



The Rosary Trust

*'With God all things are possible'*

# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

3rd November, 2023

The month of the Holy Souls

Issue 9

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to what promises to be another busy half-term! It was wonderful to see the children looking so smart as they returned to school dressed in their winter uniform.

During Monday's collective worship, our focus was on the Virtue of Hope. The children had a thought-provoking discussion about climate change and how we can make a difference. We explored Pope Francis' letter to the people, Laudato Si, and placed our hope in our children empowering them to help change our world.

On Tuesday, we had a special visitor from CAFOD, Linda Orr, who came to work with our infants. Linda taught them about Catholic Social Teaching and the importance of caring for others. It was a wonderful opportunity for our little ones to learn about compassion and empathy.

Wednesday was a day of celebration as we came together as a whole school to commemorate All Saints Day. I want to express my gratitude to Fr Damien for leading a beautiful Mass, and a big thank you to all the parents who joined us on this day of Holy Obligation. It was a joyous occasion filled with love and reverence.

Finally, Mrs Catchpole accompanied the School Council, as they travelled to London today to visit the Houses of Parliament. This fantastic experience enabled them to witness first hand democracy in action, gaining a deeper understanding of how our government works. We are dedicated to empowering our children with knowledge and the power to make positive changes happen.

Thank you all for your continued support and for being a part of our school family. Together, we can make a difference and create a brighter future for our children.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful weekend.

**God Bless!**  
*Lesley Roche*  
Headteacher

## Parent Tours

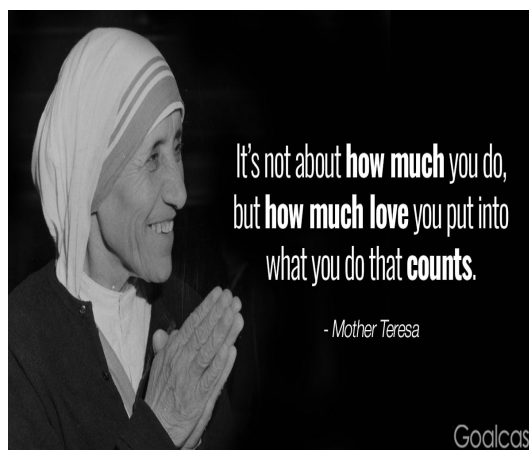
Over the coming weeks, I am showing prospective parents around the school. This always celebrates OLI as a thriving learning community - we are so lucky to have such supportive parents, talented and skilled staff and amazing children. It is a joy to show people around our successful school.

## Faith in Action

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 'Wear it Pink' day on the last Friday of half-term. It raised an incredible £192.32 for this amazing charity.



## Thought for the weekend



# DATES TO REMEMBER

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

<b>NOVEMBER 2023</b>	
Monday, 6th	Friends Association meeting @ 7.30pm
Tuesday, 7th	Individual and Sibling photographs
Wednesday, 8th	Year 6 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 9th - Friday, 10th	Year 6 Bikeability - group 1
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
Tuesday, 28th	Whole school flu immunisations
Wednesday, 29th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
<b>DECEMBER 2023</b>	
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 CLOSSES AT 1.30PM Please note that there is no after school club
<b>JANUARY 2024</b>	
Thursday, 4th	First day back at school

## MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 3rd November 2023

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

Foundation	Emily	Kitt
Year 1	Naia	Lewis
Year 2	Praise	Aidan
Year 3	Charlotte	Heavenly
Year 4	Sienna	Eloise
Year 5	Liam	Florence
Year 6	Taid	Patrick

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 3rd November 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>
3rd (105)	4th (84)	1st (127)	2nd (118)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 3rd November 2023

Foundation	Clara	Ayla
Year 1	Alexander	Molly
Year 2	Philip	Jessica
Year 3	Nico	Agatha
Year 4	Johan	Daniel
Year 5	Oliver	Akosua
Year 6	Anthony	Jack

## 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.**

### 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.



# Friends Association News

## Friends meeting

Monday 7:30pm in the school or via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join us, we will mostly be discussing the Christmas Bazaar.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ssctech.zoom.us/j/93332024203?pwd=Y1Uvb3NNWk1HL2dwd2k0UXc3cDU4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 933 3202 4203

Password: 0611

## Grand draw

The children should have come home with GRAND DRAW tickets in their bags this week (Eldest child only). If your child didn't or you need more please ask at the office.

Please help us to raise funds for the school by selling these tickets and returning the stubs along with the cash and any unsold tickets in an envelope. The draw will be taking place on Sunday 3rd December at the Christmas bazaar.

## Christmas bazaar

The Christmas bazaar will be on Sunday 3rd December. Organisation is fully underway and we will keep you posted with updates. The event is only possible with the help of all of our wonderful volunteers. Please let us know if you're able to help in any way.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



## RECEPTION CLASS

On Monday, the Reception children went on a trip to the Church to learn about the rite of Baptism. Fr. Damien explained some of the signs and symbols used in the rite. The Reception children delighted in baptising our class doll in the font. Thank you to Fr. Damien for an enjoyable and informative visit.



## TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who was able to buy a book from the Travelling Book Fair this week. As a result of your purchases, we were able to get a good number of books free for school. We intend to use them for prizes in the Fifty Reads Raffle and maybe prizes during Book Week. We will also be able to share some of them in our classrooms.

## 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).

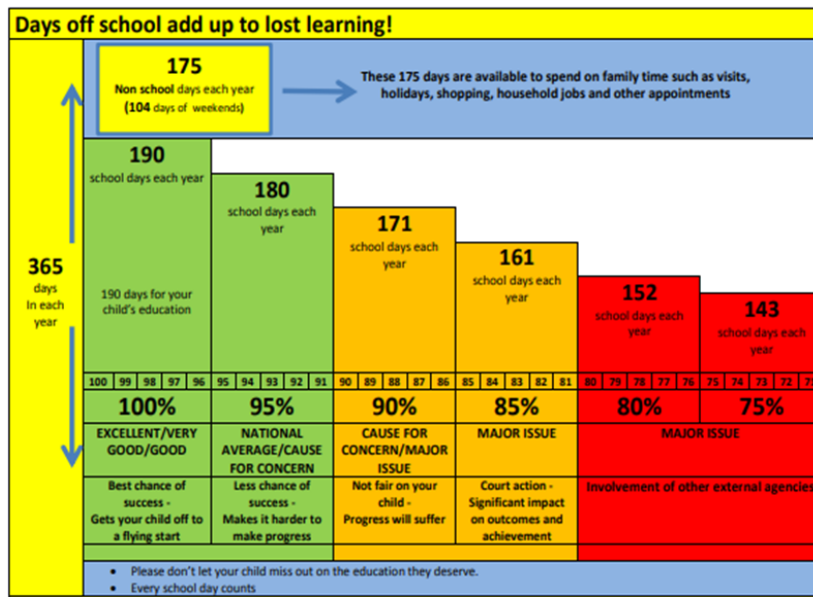
This would alleviate the need for the Office Staff to deliver late items to the classrooms, and disturbing children's learning.



## 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 % 16.10.23 - 20.10.23	This week % 30.10.23 - 03.11.23
Foundation	94.7%	95%
Year 1	98%	100%
Year 2	98%	99.3%
Year 3	97.2%	95%
Year 4	98.4%	99.7%
Year 5	99.4%	97.5%
Year 6	94.1%	94.7%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>97.3%</b>

Congratulations to **Years 1, 2, 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.

## **MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 6th November – 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).

**PLEASE SEE THE NEW MENU ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. THIS STARTED ON MONDAY, 30TH OCTOBER**

### **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>

## **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

