



The Rosary Trust

*'With God all things are possible'*

# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

12th May, 2023

The month of Mary

Issue 29

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our amazing Year 6 children sat statutory assessments in Maths, Reading, Spelling and Grammar. All the staff involved in the administration of these assessments were extremely proud of how much the children have grown over the past year.

Maturity and stoicism prevailed as the children silently worked through the test materials, without complaint. They were truly remarkable and deserve to do fantastically!

Next week is mental health week. As a Catholic School, children's mental health has always and will always be our priority

Every day the children are given the time to be still, reflect and pray. We support and work with you to support the children's spiritual growth and these small daily acts of worship should not be underestimated.

The Brentwood Children's Catholic Society's counselling services come into school once a week to meet with some of our children, and we are extremely lucky to have such an amazing Pastoral Lead - Mrs Lee, who spends all her time on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon checking-in with those children who we feel need a little bit of extra attention and care.

We are also extremely proud of our broad and rich curriculum, where children are given lots of opportunities to discuss, explore and reflect upon their own and others' lives in a way that encourages acceptance, understanding and personal growth.

***We are what we repeatedly do!***

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations Esmé on receiving the Holy Sacrament of Communion for the first time last weekend. We wish you happiness and many blessings on this very special occasion.



## Thought for the weekend!



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

**God Bless!**

*Lesley Roche  
Headteacher*

## 'Virtues to live by'



*"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better or happier.  
Be the living expression of God's kindness;  
kindness in your face,  
kindness in your eyes,  
kindness in your smile,  
kindness in your warm greeting"  
St. Teresa of Calcutta*

For the next three weeks, we will be growing in the Virtue of **'Kindness'**. This fits in perfectly with the introduction of our 3 Golden Rules, **Kind** being one of them.

**Kindness** is when we think about how others feel and choose to do something good to bring help, comfort or happiness. We choose to be kind because we see that everybody and everything is part of God's creation.

When we are kind to other people we recognise their God-given dignity as a child of God. Being kind brings people together, combats suffering, dispels loneliness and builds up community and God's kingdom. When we show **Kindness** to animals and God's creation we show our faith and love for God who asks us to take care of creation. When we are kind we show our humility because we know we depend on God and His creation for everything.

***Ready, Respectful, Kind***

## Little Princess Trust

Last Friday, Roisin donated lots of her beautiful hair to the Little Princess Trust.

Well done Roisin! Your generosity and kindness, will make a huge difference to a child or young person who is affected by hair loss.

You are setting a wonderful example of putting your faith into action.



# DATES TO REMEMBER

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

<b>MAY 2023</b>	
Wednesday, 17th	Year 6 meeting re. June Residential trip @ 6.30pm <b>Friends Association meeting @ 7.30pm</b>
Friday, 19th	May Procession @ 2.45pm - please bring in flowers
<b>Tuesday, 23rd</b>	<b>Year 4 - Rapid Fire Cricket Competition - 12pm - 2.45pm</b>
Wednesday, 24th	Year 5 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 26th	Family Day (Mass, Open Day & Races)
Monday, 29th - Friday, 2nd	Half-term
<b>JUNE 2023</b>	
Monday, 12th - Wednesday, 14th	Year 6 trip to Norfolk
Tuesday, 13th	Year 5 trip to Wagamama's (details coming soon)
Thursday, 15th	Year 6 Theatre Trip to The Lion King
Friday, 16th	Friends Father's Day Gift Sale
Tuesday, 20th	Year 2 trip to Wagamama's (details coming soon)
Wednesday, 28th	Year 5 - Farm to Fork at Writtle College - more details soon
<b>Friday, 30th</b>	<b>Basketball Workshop for all years</b>
<b>JULY 2023</b>	
Wednesday, 5th	Infants trip to Barleylands
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](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.**

## MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 12th May 2023

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

Foundation	Michelle	Alexa
Year 1	Savio	Rosie
Year 2	Elsie	Richmond
Year 3	Eloise	Anna
Year 4	Jackson	Chimdike
Year 5	Isla	Grace
Year 6	Josiah	Josie

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 12th May 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 (312)	4th (320)	2nd (288)	1st (353)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 12th May 2023

Foundation	Neve	Enzo
Year 1	Amari	Praise
Year 2	Peter	Pola
Year 3	Finn	Florence
Year 4	Joseph	Aurora
Year 5	Ben	Henry
Year 6	Eli	Amalie

### Thursday 18th May 2023

Please encourage your child in KS1 to try a free school meal on Thursday 18th May 2023. Our school meals service is excellent and provides delicious, balance and nourishing food on a daily basis. If possible, please support by choosing a Universal Free School meal for infants on this day. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

**The revised menu for next Thursday 18th May 2023 will be:**

Chicken Nuggets (made from breast of chicken)

Potato puffs, Beans, Full salad bar

Jacket Potato (with a choice of fillings)

Dessert will be an "Ice Cream Factory" with sprinkles, choc drops, wafers, marshmallows, raisins and sauces or fresh fruit salad. Non milk ice cream for those with allergies

# Friends Association News

## Summer festival

We are looking homes to kindly display the Summer Festival advertising boards, which are provided by Höme estate agents.

