



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

10th November, 2023

The month of the Holy Souls

Issue 10

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. It has been a busy one here at Our Lady Immaculate, filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and coming together as a school community.

On Monday, we gathered as a school to celebrate the word of God. The children listened attentively to the Gospel reading and engaged in thoughtful discussions about what it truly means to be humble. It was a beautiful moment of reflection and unity, reminding us of the importance of kindness and humility in our daily lives.

I had the pleasure of meeting with our dedicated Friends Association on Monday evening. Their unwavering commitment to raising funds for our school is truly inspiring. They selflessly give their time and energy, always making a difference in the lives of our children. I am humbled by their dedication and grateful for their continued support. Without them, many of the enriching experiences and resources we provide for our pupils would not be possible.

On Thursday and Friday, once again our Year 6 students participated in the bikeability program. This excellent initiative equips our children with the skills and knowledge they need to stay safe on the roads.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about the upcoming Parish Bazaar on the 19th of November. This event is an integral part of our community, and I encourage you all to mark it in your diaries. The Parish committee has been working tirelessly to ensure that this year's bazaar is a memorable one, and your presence and support would mean the world to them.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support and partnership. Our Lady Immaculate is truly blessed to have such a dedicated and involved community.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Thought for the weekend

I alone can't change the World,
But I can cast a stone across the
waters, to create many Ripples.

- Mother Teresa -

<https://www.facebook.com/alchimeiacoaching>

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been busy preparing posters for a whole school assembly, drawing on this year's theme of 'Make a Noise about Bullying!'.

As part of our Anti-Bullying week activities, on **Friday**, children are invited to come into school wearing '**Odd Socks**'. The children have agreed that all monies raised by this event will be donated to the NSPCC—faith in action.

This Anti-Bullying Week,
let's make a noise about bullying.

**MAKE A
NOISE
ABOUT
BULLYING**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

NOVEMBER 2023	
Monday, 13th	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 15th	Year 1 & 2 Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 17th	Odd Socks Day - £1 donation
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
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
Tuesday, 19th	Children's Christmas dinner
Wednesday, 20th	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES 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 10th November 2023

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

Foundation	Kezia	Serin
Year 1	Rachel	Adam
Year 2	Raine-Esme	Toby
Year 3	Mia	Hugh K
Year 4	Florence	Johan
Year 5	Oscar	Nell
Year 6	Sam	Grace

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 10th November 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (123)	1st (104)	2nd (145)	3rd (133)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 10th November 2023

Foundation	Aron	Ayla
Year 1	Cameron	Olivia
Year 2	Joshua	Sienna
Year 3	Ronnie	Ciara
Year 4	Jack	Emilia
Year 5	Joseph	Hattie
Year 6	Caius	Luke

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.

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.



Friends Association News

Christmas Bazaar hamper Donations

As the bazaar is fast approaching we need to start making the Christmas hampers. Each year the success of this event is due to your generosity. Therefore this week we have been collecting the following donations:

Alcohol
Chocolates
Puddings
Chutneys
Crackers
Biscuits
Other luxury food items.
(No nuts please)

Next week we would be grateful for the following items;

New/unused gifts
Sweets
Chocolate
(Please remember no nuts)

We are still in need of at least 55 volunteers for stalls at the Christmas Bazaar between 9.30-11.30 and 11.30-1.30pm.

If you are able to help even if just for an hour, please speak to Amy Campen (yr2) or email the Friends Association at Friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

Many Thanks,

The Friends Association



Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2024

Primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 6 November 2023**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**.

From 6 November 2023, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above. The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

You will also need to complete a Supplementary Application Form which can be obtained from the office or the

MINI VINNIES

Today two members from the Mini Vinnies went to the Little Edi Foundation in Melbourne on Thursday. They helped to pack boxes of food for families ready to be delivered later that day. It was a good opportunity for the children to see the next stage of where the food the school has donated goes to.



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 13th November – 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).

TUESDAY, 14TH WILL BE RAINBOW PASTA WITH TOMATO SAUCE OR CHEESE SAUCE.

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.

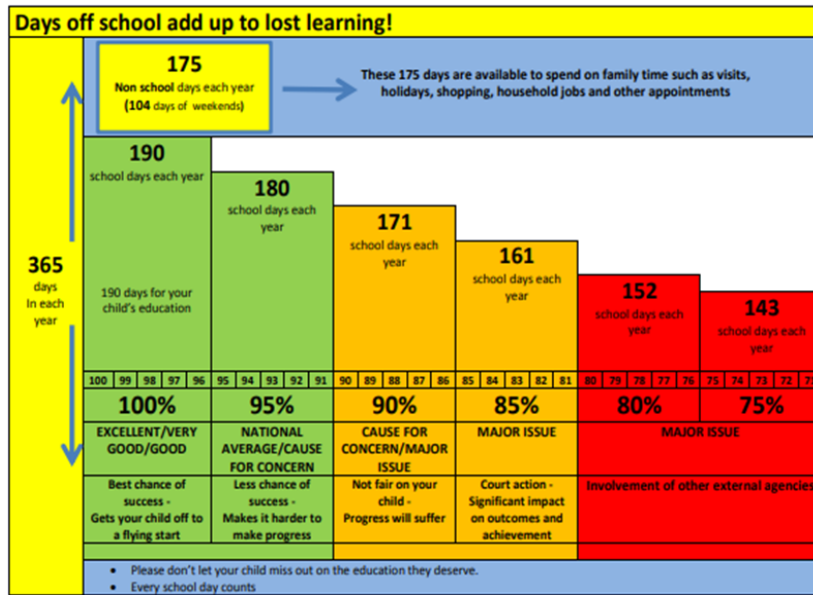


Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). Further information can be found on <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

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 % 30.10.23 - 03.11.23	This week % 06.11.23 - 10.11.23
Foundation	95%	90.3%
Year 1	100%	97.3%
Year 2	99.3%	98.7%
Year 3	95%	97.8%
Year 4	99.7%	100%
Year 5	97.5%	96.3%
Year 6	94.7%	93.8%
Whole School Total	97.3%	96.3%

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

Our Lady Immaculate fully complies with information legislation. For the full details on how we use your personal information please see our privacy notices which are located on our school website (www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.org) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy

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



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.

