

'With God all things are possible'



The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

6th October, 2023

The month of the Holy Rosary

Issue 5

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I continue to be incredibly impressed with the hard work and commitment of all of our wonderful children. The staff are working so very hard to ensure the children continue to be settled and as a result, our OLI family is thriving. Please support your child as much as you possibly can by engaging in your child's learning, and reading with them frequently, living out our mission to **'inspire our children to achieve personal excellence for themselves and for the glory of God', with whom 'all things are possible'**.

During Monday's assembly the children thought about our new Virtue, **Thankfulness**.

The children learned that when you open your heart by giving thanks to God our creator, you create more space for more good things to come. When you look for all the blessings in your life you begin to feel more grateful and thankful for all the wonderful gifts we are given daily.

Thank you for all of the wonderful donations received for our Harvest Festival collection. We are always overwhelmed by your generosity. This is a very worthwhile cause, and we are looking forward to passing all of our donations on to our local Foodbank — **FAITH IN ACTION**. The last day for collections will be 19th October, so you still have plenty of time if you wish to make a donation.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Today I give thanks
For life and love and beauty.
My heart is full of gratitude
For faith and hope and wholeness.
My life overflows
With abundance and generosity
Today I give thanks to God Almighty
For the provision of all things good.



Legion of Mary

At Our Lady Immaculate, we are very fortunate to have the support of the members of the Legion of Mary. They come into school every Friday to pray the rosary with our children, providing them with a quiet space to get to know the Mother Mary and reflect upon different aspects of Jesus' life.

Thank you ladies, we are truly blessed to have you as part of our school community.



Thought for the weekend



God Bless!
Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Year 3—Bringing learning to life!

On Wednesday, Year 3 were lucky enough to have a visit from Mr and Mrs Rajesparan, both esteemed professionals in the medical field, who shared their knowledge about the digestive system and the human skeleton. It was a truly engaging experience for our young learners, as they were able to witness their learning come to life through a range of exciting activities.

From constructing models of the digestive system using everyday materials, to examining real-life X-rays to build a human skeleton, Year 3 were fully immersed in the world of medicine. The Rajesparans' passion for their work was evident, and their ability to simplify complex concepts ensured that every child was able to grasp the key principles.

We are incredibly grateful to both Mr and Mrs Rajesparan for taking the time out of their busy schedules to come into our school and share their expertise with our children. Such experiences not only enhance our curriculum but also inspire our young minds to explore new areas of interest.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

OCTOBER 2023	
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
Tuesday, 7th	Individual and Sibling photographs - please see message below
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)

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.

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 6th October 2023

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

Foundation	Maja	Clara
Year 1	Milan	Tobias-James
Year 2	Sienna	Lucas
Year 3	Ysabella	Ayden
Year 4	Kimberley	Lachlan
Year 5	Rhoda	Oscar
Year 6	Isla	Maks

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 6th October 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (65)	4th (49)	3rd (75)	2nd (75)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 6th October 2023

Foundation	Odhran	Oliver B
Year 1	Peter	Lewis
Year 2	Gabriel	Kallie
Year 3	Avery	Esme
Year 4	Hartley	Isabella
Year 5	Chimdike	Maria
Year 6	Grace	Beatrice

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Carmel Jane Photographic Ltd will be visiting the school on 7th November to take individual and group family photographs. All the children will be photographed, however, parents are under no obligation to purchase them. If any parent wishes their children to be photographed in a family group, **please send a letter for the attention of Mrs Wright** clearly stating your wishes by Friday, 3rd November – verbal messages from children will not be accepted nor will any letters be accepted after this date. If your request for a family photo includes pre-school siblings please bring them to school at 11.00 a.m. If you have any queries see Mrs Wright in the office.

Friends Association News

Friends Association AGM

Monday October 9th, at 7:30pm in the school hall.

Please join us at the AGM next week to hear about the wonderful achievements of last year, learn more about these positions and how you can contribute to our extremely successful charity, all while making friends and having some fun along the way.

We also have several vacant positions that require your consideration.

1. Chair Person.
2. Stock Controller - Only three times a year.
3. Videographer - Only required twice a year.
4. Photographer - Only required twice a year.
5. Volunteer Coordinators - One person from each year group, twice a year, to source volunteers for the Christmas bazaar and summer festival.

Benefits

- The opportunity to make a positive and lasting impact on your children's school.
- Active involvement in your child's school makes you an excellent role model. Research confirms that, when children see us involved in their school, it encourages them to excel.
- A chance to influence how funds are utilized within the school.
- An excellent way to connect with other parents and teachers.

You may even witness some "fly on the wall" moments, observing your children in their school environment while preparing for events during school hours.

Thanks a million



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 9th October – 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.**

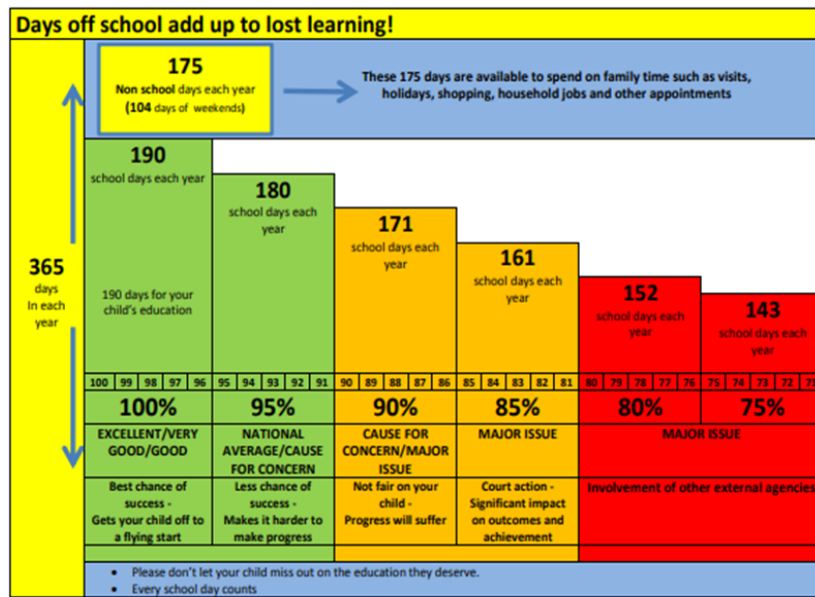


Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). **Further information can be found on** <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

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 % 02.10.23 - 06.10.23	This week %
Foundation	96.3%	97.7%
Year 1	96%	99.3%
Year 2	98.3%	100%
Year 3	98.4%	99.1%
Year 4	95.6%	99.1%
Year 5	96.6%	96.9%
Year 6	95.3%	98.4%
Whole School Total	96.7%	98.6%

Congratulations to **Reception, years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 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.

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.



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.

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



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.