

'With God all things are possible'



Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

26th May, 2023

The month of Mary

Issue 31

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term has flown by, culminating in today's Family Open Day!

The day began with a Thanksgiving Mass led by Year 6 and celebrated with Fr Damien.

During Mass, Fr Damien reminded us of the important job we have to do in looking after our children, helping them to flourish and guiding them in their faith. This provided a wonderful reminder of the strength of our bonds between **FAMILY, SCHOOL AND CHURCH**, working together to inspire our children to reach personal excellence for themselves and for the Glory of God.

Afterwards, lots of parents came to school to spend time with their children, looking at their work and enjoying lunch together. This was followed by all the fun of an afternoon of track races.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. It was a glorious day, as usual made more special by your presence.

This Sunday, I am looking forward to joining the first of many children receiving the Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Parents, please email photos of your child's special day so that we can publish them in the newsletter!

Wishing you and your families a wonderful half-term break. I believe the sun is meant to be shining!

God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Virtues to live by

As a school community, we are continuing to grow in the Virtue of **Kindness**.

During Monday's collective worship the children reflected on St Teresa of Calcutta's words.

"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

The children thought about the importance of following St Teresa's example through their every day interactions with each other.

Thought for the weekend



I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.

— Mother Teresa —

AZ QUOTES

Farewell!

Today we said a fond farewell to Mrs Walkin!

Mrs Walkin has worked at Our Lady Immaculate School as a Midday Supervisor for over 27 years. Throughout this time, she has served the pupils and staff with dedication, commitment and kindness.

I know that every member of the school community will miss Mrs Walkin and will want to wish her well in her retirement. Thank you Mrs Walkin; we feel blessed to have had you in our lives for so long— lunchtimes definitely won't be the same without you!



Congratulations!

Huge congratulations to **HENRY, JACK** and **CONOR** whose team, the Galleywood Falcons Under 10s, won the Blackwater & Dengie Youth Football League Cup on Sunday 14th May.



Amazing Sporting Achievements by Year 4!

CONGRATULATIONS Year 4 on coming first and second in the Rapid Fire Cricket Competition. We are delighted to say that the A Team are off to the County finals, where we are sure that they will be fantastic ambassadors for the school and will make us extremely proud!



Family Day in the sunshine!



DATES TO REMEMBER

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

MAY 2023	
Monday, 29th - Friday, 2nd	Half-term
JUNE 2023	
Wednesday, 7th	Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am Whole class photos
Monday, 12th	Friends Association meeting @ 7.30pm
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
JULY 2023	
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 26th May 2023

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

Foundation	Milan	Peter
Year 1	Lilian	Toby
Year 2	Nico	Jaelan
Year 3	Jack	William
Year 4	David C	David A-H
Year 5	Damia	Jack
Year 6	Filip	Ursula

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 26th May 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (334)	1st (350)	4th (310)	2nd (380)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 26th May 2023

Foundation	Olivia	Michelle
Year 1	Philip	Aisling
Year 2	Filip	Esmé
Year 3	Johan	Emily
Year 4	Dorian	Lillie-Mae
Year 5	Patrick	Anthony
Year 6	Daniel	Cora

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.

**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) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy

Friends Association News

Summer festival

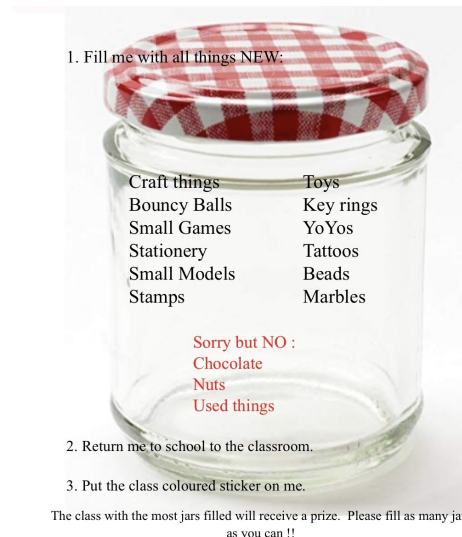
The summer festival is on Saturday 8th July from 4-7pm. We are in need of volunteers to help with setting up, clearing away and on the various stalls. If you are able to help please sign up using this link, or let your friends representative know:

<https://signup.com/go/KDxbdWQ>

Jam jars

We are asking children to fill jam jars with small items, and these will form prizes on one of the festival stalls. If the children could bring them into school by the 9/6 please.

