



The Rosary Trust

*'With God all things are possible'*

# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

15th September, 2023

The month of Our Lady of Sorrows

Issue 2

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 well and that you have had a wonderful week. I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who attended our recent parent information sessions. It was heartwarming to see so many of you taking an active interest in your child's education and well-being. Your presence and engagement truly make a difference in creating a strong and supportive school community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our incredible teaching staff. This week I have spent lots of time popping in and out of classrooms and it has been a privilege to observe the teaching and learning taking place. The passion and enthusiasm our teachers bring to their lessons is evident, and it is incredibly inspiring to witness the growth and progress our pupils are already making under their guidance.

I am thrilled to announce that our Year 6 students have received their prefect roles for the upcoming academic year. It is a great honor and responsibility, and I have no doubt that they will excel in their new positions. I want to extend my warmest congratulations to each and every one of them. We are confident that they will be outstanding role models for our younger students and ambassadors for our school.

Once again, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we can create a nurturing and enriching environment for our students to thrive and achieve their full potential.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, whatever your plans maybe.

**God Bless!**

*Lesley Roche*  
Headteacher

## Virtues to live by

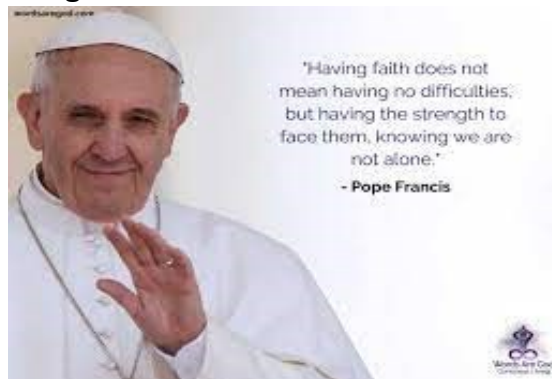


This week the children have continued to grow in the Virtue of **Respect and Courtesy**.

**"Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words; the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you."**

**(Ephesians 4:29)**

## Thought for the weekend



## Friends Association Coffee Morning!

It was wonderful to see so many new parents at the Friends Association coffee morning today.

We are truly blessed to have such an active set of parents, who work tirelessly to ensure the children receive an enriching educational experience.

As you know, "*many hands make light work*", and your presence and support mean that together we can create an environment where our children thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

Thank you!

# DATES TO REMEMBER

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

<b>SEPTEMBER 2023</b>	
Monday, 18th	Friends Association Meeting - 7.30pm
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 - 9am - 11am
<b>OCTOBER 2023</b>	
Wednesday, 4th	Years 1 & 2 Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 9th	Years 1 & 2 Harvest Festival Assembly @ 2.30pm Friends Association AGM - 7.30pm
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
<b>NOVEMBER 2023</b>	
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 - group 1
Monday, 13th	INSET DAY
Monday, 20th - Tuesday, 21st	Year 6 Bikeability - group 2
<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>	
Wednesday, 20th	LAST DAY OF TERM (please note that there is no after school club)

## MERIT BADGES

**WEEK ENDING 15th September 2023**

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

<b>Foundation</b>		
<b>Year 1</b>	Olivia	Cameron
<b>Year 2</b>	Hugo	Jessica
<b>Year 3</b>	Molly	Sebastian
<b>Year 4</b>	Emily	Charlie
<b>Year 5</b>	Hattie	Cillian
<b>Year 6</b>	Roisin	Jack

## HOUSE POINTS

**WEEK ENDING 15th September 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 (25)	3rd (18)	2nd (29)	1st (33)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

**WEEK ENDING 15th September 2023**

<b>Foundation</b>		
<b>Year 1</b>	Luca	Rachel
<b>Year 2</b>	Anna	Rita
<b>Year 3</b>	Kaleb	Mia
<b>Year 4</b>	William	Hanna
<b>Year 5</b>	Isaac	Kushal
<b>Year 6</b>	Alessia	Taid

### **New secondary admission round (Year 6 to 7 transfer September 2024)**

The application period for admission to Year 7 in secondary schools for September 2024 opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023.

From this date, parents/carers of current Year 6 Essex resident children will be able to make their applications using our website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). Last year, 99% of Essex parents applied online.

As usual, the Council will not be sending out letters to parents/carers about applying. All of the application information is published on the website above.

The closing date of 31 October 2023.

## Friends Association News

### Friends Meeting

The first meeting of the new school year will be held in the school at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join and hear about upcoming fundraising events we are planning. We will also have zoom available for those who cannot attend the school.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ssctech.zoom.us/j/99041929442>

Meeting ID: 990 4192 9442

### Macmillan cake sale

Please bring any cake donations on Friday 29th September. The cake sale is in the school hall 9-11am.

If anyone has any raffle prizes or voucher donations they would be greatly appreciated for the coffee morning.