If you are able to display a board at the front of your property please contact Roberta (mum to Leo yr2) or email the friends at [friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk](mailto:friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk).

Only your address will be provided to the estate agent and no other details, and they can provide different supports such as rail ties, stakes or concrete block stand.

Thank you for your help making the festival a success and raising vital funds for the school!

Also, we are looking for a grand drawer sponsor so if anyone has a buisness that will be able to sponsor this please contact the friends association or Siobhan Harrison.

## Friends meeting

Wednesday the 17/5/23 at the school at 7.30pm to discuss the Summer Festival. If you can attend in person that would be great, please park in the church, but if you can't physically be there but would like to join via zoom please see the details below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/81510378314?pwd=TnRERUJRMWhpNEpVb2F1WitMMng0QT09>

Meeting ID: 815 1037 8314

Passcode: r4bhgF

Many thanks

The Friends Association



## FOREST SCHOOL

The Forest School are in need of a scaffold plank. If you have one that you no longer use and are able to drop off to the school, please let the school office know.

Many thanks

## School Vacancies

### Midday Assistant

Our Lady Immaculate School is looking to recruit a permanent Midday Assistant. The position is for a total of 1.5 hours a day on Mondays - Fridays from 12:00pm to 1:30pm, term time only. The hourly rate is: £10.79 plus holiday pay. For further information and an application form please contact Lindsey Murgatroyd – [lindsey.murgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk](mailto:lindsey.murgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk) or 01245 353755. No previous experience required as training will be given.

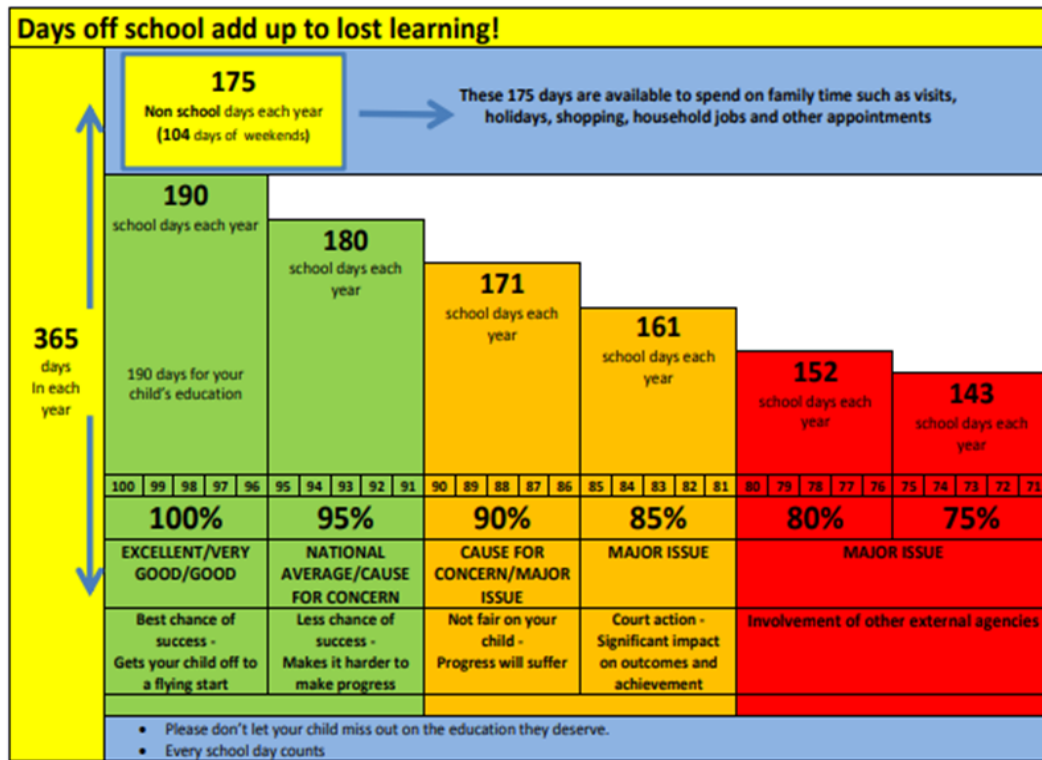
Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments require an enhanced DBS disclosure, medical check and satisfactory references. In compliance with Safer Recruitment guidelines, CVs cannot be accepted.

We look forward to hearing from 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.



## Attendance

Attendance Data:

**94% and below**

**94% - 97%**

**97% and above**

	Last week % 02.05.23 - 05.05.23	This week %
Foundation	95%	100%
Year 1	96.7%	97.1%
Year 2	94.4%	95.8%
Year 3	99%	99.2%
Year 4	96.4%	95.3%
Year 5	98.4%	98.8%
Year 6	99.2%	100%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>98.1%</b>

Congratulations to **Foundation, years 1, 3, 5 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 - 15th May 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>

## 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.

## 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.



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

## **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

