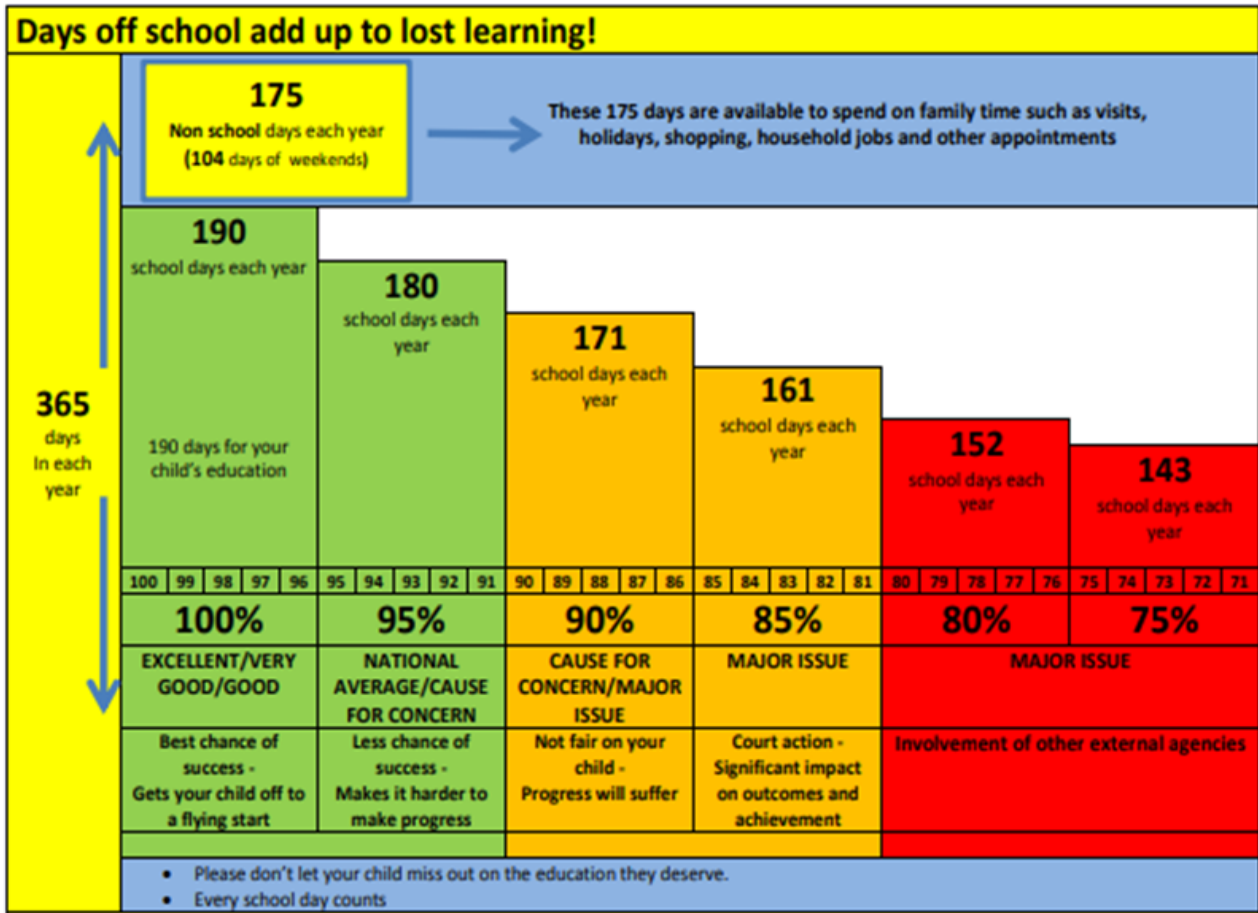
Our Lady Immaculate School emphasises the partnership between parents, church and school and the majority of concerns can be dealt with through informal contacts, usually with the class teacher and, sometimes, the Headteacher. Most concerns and complaints can be sorted out quickly by speaking with your 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.

## 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.



## 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.**

## 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.



## MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 3rd March 2023

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

Foundation	Enzo	Claudia
Year 1	Anna	Lucas
Year 2	Ciara	Hugh T-C
Year 3	Florence	Johan
Year 4	Brian	Nell
Year 5	Lily	Ben
Year 6	Annmiya	Eli

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 3rd 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>
2nd (243)	1st (244)	4th (219)	3rd (259)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 3rd March 2023

Foundation	Luca	Lewis
Year 1	Fabian	Violet
Year 2	Richmond	Elsie
Year 3	Tommy	Belle
Year 4	Sofia O	David A
Year 5	Aoife	Isla
Year 6	Josiah	Charlotte

## 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.

## **MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 6th 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>

## **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



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

## Clubs

The clubs for February will be:

Monday Multi sports - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(27th February - 27th March)

Team sports - years 3 & 4 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(27th February - 27th March)

High 5's - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(27th February - 27th March)



Tuesday Rugbys - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(21st February - 28th March)

Football - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(21st February - 28th March)



Wednesday Art - years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(22nd February - 29th March)

Thursday Bootcamp - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(23rd February - 30th March)

Chess - years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(23rd February - 30th March - **only children who attended last half-term**)

Art - years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(23rd February - 30th March)

Friday Guitar - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(23rd February - 24th March - **no guitar club on the 31st March due to the school closing at 3.15pm**)

The clubs will be released towards the beginning of next week. There is no Drama club until the start of the Summer term.