

'With God all things are possible'



The Rosary Trust

# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

16th June, 2023

The Holy Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Issue 33

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a busy week all round for the children of Our Lady Immaculate!

On Monday we waved goodbye to our Year 6 children as they journeyed to Norfolk for their residential. By all accounts, they have had a fantastic time, and, although tired, were brimming with excitement as they shared their news about the trip on their return to school.

I am pleased to say that the excitement didn't end there, as on Thursday, they travelled to London to watch the amazing theatre production of Lion King!

I am sure that the Year 6 parents will wish to join me in thanking the adults who accompanied the children to both of these events. As a school, we rely heavily on the goodwill of staff to give up their own free time unpaid, to enable these trips to go ahead.

On Tuesday, Year 5 took part in a cookery workshop at Wagamama. During the workshop, children were given a personal tour of the restaurant. They also learnt about food safety and prepared the ingredients for their own tasty meal. Having heard all about it, Year 2 are very much looking forward to their own visit to Wagamama next week!

Finally, we were extremely proud of Year 1 who took part in the phonic screening check this week. This check assesses the children on how well they can decode certain words and is an important part of achieving reading fluency.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

## Virtues to live by

This week the children have continued to focus on growing in the Virtue of **Kindness**.

**Know it in your head, feel it in your heart, and show it with your hands.**

## New Beginnings



Following Mr Owen's retirement in July, I am delighted to share with you the news that Mrs

Sophie Gibbs will be taking over the role of Deputy Headteacher at Our Lady Immaculate Primary in September.

Sadly, Mrs Baker will also be leaving us at the end of the summer term; however, with 10 years of SENCO experience under her belt, Mrs Gibbs is more than qualified to take over the role.

Mrs Gibbs is very much looking forward to working at our wonderful school, and I am sure that everyone will make her feel most welcome.

welcome

## Thought for the weekend!

*"Remember,  
there's no such thing  
as a small act  
of kindness.  
Every act creates  
a ripple with  
no logical end."  
— Scott Adams*



**God Bless!**

*Lesley Roche  
Headteacher*

### **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations and best wishes to Charlie, Lachlan, Anna, Paul and Hattie, who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday.



### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations Tommy for achieving 'Player of the Season' for Galleywood's Kestrels Under 8s.



### **Little Princess Trust**

Last weekend, Asia donated lots of her beautiful hair to the Little Princess Trust.

Well done Asia! 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.



## **Congratulations!**

On Tuesday, six children from Year 4 took part in the Essex County Finals for Rapid Fire Cricket. They represented the school brilliantly, securing a very fine third place. Well done Year 4!



## **Friends Association News**

### **Summer festival 8/7/23 4-7pm**

Tickets go on sale on Monday. See the poster for the pricing.

We are still 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>

### **Grand draw**

Tickets will be sent home today in school bags. Please return tickets and money to the office by 23 June.

### **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 as soon as possible.

### **Father's day**

Thank you to everyone for their help with the father's day sale, £360 was raised.

Many thanks

**The Friends Association**



# DATES TO REMEMBER

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

<b>JUNE 2023</b>	
Tuesday, 20th	Year 2 trip to Wagamama's
Wednesday, 21st	Year 3 Parish Mass @ 9.30am Junior Music Festival - school choir
Wednesday, 28th	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am Year 5 - Farm to Fork at Writtle College - more details soon
<b>Thursday, 29th</b>	<b>St. Peter and St. Paul Mass - whole school @ 9am</b>
Friday, 30th	Basketball Workshop for all years
<b>JULY 2023</b>	
Wednesday, 5th	Infants trip to Barleylands <b>Year 4 &amp; 5 Parish Mass @ 9.30am</b>
Saturday, 8th	Friends Summer Festival
Wednesday, 12th	Foundation and Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 17th	Year 6 Leavers Play - Shakespeare Rocks @ 6.30pm
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
<b>SEPTEMBER 2023</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 5th</b>	<b>First day of back to school</b>

## PE - Summer Term 2

PE lessons this half-term are:

Foundation	Tuesday		Year 3	Friday (swimming)
Year 1	Tuesday		Year 4	Tuesday
Year 2	Thursday		Year 5	Thursday
			Year 6	Monday

## MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 16th June 2023

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

Foundation	Alexander	Ethan
Year 1	Aidan	Raine-Esme
Year 2	Ayden	Jocelyn
Year 3	Sienna	Charlie
Year 4	Isaac	Rhoda
Year 5	George	Mayah
Year 6	Amelia	

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 16th June 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>
3rd (352)	2nd (372)	2nd (331)	1st (410)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 16th June 2023

Foundation	Theodora	Daisy
Year 1	Kingsley	Francine
Year 2	Ronnie	Ciara
Year 3	Harry	Charlotte
Year 4	Oliver	Sofia I
Year 5	Dominic	Erin
Year 6	All of year 6	

## 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@**

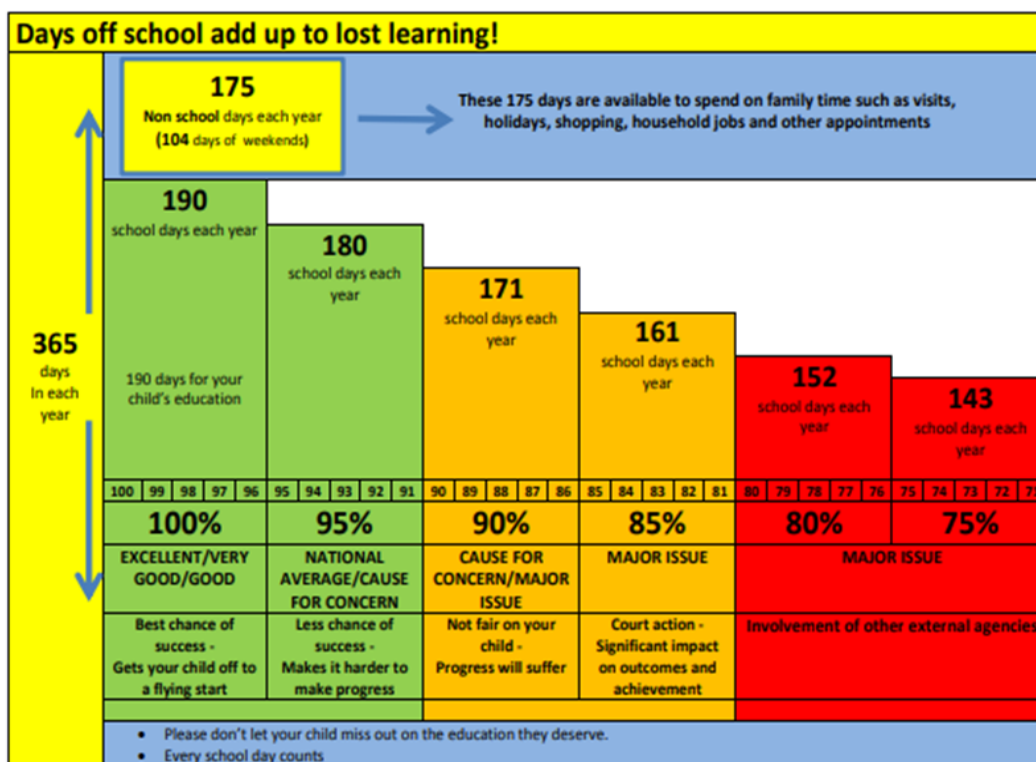
**EMAIL ADDRESS NOR VIA SCHOOLCOMMS – THANK YOU.**

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

## 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 % 05.06.23 - 09.06.23	This week % 12.06.23 - 16.06.23
Foundation	97%	94.7%
Year 1	95.3%	96.7%
Year 2	94%	97.3%
Year 3	97.5%	99.4%
Year 4	96.9%	95.0%
Year 5	93.8%	97.5%
Year 6	93.45	98.8%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>95.4%</b>	<b>96.9%</b>

Congratulations to **Foundation and year 3** 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.

## Water Sprays

Please note that water sprays are currently not allowed in school. A message will be sent to parents when it is acceptable to bring them in but this will only be in extreme weather conditions.



### MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 19th June 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>

## 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



## **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.