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](mailto: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!

## St. John Payne News



### Open Evening 2023

Our Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students of 2024 is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. The Headteacher Mr Coen will speak at 5.45 p.m., 6.45 p.m. & 7.45 p.m. Families with children in Years 4, 5 & 6 are very welcome to attend.

In advance of and following this evening, families are warmly invited to visit us for a tour during the day to see the school in action. Please contact reception to arrange a visit.

We look forward to meeting you.

# YEAR 6 PREFECTS

## Autumn Term

### HEAD BOY

Conor

### DEPUTY HEAD BOY

Jack

### HEAD GIRL

Grace

### DEPUTY HEAD GIRL

Roisin

### HOUSE CAPTAINS

**Fisher**

Scarlett

Caius

**Beckett**

Millie

Patrick

**Campion**

Agnese

Sam

**More**

Damia

Kwemto



### GATE PREFECTS

Lily

Isabella

Taid

Ben

### LANYARD PREFECTS

Sam

### MARY'S MARKET

Mayah

Beatrice

Anthony

### CHAPLAINCY LEADERS

Grace

Scarlett

Luke

Anthony

### PE LEADERS

Aoife

Aaron

Asia

Henry

### ASSEMBLY PREFECTS

Alessia

George

Sophie

Luke

### HYMN PRACTICE LEADERS

Isla

Erin

### COMPUTING LEADERS

Maks

Teddy

### MOBILE PHONE PREFECTS

Aoife

### COMMUNICATION BOOK

George



## 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.**

## MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 18th September – 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.



## 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: **Mrs Gibbs**.

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



## 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.

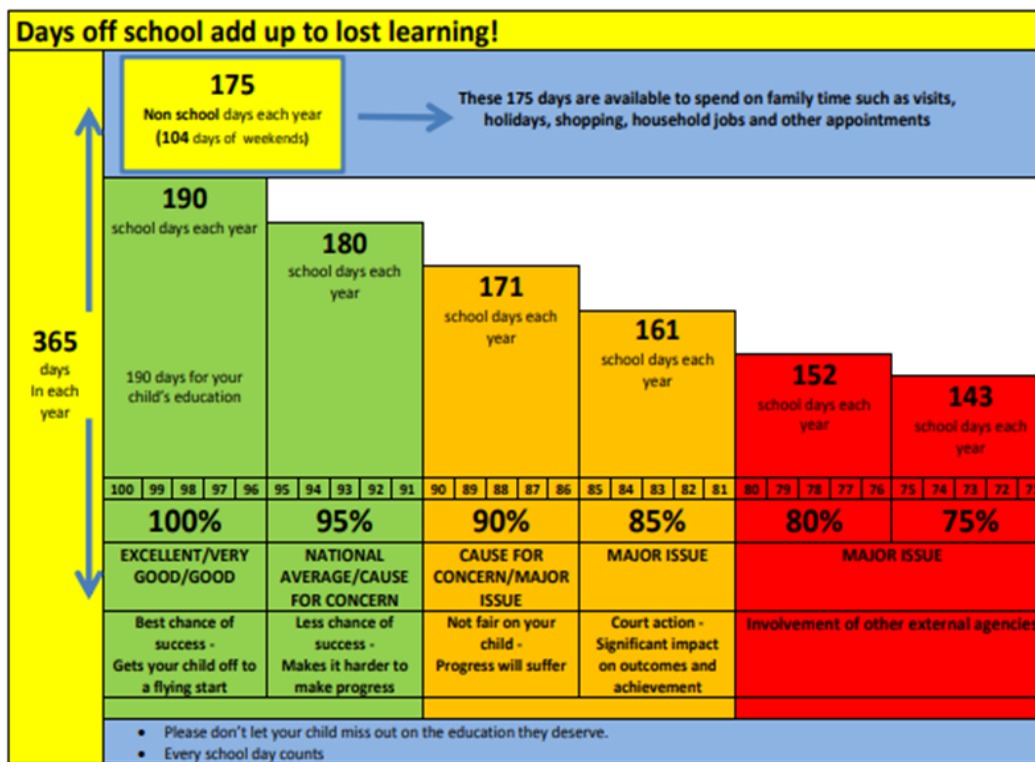
Please also note that you are **NOT** to park in the staff car park (in front of the school) for drop off for the Ark. This applies to both before and after school.



## 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 % 04-09-23 - 08.09.23	This week % 11-09-23 - 15.09.23
Foundation		
Year 1	98.3%	99%
Year 2	97.9%	99.3%
Year 3	99.2%	98.8%
Year 4	99.6%	97.8%
Year 5	100%	98.8%
Year 6	96.8%	98.4%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>98.7%</b>	<b>98.7%</b>

Congratulations to **Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 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.