

'With God all things are possible'



Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

9th June, 2023

The Holy Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Issue 32

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the last half of the Summer term! I hope that you managed to have some sort of break over the holiday, giving you a much needed chance to enjoy the beautiful sunshine with your families. Let us hope that now we have had a glimpse of the sun, it is here to stay!

It was lovely to see the children returning to school refreshed and looking smart in their summer uniform. I confirm that children are still able to wear their polo shirts until October half-term. Please remember that if your child's hair falls below their collar bone, it must be tied back. This not only looks smart, but most importantly, it stops their hair interfering with their lessons. It also helps to prevent the spread of nits!

In Monday's assembly, the children were introduced to CAFOD's **LIVE SIMPLY AWARD**. They thought about what it means for our community to live simply, to live sustainably and to live in solidarity.

The children were extremely excited to hear about our first initiative, which is to create a wildlife peace garden, inspired by Pope Francis' Laudato Si. We are keen to get going with this project and would welcome any volunteers who are willing to come into school to give us a hand!

Every child will be invited to plant a seed in the garden, provided by King Charles.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.



Class Teachers 2023/2024

I am delighted to share with you the class teacher arrangements for next year.

Foundation:	Mrs Daley and Mrs Southwell
Year 1:	Mrs Kew and Mrs Scott-Evans
Year 2:	Miss Brierley
Year 3:	Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Waring
Year 4:	Miss Worth
Year 5:	Mrs Perrott
Year 6:	Mrs Catchpole

We are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated and talented team of teachers, whose aim is always to do their very best for the children in their care, encouraging them to reach their full potential and to excel, in a loving, caring environment with Christ at its centre.



Thought for the weekend!



God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

JUNE 2023	
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 Junior Music Festival - school choir
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
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

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 9th June 2023

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

Foundation	Dhiya	Tadhg
Year 1	Violet	Alexander
Year 2	Avery	Oscar
Year 3	Matilda	Joselyn
Year 4	Nell	Sofia O'S
Year 5	Caius	Sam
Year 6	Laura	Gracie

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 9th June 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
4th (342)	2nd (361)	3rd (320)	1st (392)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 9th June 2023

Foundation	Michelle	Angel-Ariella
Year 1	Amari	Praise
Year 2	Hugh	Heavenly
Year 3	Jeffray	Eloise
Year 4	Liam	Cillian
Year 5	Agnese	Isabella
Year 6	Zachary	Luke

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.

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SPORTING AT OLI



It's been a successful week for sports at Our Lady Immaculate!

On Monday 18 children from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 attended quad kids. Each of them took part in 4 events - sprint, 400m/600m run, howler and standing long jump. Every child showed resilience and did an excellent job. Our Year 5/6 team came 2nd and our Year 3/4 team came 3rd.

On Thursday all of our Year 2 children attended Mini Games. They took part in 8 different activities from throwing to running. All children thoroughly enjoyed the event and all tried their very best. Due to the hard work, we came 1st out of the schools we were competing against at the event. We have then come 3rd out of the 44 schools that entered throughout Chelmsford.

Also on Thursday our Year 5 and Year 6 netball teams played against St Anne's. Despite the hot weather, they all put their all in. Our Year 6 team came away with a score of 7-3 and our Year 5 team had a score of 17 - 3.

It has been a pleasure taking all children to these events as each of them demonstrated our school values and represented our school with pride. Well done OLI!

Miss Brierley



Friends Association News

Summer festival 8/7/23 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>

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 by next Friday please.

Ideas for the jam jars:

1. Fill me with all things NEW:

Craft things	Toys
Bouncy Balls	Key rings
Small Games	YoYos
Stationery	Tattoos
Small Models	Beads
Stamps	Marbles

Sorry but NO :

Chocolate

Nuts

Used things

2. Return me to school to the classroom.

3. Put the class coloured sticker on me.

The class with the most jars filled will receive a prize. Please fill as many jars as you can !!

Friends Meeting

Topic: Oli friends

Time: Jun 12, 2023 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ssctech.zoom.us/j/98832744903?pwd=OCtOYkNhT05qTEE1UWJySkZBMHVXZz09>

Meeting ID: 988 3274 4903

Password: 807904

Many thanks

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.

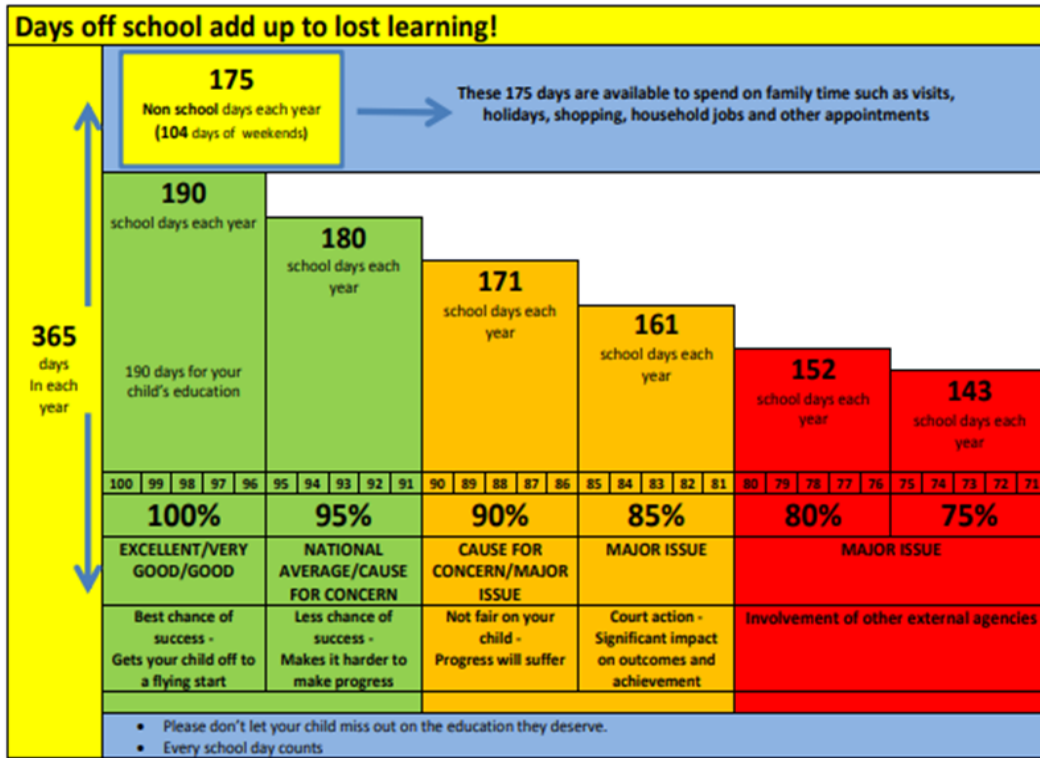
Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments require an enhanced DBS disclosure, medical check and satisfactory references. In compliance with Safer Recruitment guidelines, CVs cannot be accepted.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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 % 22.05.23 - 26.05.23	This week % 05.06.23 - 09.06.23
Foundation	93.3%	97%
Year 1	98.7%	95.3%
Year 2	90.7%	94%
Year 3	94.7%	97.5%
Year 4	94.4%	96.9%
Year 5	98.4%	93.8%
Year 6	90.3%	93.45%
Whole School Total	94.4%	95.4%

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.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 12th June 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>

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 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.