



'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

24th November, 2023

The month of the Holy Souls

Issue 12

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that November is nearly over and that next week we will be beginning our Advent journey together. The preparations for the infant nativity and junior carol concert are now well and truly underway and we are all looking forward to sharing these with you.

This Monday's assembly was a special one as we focused on our new Virtue, '**Patience.**' The children engaged in thoughtful discussions about the importance of patience, particularly as we wait patiently for the coming of our Lord. They reflected on the notion that being patient means waiting without complaining. It is a valuable virtue that helps us achieve our goals, both individually and collectively. When we are patient with others, we work alongside God to build them up and instill confidence in them. Similarly, being patient with ourselves allows us to grow in love and knowledge of God.

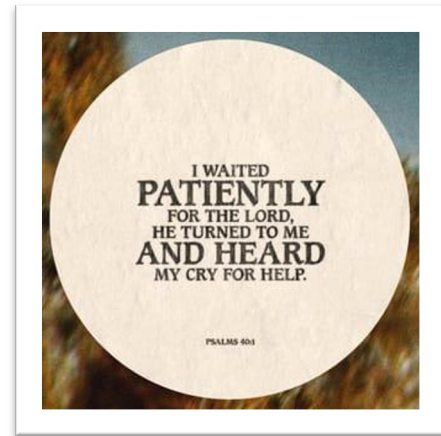
Last Saturday, I had the privilege of working with many of our Year 3 pupils as they embarked on their journey towards their First Holy Communion. It was a joyous occasion, and I am sure that you will join me in keeping them in your prayers as they prepare for this significant milestone in their spiritual lives.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

God Bless!

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Thought for the weekend



Patience Prayer

Loving God,

In the Bible you teach us that 'love is patient'.

Help me to understand how I can share your love by learning how to wait.

Help me to be patient with myself and others, so that I don't get angry or upset when things don't happen quickly enough.

Show me how to wait for things to grow, understanding that some things can't be rushed.

Lord, help me to share your love by being patient today.

We make this prayer through Christ, your Son.

Amen



Bikeability

This week another group of Year 6 pupils took part in **Bikeability**. This program ensures that our children are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to stay safe on the roads, promoting a culture of responsible cycling. This is especially important for our Year 6 children, many of whom will be travelling to school on their own soon.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

NOVEMBER 2023	
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

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 school's website www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.org.

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 24th November 2023

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

Foundation	Serin Teresa	Odhran
Year 1	Annie	Luca
Year 2	Kallie	Rita
Year 3	Peter	Emma
Year 4	Matilda	Daniel
Year 5	Kushal	Sofia I
Year 6	Jack	Beatrice

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 24th November 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (154)	4th (125)	3rd (170)	2nd (155)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 24th November 2023

Foundation	Edward	Tigerlilly
Year 1	Ethan	Theodora
Year 2	Lucas	Hugo
Year 3	Buddy	Sienna
Year 4	Jeffray	Charlotte
Year 5	Brian	Akosua
Year 6	Damia	Caius

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.



Christmas Lunch Tuesday, 19th December 2023 - Price £3.35

Roast Turkey

Pigs in Blankets

Stuffing

Gravy

Crispy Roast Potatoes

Carrots

Brussels Sprouts

Peas

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Ice Cream

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Milk / Aqua juice cartons (apple or orange) / Water

Vegetarian option

Quorn Fillet

Stuffing

Gravy

Crispy Roast Potatoes

Carrots

Brussels Sprouts

Peas

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Ice Cream

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Milk / Aqua juice cartons (apple or orange) / Water

****If you would like the vegetarian option, please let the school office know no later than Friday, 8th December.***

Payment will be taken from your child's School Gateway dinners account.

All Children in KS1 have Universal Free School Meals and do not have to pay, however, for those in the Juniors, the cost will be £3.35.

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 would be extremely grateful of the following donations:

- Alcohol
- Chocolates
- Puddings
- Chutneys
- Crackers
- Biscuits
- Other luxury items
- Sweets

(Please remember NO NUTS!)

Volunteers

We are still in need of volunteers for stalls between 11.30-1.30pm.

If you are able to help please email the Friends Association at

Friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

Grand draw

Please return the grand draw tickets and money as soon as possible.

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets will be going on sale soon. Please see the link for the amazing prizes on offer.

[FINAL Raffle prizes guide 2023 \(fliphtml5.com\)](https://fliphtml5.com)

Bring a bottle

Next Friday will be bring a bottle day for dress down day for the bottle tombola at the bazaar. Please give your child a bottle of drink to leave in the trolley in the playground.

Friends Disco

Thank you so much to those who attended, a profit of £1,590 was made.

Many Thanks,

The Friends Association



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.



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 27th 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).

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



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).

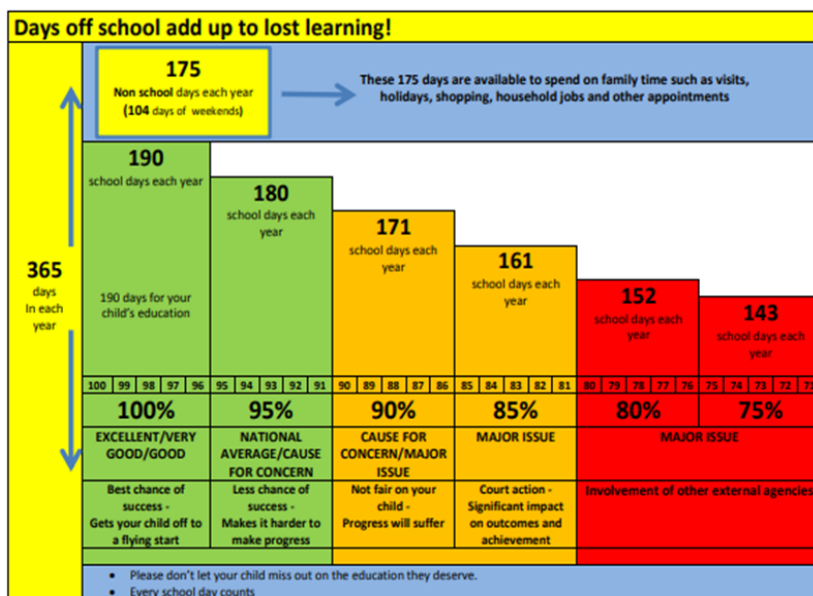
This would alleviate the need for the Office Staff to deliver late items to the classrooms, and disturbing children's learning.



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 % 13.11.23 - 17.11.23	This week % 20.11.23 - 24.11.23
Foundation	93.3%	93%
Year 1	96.3%	98.3%
Year 2	98.3%	98%
Year 3	98.4%	94.7%
Year 4	91.8%	92.5%
Year 5	95.7%	95.6%
Year 6	93%	98.1%
Whole School Total	95.2%	95.7%

Congratulations to **Years 1, 2 & 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.

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