



The Rosary Trust

With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

8th September, 2023

The month of Our Lady of Sorrows

Issue 1

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good health and high spirits. As we bid farewell to the summer break, I am delighted to welcome you all back to another exciting academic year at our beloved school.

As we embark on this new chapter together, I am happy to announce that we will be hosting year group parent information meetings next week. These meetings provide a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers, gain insight into the curriculum, and familiarise yourself with the exciting activities and events planned for the year ahead. We believe that strong partnerships between home and school are pivotal to a child's success, and these meetings serve as a platform for fostering open communication and collaboration. Teachers have kindly agreed to supervise children in the playground for those of you who wish to attend.

I am also delighted to share with you the news that this year the school has invested in a new online platform called Cornerstones Maestro. This platform supports teachers in delivering an ambitious, concept-driven and knowledge-rich curriculum, ensuring your child receives a well-rounded education that nurtures the talents and interests of each and every child.

Finally, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families who have joined our school community this year. We are thrilled to have you on board and look forward to getting to know you better in the coming weeks.

In closing, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for your continued trust and support. Together, we can create an environment that nurtures the growth and development of our children, and I am confident that this year will be filled with joy, success, and memorable experiences .

Wishing you a wonderful weekend - it's good to be back!

God Bless!

*Lesley Roche
Headteacher*

Thought for the weekend

Father,

We thank you for the opportunity to begin this new school year, and we ask that you bless the pupils, staff, and all the families that make Our Lady Immaculate a special place.

We pray that you will guide us in your ways, so that we will seek your will in everything that we do, and love others as you love us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

'Let it be known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school, the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes, the model for its children, the inspiration for its staff.'

Virtues to live by

During Tuesday's assembly, the children were reminded of the school's Golden Rules to be **Ready, Respectful, and Kind**. This fits in perfectly with the first Virtue of the year 'Respect'. When we respect ourselves and our world we are fulfilling our role of stewardship in God's



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

SEPTEMBER 2023	
Tuesday, 12th	Year 3 Parent Information meeting - 3.30pm in the classroom Year 6 Parent Information meeting - 3.30pm in the classroom
Wednesday, 13th	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am Year 1 Parent Information meeting - 3.30pm in the classroom Year 4 Parish Information meeting - 3.30pm in the classroom
Thursday, 14th	Year 2 Parent Information meeting - 3.30pm in the classroom Year 5 Parent Information meeting - 3.30pm in the classroom
Friday, 15th	Reception class new parent meeting - 9.30am
Monday, 18th	Friends Association Meeting (details to follow)
Tuesday, 19th	Years 1 & 2 Little Wandle Information meeting - 2.30pm - 3pm
Wednesday, 20th	Year 5 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 27th	Whole School Mass - 9.30am
Friday, 29th	Friends Association - MacMillian Coffee Morning
OCTOBER 2023	
Wednesday, 4th	Years 1 & 2 Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 9th	Years 1 & 2 Harvest Festival Assembly @ 2.30pm
Wednesday, 11th	Year 3 Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 16th	Year 4 Assembly - 2.30pm Teacher Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday, 18th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 19th	Teacher Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Monday, 23rd - Friday, 27th	Half-Term
NOVEMBER 2023	
Wednesday, 1st	All Saints' Day Whole School Mass @ 9am
Friday, 3rd	Junior School Council members to visit the Houses of Parliament
Thursday, 9th - Friday, 10th	Year 6 Bikeability - course 1

Monday, 13th	INSET DAY
Monday, 20th - Tuesday, 21st	Year 6 Bikeability - course 2
DECEMBER 2023	
Wednesday, 20th	LAST DAY OF TERM (please note that there is no after school club)

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 8th September 2023

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

Foundation		
Year 1	Neve	Jan
Year 2	Violet	Fabian
Year 3	Jocelyn	Oscar
Year 4	Emilia	Harry
Year 5	Lara-Rose	Edward
Year 6	Aoife	George

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 8th September 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (12)	4th (9)	2nd (16)	1st (17)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 8th September 2023

Foundation		
Year 1	Adam	Jessica
Year 2	Toby	Lilian
Year 3	Alex	Charlotte
Year 4	Santiago	Joselyn
Year 5	Lillie-Mae	Rhoda
Year 6	Millie	Sam

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.

Friends Association News

Welcome back to the new school year. The friends association will be planning lots of exciting events and will update you all soon with the dates.

There will be a meeting on Monday, 18th September. Zoom details and timing to follow.

Thanks a million,

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!

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 11 September – 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.

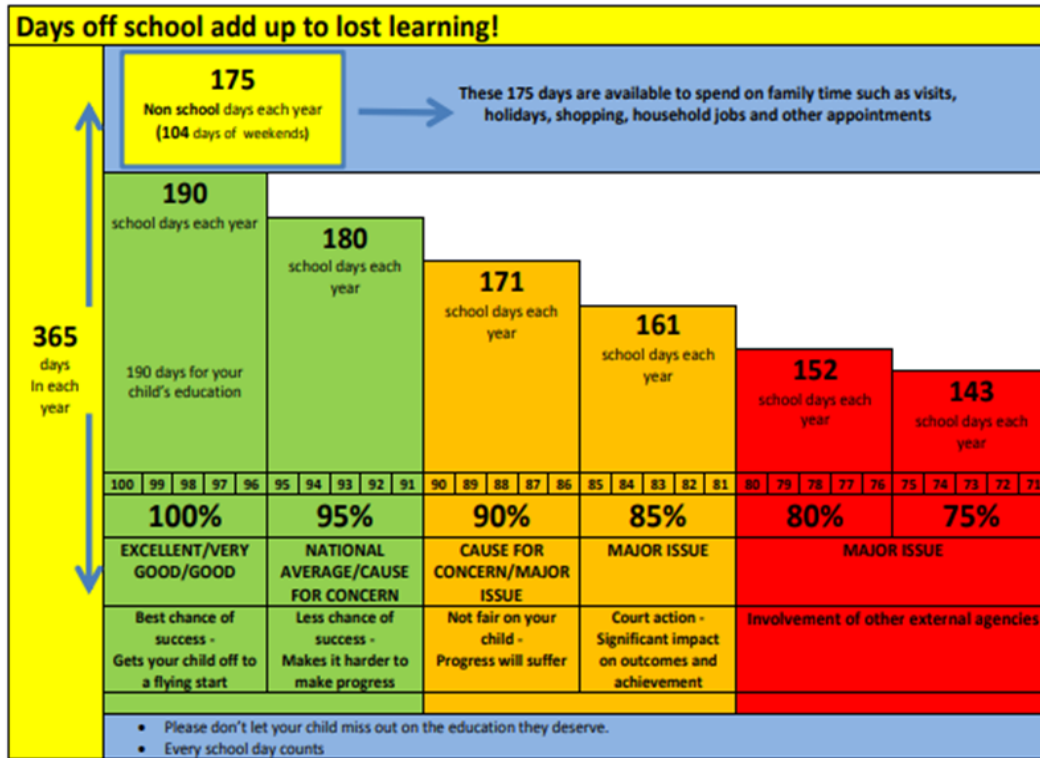


Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). **Further information can be found on** <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

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 %	This week % 04-09-23 - 08.09.23
Foundation		
Year 1		98.3%
Year 2		97.9%
Year 3		99.2%
Year 4		99.6%
Year 5		100%
Year 6		96.8%
Whole School Total		98.7%

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.