



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

13th October, 2023

The month of the Holy Rosary

Issue 6

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well. Friday has come around so quickly; I cannot believe that another week has passed by!

On Monday, our talented children from Year 1 and 2 sang their hearts out in the annual Harvest Festival Assembly. It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance, and I want to express my deepest gratitude for your support. Additionally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who generously donated to the food bank. Your contributions will make a significant difference in the lives of those in need.

In the spirit of community involvement, Monday evening saw me joining the Friends Association for their annual AGM. It was a pleasure to see so many familiar faces and meet new parents who are equally passionate about our school. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for attending. Your commitment to raising funds for our children's education is truly commendable and greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead, next week we will be holding our Termly Learning Conferences (TLCs). They are a three-way conversation about the progress and learning of children, providing a great opportunity to find out about children's learning from both the child's and the teacher's perspective.

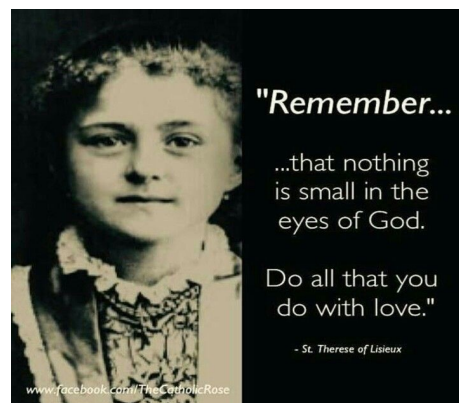
Children's work is made available prior to the meeting and you may arrive early to look through the books in preparation for the conference.

Teachers will celebrate the children's learning and discuss how well they have settled into their new year group. There will also be an opportunity to discuss how parents can support children at home with reading, number-bonds, times-tables and any other homework.

As we have moved firmly into October the days have certainly begun to turn colder and we ask that all children remember to bring a blue/black coat to school to ensure they are comfortable whilst playing outside.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Thought for the weekend



Virtues to Live by

This week the children have continued to grow in the virtue of **Thankfulness.**



God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Wear it Pink Day!

Next Friday, we will be celebrating "Wear it Pink Day" at our school. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to come together, show their support for a worthy cause, and have a bit of fun in the process. We are encouraging all students, staff, and even parents to come to school dressed head to toe in pink!

The purpose of this event is to raise money for Breast Cancer Now, an organisation dedicated to funding research and supporting those affected by breast cancer. We believe it is important to teach our children about the importance of giving back to the community and supporting those in need. By participating in "Wear it Pink Day", we can show our solidarity with those fighting cancer and make a meaningful contribution to the cause.

To participate, we kindly ask that each student brings a donation of £1 on the day. All funds collected will be donated directly to Breast Cancer Now. We understand that times are tough for many families, so please know that any amount, big or small, will be greatly appreciated. Every penny counts, and together, we can make a difference.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

OCTOBER 2023	
Monday, 16th	Year 4 Assembly - 2.30pm Termly Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday, 18th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 19th	Termly Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Friday, 20th	Wear it Pink - Non-uniform day - £1 donation Travelling Book Fair - 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Monday, 23rd - Friday, 27th	Half-Term
Monday, 30th	Travelling Book Fair - 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Tuesday, 31st	Travelling Book Fair - 3.15pm - 3.45pm

NOVEMBER 2023	
Wednesday, 1st	All Saints' Day Whole School Mass @ 9am Travelling Book Fair - 3.15pm - 3.45pm
Friday, 3rd	Junior School Council members to visit the Houses of Parliament
Tuesday, 7th	Individual and Sibling photographs - please see message below
Wednesday, 8th	Year 6 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 9th - Friday, 10th	Year 6 Bikeability - group 1
Friday, 10th	Year 5 Remembrance Assembly - 9.15am
Monday, 13th	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 15th	Year 1 & 2 Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 20th - Tuesday, 21st	Year 6 Bikeability - group 2
Wednesday, 22nd	Year 3 Mass @ 9.30am Year 6 visit to Chelmsford Library - details coming soon
Tuesday, 28th	Whole school flu immunisations
Wednesday, 29th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
DECEMBER 2023	
Friday, 1st	Non-uniform day - bring a bottle
Sunday, 3rd	Friends Bazaar
Monday, 4th	Year 3 Advent Assembly @ 2.30pm
Friday, 8th	Whole school Mass @ 9.30am
Tuesday, 12th	Infant Nativity @ 9.30am - Reception parents to attend
Wednesday, 13th	Infant Nativity @ 2pm - Year 1 parents to attend
Thursday, 14th	Infant Nativity @ 9.30am - Year 2 parents to attend Junior Carol Service - 2pm in the church
Wednesday, 20th	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM - SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 1.30PM Please note that there is no after school club
JANUARY 2024	
Thursday, 4th	First day back at school

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 13th October 2023

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

Foundation	Nathalia	Helena
Year 1	Dhiya	Ethan
Year 2	Kingsley	Aisling
Year 3	Agatha	Buddy
Year 4	Anna	Julian
Year 5	Akosua	Oliver
Year 6	Damia	Erin

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 13th October 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (78)	3rd (59)	1st (89)	2nd (88)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 13th October 2023

Foundation	Gaia	Isla
Year 1	Richmond	Angel-Ariella
Year 2	Emily	Aidan
Year 3	Peter	Sophia
Year 4	Paul	Belle
Year 5	David A-H	Abigail
Year 6	Conor	Scarlett

MESSAGE FROM MRS GIBBS (SENCO)

Mrs Gibbs our Inclusion Manager (SENCO) will be available in the rainbow room if you wish to speak to her at parents evening about any concerns you may have regarding your child's special educational needs or medical needs, on Monday 16th of October from 3.30pm - 5.30pm and on Thursday 19th of October from 3.30pm - 6.30pm. If her door is open, please do just pop in.

