

'With God all things are possible'



# Our Lady Immaculate School News



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Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

19th May, 2023

The month of Mary

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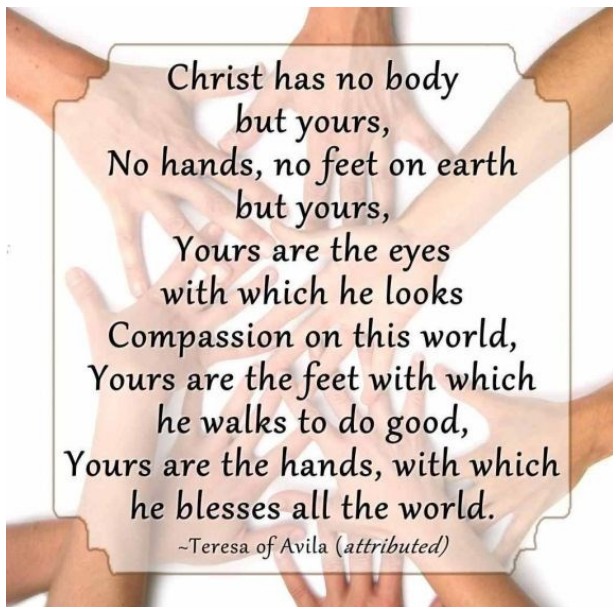
THE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30 AM. UNTIL 4:00 PM. MONDAY—FRIDAY  
Tel: 01245 353755

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well.

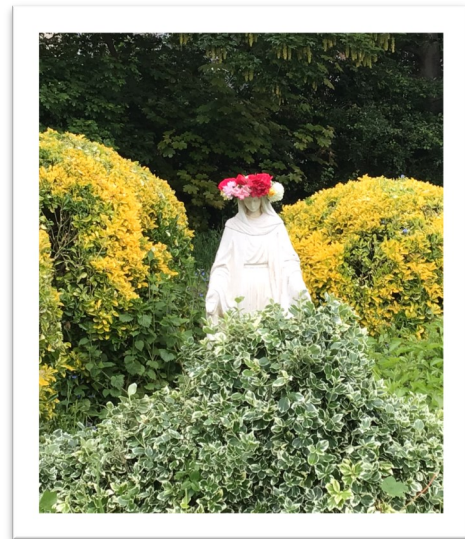
This week we gathered as a school family to celebrate the Ascension of Jesus. The children learnt that 'ascension' means 'going up'. They reflected on how forty days after His resurrection, Jesus returned to heaven to be with God our Father.

The children listened to the Gospel of Luke and remembered Jesus' promise to be with us always and how through his words to his disciples, Jesus entrusted his mission of love to them. In so doing, He entrusts His mission of love to each of us. We must now therefore be the hands and feet and voice of Jesus in the world.



Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

## May Procession and Crowning



Today we came together as a school for our May Procession. Led by Fr Martin and Fr Damien, this long-time tradition honours the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as mother to everybody.

Thank you to all the parents that joined the children his afternoon. Your presence is what makes these events so special.

## Thought for the weekend!



**God Bless!**

Lesley Roche  
Headteacher

## 'Virtues to live by'

This week we have been growing in the in the Virtue of **'Kindness'**.

### **Others**

It doesn't matter who you are,  
Or what you have, or do  
If you give of your very best  
The best returns to you.  
A law of compensation works,  
We get just what we earn.  
If we love others with our hearts,  
We get love in return.  
The little things we sometimes do  
For others day by day  
Return quite unexpectedly  
In some peculiar way.

**Author unknown**

*We are what we repeatedly do!*

*Ready, Respectful, Kind*



## **Friends Association News**

### **Cake sale**

Thank you for supporting the cake sale, we raised £67.

### **Adventure Island tickets**

If anybody wants adventure Island tickets for over half term please contact Siobhan Harrison on 07966 692425 or email the Friends, [friends@ourladyimmaculateessex.sch.uk](mailto:friends@ourladyimmaculateessex.sch.uk).

### **Pre loved uniform**

Pre loved uniform is available at the school for a small donation. Please speak to the office if you would like to see it.

### **Clothes bin**

Please remember the clothes bin in the playground if you are having a clear out and have any unwanted clothing.

Many thanks



# DATES TO REMEMBER

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

<b>MAY 2023</b>	
Tuesday, 23rd	Year 4 - Rapid Fire Cricket Competition - 12pm - 2.45pm
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>	
Wednesday, 7th	Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 12th - Wednesday, 14th	Year 6 trip to Norfolk
Tuesday, 13th	Year 5 trip to Wagamama's
Wednesday, 14th	Years 1 & 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
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
Wednesday, 21st	Year 3 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 28th	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am Year 5 - Farm to Fork at Writtle College - more details soon
Friday, 30th	Basketball Workshop for all years
<b>JULY 2023</b>	
Wednesday, 5th	Infants trip to Barleylands Year 5 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Saturday, 8th	Friends Summer Festival
Wednesday, 12th	Foundation and Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 20th	Year 6 Leavers Mass and Prizegiving @ 6.30pm
Friday, 21st	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM - please note there is no after school Ark club

## MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 19th May 2023

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

Foundation	Kaitlyn	Molly
Year 1	Ella	Philip
Year 2	Sean	Charlene
Year 3	Belle	Julia
Year 4	Edith	Kushal
Year 5	Conor	Teddy
Year 6	Constance	Laura

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 19th 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>
4th (322)	1st (335)	3rd (299)	2nd (367)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 19th May 2023

Foundation	Peter	Alexander
Year 1	Kallie	Emily
Year 2	Ayden	Ciara
Year 3	Max	Hanna
Year 4	Victor	Natalia
Year 5	Taid	Mayah
Year 6	Melissa	Annmiya

## 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.**

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

## 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!

## 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.



## 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.”***

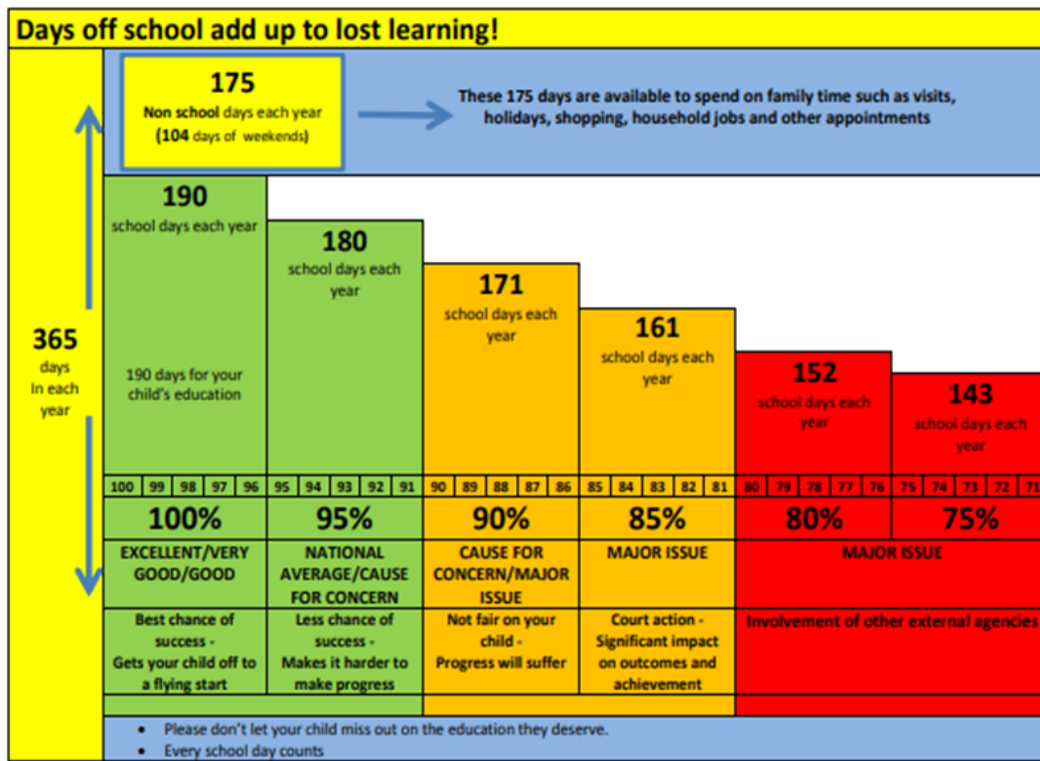
Graham Fawcet



## 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 % 09.05.23 - 12.05.23	This week % 15.05.23 - 19.05.23
Foundation	100%	96.7%
Year 1	97.1%	96.3%
Year 2	95.8%	96.3%
Year 3	99.2%	98.1%
Year 4	95.3%	97.5%
Year 5	98.8%	99.1%
Year 6	100%	97.5%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>98.1%</b>	<b>97.4%</b>

Congratulations to **Foundation, years 3, 4, 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 - 22nd May 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](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.

## Clubs

The clubs for June/July will be:

Monday Multi sports - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm  
(5th, 12th & 19th June and 3rd & 10th July = 5 sessions)  
**THERE IS NO SESSION ON MONDAY, 26TH JUNE DUE TO THE INSET DAY**

Team sports - years 3 & 4 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm  
(5th, 12th & 19th June and 3rd & 10th July = 5 sessions)  
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High 5's - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm  
(5th, 12th & 19th June & 3rd & 10th July = 5 sessions)  
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Tuesday Rugbytots - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm  
(6th June - 11th July = 6 sessions)

Football - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm  
(6th June - 11th July = 6 sessions)

Dance club - years 3, 4, 5 & 6  
(6th June - 27th June = 4 sessions)

Wednesday Art - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm  
(7th June - 12th July = 6 sessions)

Drama - years 2 & 3 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm  
**(7th June - 5th July = 5 weeks)**

Thursday Bootcamp - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm – 4.15pm  
(8th June - 13th July = 6 weeks)

Art - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm  
(8th June - 13th July = 6 weeks)

Friday Guitar - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm  
(9th June - 14th July = 6 weeks)



***This term's clubs are being released towards the beginning of next week.***

***Please ensure all payments are up to date as you will not be able to book onto future clubs until all payments are cleared.***