

'With God all things are possible'



# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

30th June 2023

The Holy Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

Issue 35

THE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30 AM. UNTIL 4:00 PM. MONDAY—FRIDAY  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week at Our Lady Immaculate Primary.

On Monday, staff and Governors met at New Hall School for a Governor Away Day. The day itself was one of shared practice, creativity and prayer, with everyone leaving in the afternoon feeling refreshed and positive about our next steps as a school.

On Tuesday, Linda Orr from CAFOD was invited into school to talk to Years 3, 4 and 5 about Catholic Social Teaching. The children were introduced to the 9 principles of Catholic Social Teaching, and how they were connected to living out our faith. They learned that our faith calls us to love God and to love our neighbours in every situation, especially our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

On Wednesday, Year 5 travelled to Writtle College to take part in the Essex 'Farm to Fork' day. The aim of the day was to get children out of the classroom, to give them a better understanding of the food chain and the role played by farmers in Essex, as well as raising awareness of the countryside and environmental issues.

The fun, however, didn't stop there as a group of juniors took to the stage at the Civic Theatre that evening to take part in the Essex's 'Gotta Dance' show. I am delighted to say the children danced brilliantly and were great ambassadors for our school. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Daley who gave up her time so generously to work with the children on their dance routine.

Finally, today the whole school has gone basketball mad, with a visit from Tarryn Algar, Basket Player, Coach and Freestyler. The children have spent the day learning basketball tricks and tips, and I am looking forward to seeing them in action at the end of the afternoon. Mr Algar is dad to Cameron in Reception.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

## Thought for the weekend!

**OLQP Catholic Social Teaching**

<b>Participation</b> We all have the right and duty to participate fully in society.	<b>Common Good</b> We are called to work for the good of each and of all.	<b>Distributive Justice</b> Everyone should have access to their fair share of resources.
<b>Option for the poor</b> The needs of the poor and vulnerable should be put first.	<b>Human Dignity</b> We are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God.	<b>Stewardship</b> We are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the wellbeing of our planet.
<b>Solidarity</b> God created us as one global family called to support our brothers and sisters.	<b>Promoting Peace</b> We can be God's instruments of peace through seeking justice.	<b>Subsidiarity</b> We are called to empower communities, to let everyone have a say.

## Whole School Mass

On Thursday, the whole school attended Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul.

### Saints Peter & Paul

*Mission*

Saints Peter and Paul's lives were transformed by the power of The Holy Spirit.

In your prayer time, ask for the help of Saints Peter and Paul.

Ask them to pray that you too can be filled with the Holy Spirit.



**God Bless!**  
Lesley Roche  
Headteacher

### Year 5—Essex Farming Day



### Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Wishing all Our Lady Immaculate Holy Communion children a wonderful day on Sunday. They will be gathering with the rest of the Parish to celebrate their going forth Mass at New Hall School.



### CAFOD—Catholic Social Teaching

Year 3 meeting Luc, Chikondi, Patariki, Sid, Sofia, Poppy, Shristi, DJ and Daisy, who helped them to understand the nine principles of Catholic Social Teaching.





## **Basketball Mad!**



## **Gold School Games Award!**

I am delighted to announce that we have once again achieved the 'School Games Gold Mark Award'. This is a Government-led award scheme to recognise a school's engagement in sport against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those children who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our children have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school in our local community.

Miss Brierley has been instrumental in leading sports across the school and gaining this Award.



## GOTTA DANCE AT THE CIVIC THEATRE

On Wednesday 27 children from Year 3 to Year 6 attended the Civic Theatre's Schools Gotta Dance Show to perform their dance routine to 'Revolting Children' by Matilda. Every Tuesday these children have been dedicatedly attending Dance Club to practise for the show and this paid off! Despite the nerves and the fact that some children had not performed on a stage before, they all tried their very best and gave a wonderful performance. Well done also to Mrs Daley for creating such amazing choreography!

If you would like to see some pictures from the event. Please follow the link below:

<https://www.epicactionimagery.com/SSPAEvents/Chelmsford-Gotta-Dance-2023>

Password: Che0623

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To access our school pictures and videos you need the additional code of: Lady2023

Miss Brierley



# DATES TO REMEMBER

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

JULY 2023	
Monday, 3rd	Year 6 - IT lesson at St. John Payne
Wednesday, 5th	Infants trip to Barleylands
<b>Thursday, 6th</b>	<b>Non-uniform day - bring a bottle</b>
Saturday, 8th	Friends Summer Festival - 4pm - 7pm
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 CLOSSES AT 1.30PM Please note there is no after school Ark club
SEPTEMBER 2023	
Tuesday, 5th	First day of back to school



## MATHS AT OLI

Well done to our Year 4 pupils who participated in the Mathematical Association's First Maths Challenge last week. It was a huge success as every entrant achieved a medal! This challenge is a precursor to the Primary Maths Challenge (in Year 5 & 6) so hopefully all the children will be eager to take the next level challenge in the coming years!

# Friends Association News

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

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

Please return the Grand drawer ticket stubs and money to the office as soon as possible.

## Jam jars

Please return filled jam jars as soon as possible. These will form prizes on one of the stalls at the festival.

## Sweet donations

We would really appreciate any donations of sweets. Please leave them in the trolley in the playground

## Cake donations

We would love cake donations for the festival. Please bring shop bought donations into school on Thursday and Friday and any home made cakes please bring in on Saturday. All cakes need to be NUT FREE and the ingredients listed.

## Non uniform day

Thursday 6th July is non uniform day in exchange for a bottle, ideally of alcohol as these bottles will be used for the bottle tom-bola.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



## Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 19.06.23 - 23.06.23	This week % 26.06.23 - 30.06.23
Foundation	93.7%	95.8%
Year 1	100%	97.9%
Year 2	99.7%	100%
Year 3	99.7%	98.8%
Year 4	97.2%	93%
Year 5	98.4%	100%
Year 6	95%	98.8%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>97.7%</b>	<b>97.8%</b>

Congratulations to **years 1, 2, 3, 5 & 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.



## MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 30th June 2023

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

Foundation	Neve	Claudia
Year 1	Fabian	Aisling
Year 2	Leonardo	Charlene
Year 3	Daniel	Keva
Year 4	Hattie	Abigail
Year 5	Aaron	Luke
Year 6	Grainne	Josiah

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 30th 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>
2nd (377)	2nd (398)	3rd (354)	1st (436)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 30th June 2023

Foundation	Cameron	Molly
Year 1	Gabriel	Brooke
Year 2	Avery	Peter
Year 3	Jack	Isabella
Year 4	Edith	Malachy
Year 5	Roisin	Kwemto
Year 6	Constance	Annmiya

### 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



## **MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 3rd July 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>

## **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.



## **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.**