Ideas for the jam jars:



Previous fundraising

Money raised for the friends association from recent events:

Mother's day sale £420

Cake sale £71

Coronation party £433

Thank you all for your continued support.

The Friends Association



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 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!

Summer school uniform

After half-term, children are to wear the summer school uniform only:

Girls

Summer Term

Blue and white checked dress (not navy) or blue and white playsuit (not navy)

School baseball cap

Black shoes (of an approved style) or navy/white sandals

PE

Royal blue or white school t-shirt

Navy shorts

Trainers

Juniors

Navy blue zipped hoodie and joggers

Navy blue shorts

Royal blue football socks

Boys

Summer Term

Short sleeved white shirt with school tie

Grey shorts

School baseball cap

Black shoes (of an approved style)

PE

Royal blue or white school t-shirt

Navy shorts

Trainers

Juniors

Navy blue zipped hoodie and joggers

Navy blue shorts

Royal blue football socks

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 5th June 2023 – Week 2

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.**

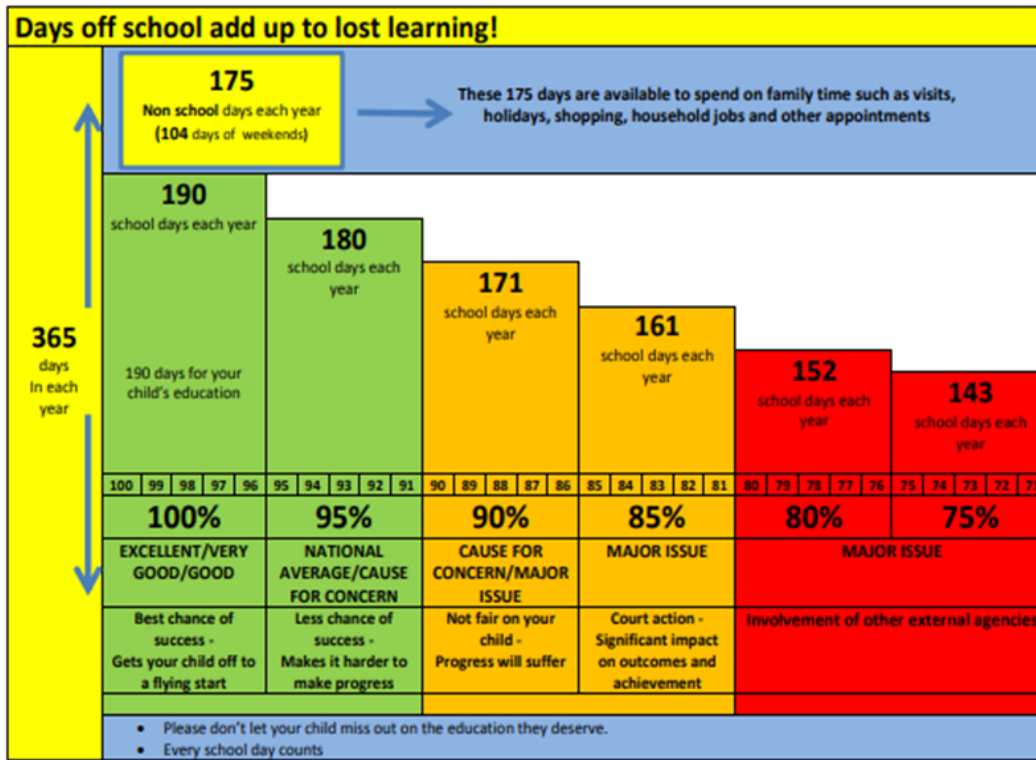


Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). **Further information can be found on <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>**

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 % 15.05.23 - 19.05.23	This week % 15.05.23 - 19.05.23
Foundation	96.7%	93.3%
Year 1	96.3%	98.7%
Year 2	96.3%	90.7%
Year 3	98.1%	94.7%
Year 4	97.5%	94.4%
Year 5	99.1%	98.4%
Year 6	97.5%	90.3%
Whole School Total	97.4%	94.4%

Congratulations to **years 1 and 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.