Friends Association News

Christmas artwork ordering reminder

Hopefully your child/ren came home with their Christmas artwork design card. If you would like to place an order to have their artwork design on the merchandise please consider doing this by midnight 17/10/23 to allow the school to get the highest commission possible.

Placing an order is very simple. Each design card has a QR code on. Just scan the code and follow the link or enter the website name as it appears on the card, follow the steps and place your order.

Every order helps raise money for the school.

Disco

Thank you all for those who attended and those who helped with the school disco, our first fundraising event of the year. We all had a great time and was lovely to see all the children having so much fun.

Uniform sale

Pre loved school uniform is on display in the school now, please speak to the office if you would like to see it. We ask for just a small donation to the friends association.



Fundraising last year

The friends association raised a staggering £15,133 for the school last year. Theirs went towards:

- IT equipment
- Shakespeare day
- VR day
- Foundation water bottles
- Art sketchbooks and watercolours
- New desks for year 3
- Library furniture
- Author day
- Infants outdoor equipment
- Coronation memorabilia
- Year 6 end of year treat

Thank you all for your continued support and hopefully this year will be as successful.

Thank you,

The Friends Association



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 16th October – 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:

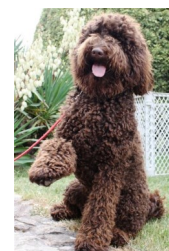
- Income Support / Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have 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>

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school playground. They are only permitted to be in the gated area once you have entered the main gate.

Many thanks



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.

SCHOOL PUPIL DETAILS

If you have moved or if any of your details have changed, please can you inform the Office so we can update your child's records.



POPPIES - REMEMBRANCE DAY

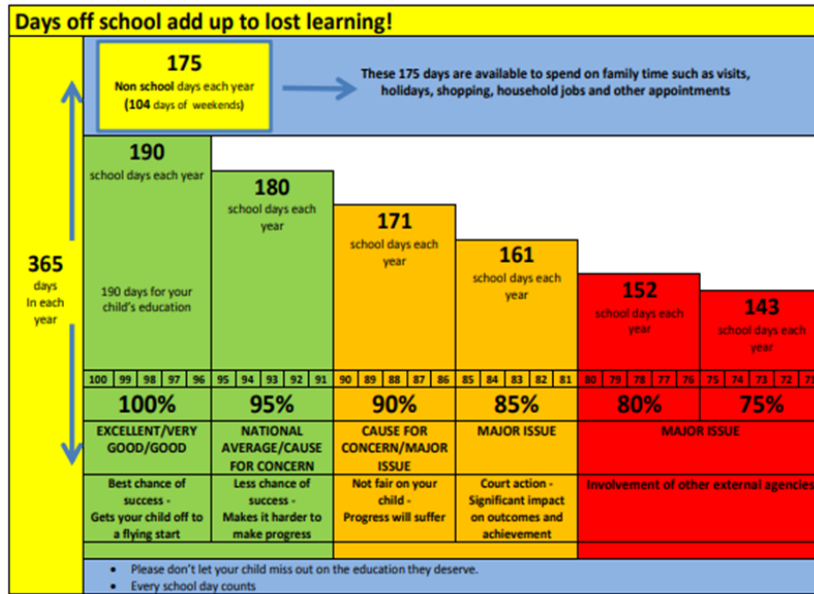
Poppies are now available from the school office at a minimum donation of £1.



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 % 09.10.23 - 13.10.23
Foundation	97.7%	97%
Year 1	99.3%	97%
Year 2	100%	97.7%
Year 3	99.1%	98.8%
Year 4	99.1%	97.2%
Year 5	96.9%	98.4%
Year 6	98.4%	96.9%
Whole School Total	98.6%	97.6%

Congratulations to **Reception, 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.

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.

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.

Clubs

The clubs for Autumn Term 2 will be:

Monday Art - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(30th October - 11th December = 6 sessions)

Multi sports - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(30th October - 11th December = 6 sessions)

Team sports - years 3 & 4 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(30th October - 11th December = 6 sessions)

High 5's - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(30th October - 11th December = 6 sessions)

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO SESSION ON MONDAY,

13TH NOVEMBER DUE TO THE INSET DAY

Tuesday Dragonball - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(31st October - 12th December = 7 sessions)

Football - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(31st October - 12th December = 7 sessions)

Guitar - years 3, 4, 5 & 6

(31st October - 12th December = 7 sessions)

Wednesday Drama - years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(1st November - 22nd November = 4 sessions)

Thursday Bootcamp - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(2nd November - 14th December = 7 sessions)

Art - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(2nd November - 14th December = 7 sessions)

Chess - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(2nd November - 7th December = 6 sessions **these have already been booked**)



The clubs are being released during the week of the 16th October.

Please ensure all payments are up to date as you will not be able to book onto future clubs until all payments are cleared.