



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

22nd September, 2023

The month of Our Lady of Sorrows

Issue 3

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 fantastic week. We have had yet another busy and exciting week here at Our Lady Immaculate Primary, filled with learning, growth, and lots of fun.

During our Worship assembly on Monday, the children had the opportunity to listen to the Parable of the unforgiving servant. The children were encouraged to reflect on the importance of forgiveness and compassion, as they considered the amazing love God pours out on each of us, and how quickly he is to excuse our mistakes.

I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to all the Year 1 and 2 parents who attended Tuesday's Little Wandle reading workshop. It was truly heartwarming to see so many of you there, eager to learn and support your child's reading journey. We hope that you left the workshop feeling confident and equipped to continue fostering a love for reading at home. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and we appreciate your commitment to their academic success.

In other news, it has been wonderful to see Fr. Paschal on the school gate some mornings, greeting parents and spreading God's love. His warm presence and kind words have brought a sense of unity and community to our school. We are truly blessed to have such strong links between the parish and school.

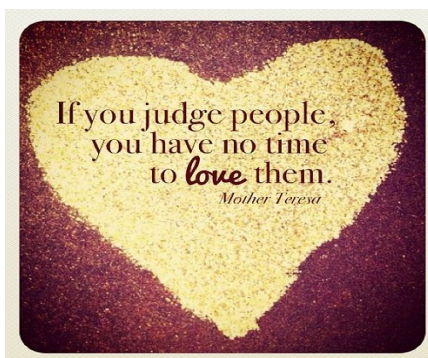
Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, whatever your plans maybe.

God Bless!

Mrs Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Virtues to live by

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



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Next Friday, the Friends Association will be hosting their annual Macmillan Coffee Morning.

This charitable event is a cherished tradition here at our school, and it brings our community together for a wonderful cause. This event not only offers an opportunity for us to enjoy a warm cup of coffee and a delicious slice of cake, but it also allows us to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Support, an organisation that provides invaluable support to those affected by cancer.

Let us come together as a community and make this year's Macmillan Coffee Morning a resounding success!

Thought for the weekend



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

SEPTEMBER 2023	
Wednesday, 27th	Whole School Mass - 9.30am
Friday, 29th	Friends Association - Macmillian Coffee Morning - 9am - 11am
OCTOBER 2023	
Wednesday, 4th	Years 1 & 2 Mass @ 9.30am
Saturday, 7th	Friends Disco @ 5.30pm - 7.30pm
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
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 - group 1
Monday, 13th	INSET DAY
Monday, 20th - Tuesday, 21st	Year 6 Bikeability - group 2
DECEMBER 2023	
Wednesday, 20th	LAST DAY OF TERM (please note that there is no after school club)

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.

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 22nd September 2023

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

Foundation	Kiyomi	Stephen
Year 1	Theodora	Daisy
Year 2	Joshua	Francine
Year 3	Sienna	Alexander
Year 4	Russell	Ciara
Year 5	Maria	Malachy
Year 6	Kwemto	Sophie

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 22nd September 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (41)	4th (28)	1st (48)	2nd (48)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 22nd September 2023

Foundation	Rupert	Aaliyah
Year 1	Lewis	Kailyn
Year 2	Amari	Rosie
Year 3	Hugh K	Emma
Year 4	Daniel	Julia
Year 5	Florence C	Natalia
Year 6	Mayah	Henry

COMPLAINT RE. PARKING - SERVICE ROAD BEHIND NEW LONDON ROAD

We have received a complaint from a local business regarding parking in the private service road behind New London Road, next to the church. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THIS ROAD AS IT IS AN ACCESS ROAD FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.** If parents continue to park there, the Company has stated that they will report the issue to the police.

Friends Association News

Family disco

This will be on Saturday 7/10 5:30-7:30pm. It's a brilliant evening for all the family to enjoy. There will be food, a bar for the adults and snack shop for the children. Tickets are £2.50 per person and adults need to accompany children. Tickets go on sale on Thurs 28/9 at drop off.

Macmillan coffee morning

The Macmillan coffee morning is on Friday 29/9. Please drop any donations for hampers or raffle prizes into the trolley inside the gate. Also, please bring cake donations to the school on Friday at drop off.

Some of the lovely raffle prizes for next week's Macmillan morning, you have to be in to win it.... Raffle tickets on sale next week

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!

St. John Payne News



Open Evening 2023

Our Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students of 2024 is on Thursday 28th 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.

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. 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.

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.



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 25th September – Week 1

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>

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."

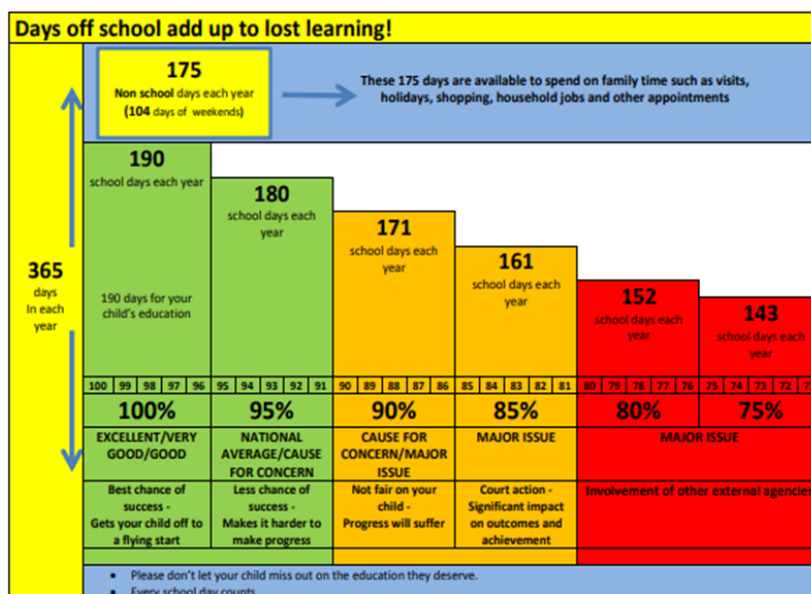
Graham Fawcet



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 % 11-09-23 - 15.09.23	This week % 18-09-23 - 22.09.23
Foundation		99.7%
Year 1	99%	99%
Year 2	99.3%	100%
Year 3	98.8%	99.4%
Year 4	97.8%	98.8%
Year 5	98.8%	95.3%
Year 6	98.4%	91.6%
Whole School Total	98.7%	97.6%

Congratulations to **Reception, years 1, 2, 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.