

'With God all things are possible'



Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

23rd June 2023

The Holy Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Issue 34

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 have had the privilege of inviting two visitors into our school.

On Monday, Mrs Sidra Naeem came into school to talk to the children about Islam. Having heard about our special visitor, Mrs Linda McSweeney, Chair of Governors, also came into school to join the children for assembly.

The children were fascinated by the similarities and differences between our faith and that of the Muslim community. I was particularly impressed by the depth and sensitivity of the children's questions. Their natural curiosity and respect about how Muslims live out their faith shone through, reminding me how proud I am to be the Headteacher of this wonderful school.

Learning about Islam forms part of the children's RE curriculum for this term.

To add to the excitement, on Wednesday, the children received a visit from 'West End in Schools', a performance drama company. Throughout the day, each class was invited to take part in a Shakespeare drama workshop based on the play 'A Mid-Summer Night's Dream!' This culminated in the children putting on a performance of an abridged version of the play at the end of day.

This fantastic experience was paid for by the FRIENDS ASSOCIATION and I would like to thank them personally for helping to enrich our curriculum for our children.

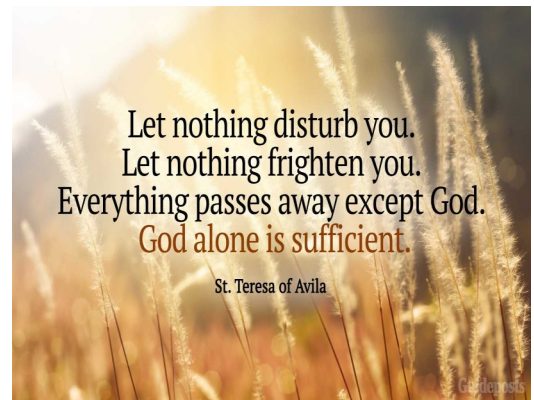
Finally, following Year 5's visit last week, Year 2 made their own visit to Wagamama on Tuesday. Needless to say, staff children, and parent helpers came back to school delighted by the morning, describing it as "The best trip ever!"

I feel certain, that all classes will now be clambering to book their own slot!

God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Thought for the weekend!



STEM in action!

Erin (Yr 5) came to see me this morning brimming with pride as she showed off her transistor radio. You could even change the station! Well done Erin—clearly an engineer in the making.

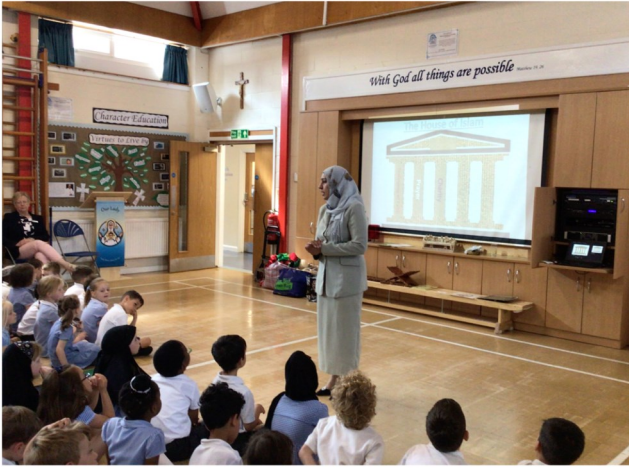


Congratulations!

Congratulations and best wishes to all those children who received the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday.



Islam—Learning about other faiths!



A Midsummer Night's Dream in Reception!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

JUNE 2023	
Wednesday, 28th	Year 5 - Farm to Fork at Writtle College Gotta Dance Competition - 6.30pm
Thursday, 29th	St. Peter and St. Paul Mass - whole school @ 9am
Friday, 30th	Basketball Workshop for all years
JULY 2023	
Monday, 3rd	Year 6 - IT lesson at St. John Payne
Wednesday, 5th	Infants trip to Barleylands Year 4 & 5 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Saturday, 8th	Friends Summer Festival
Tuesday, 11th	Transition afternoon - 1.45pm - 2.45pm
Wednesday, 12th	Foundation and Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 14th	Year 5 - Road Safety Workshop
Monday, 17th	Year 6 Leavers Play - Shakespeare Rocks @ 6.30pm
Wednesday, 19th	Year 6 Disco @ 1pm
Thursday, 20th	Year 6 water fight and pizza - 2pm Year 6 Leavers Mass and Prizegiving @ 6.30pm
Friday, 21st	Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 9.30am LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.30PM Please note there is no after school Ark club
SEPTEMBER 2023	
Tuesday, 5th	First day of back to 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.



MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 23rd June 2023

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

Foundation	Hannah	Jan
Year 1	Lucas	Zuzanna
Year 2	Emma	Hugh K
Year 3	Max	Kimberley
Year 4	Maria	Florence C
Year 5	Millie	Ben
Year 6	Catherine M	Lennon

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 23rd June 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (367)	1st (388)	3rd (345)	2nd (425)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 23rd June 2023

Foundation	TJ	Dhiya
Year 1	Nahson	Aisling
Year 2	Sebastian	Buddy
Year 3	Julian	Julia
Year 4	Edward	Abril
Year 5	Beatrice	Sophie
Year 6	Pippa	Dawid

Friends Association News

Summer festival

We are really in need of volunteers to help at the summer festival. If you are able to help in any way, please let your Friends rep know or sign up using this link or scan the QR code on posters at school:

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

Sweet tombola

We would be very grateful of any sweet donations for the sweet tombola.

Grand draw

Please return tickets and money to the office by 23 June.

Jam jars

Please return filled jam jars as soon as possible, these will form prizes on one of the games stalls.

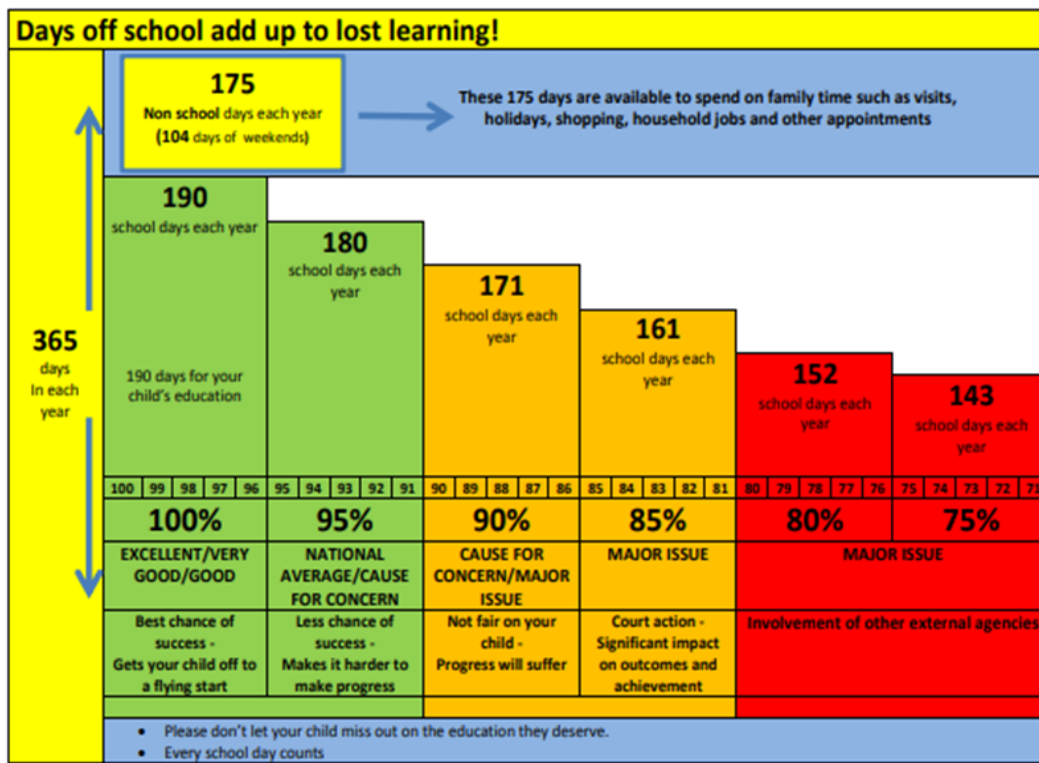
Many thanks, **The Friends Association**



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 % 12.06.23 - 16.06.23	This week %
Foundation	94.7%	93.7%
Year 1	96.7%	100%
Year 2	97.3%	99.7%
Year 3	99.4%	99.7%
Year 4	95.0%	97.2%
Year 5	97.5%	98.4%
Year 6	98.8%	95%
Whole School Total	96.9%	97.7%

Congratulations to **years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 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.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 26th 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>**

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.**

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 Fawcett



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

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.

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 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.