



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

15th December, 2023

The month of the Immaculate Conception

Issue 16

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the autumn term here at Our Lady Immaculate, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements and joys we have experienced together. It has been a term filled with hard work, laughter, and growth, and I am immensely proud of each and every one of our pupils.

Thank you to all the parents, friends and families that attended the Infant Nativity and Junior Carol Service this week. The joy and excitement that filled the Church and hall was truly infectious, and I know that everyone in attendance felt a deep sense of pride and Christmas spirit. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the staff, parents, and pupils who made these events possible. Your hard work and commitment truly shone through, and I am grateful for the memories we created together.

As we celebrate the festive season, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas. It is a time to remember God's greatest gift to us - his word made flesh. This message of love, hope, and compassion is something that we should carry with us not only during this special time of year but throughout our lives. Let us strive to be kind and generous, to spread joy and love to those around us, and to remember the importance of faith and family.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the thoughtful gifts we have received. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated, and they serve as a reminder of the strong and supportive community we have here at Our Lady Immaculate.

As we prepare to embark on a well-deserved winter break, I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. May the holiday season be filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments spent with loved ones.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for being an integral part of the Our Lady Immaculate family. I look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year, ready to embark on another exciting term of learning and growth.

Warmest Wishes,

Lesley Roche

Headteacher

Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas and a wonderful start to the New Year.





DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

DECEMBER 2023	
Tuesday, 19th	Children's Christmas dinner Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation to The Little Edi Foundation
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
Wednesday, 10th	9.30am - Whole School Mass
FEBRUARY 2024	
Wednesday, 14th	Ash Wednesday - 9am Whole School Mass
Monday, 19th - Friday, 23rd	Half-Term
Monday, 26th	INSET DAY
MARCH 2024	
Monday, 4th	Teacher Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday, 6th	Teacher Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Thursday, 7th	Year 1 trip to Pizza Express - details coming soon
Friday, 29th	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM
APRIL 2024	
Monday, 15th	Back to school

PROCEDURE FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Whilst we appreciate how hard you try to arrange appointments for your child outside of schooltime. If your child has to have a medical appointment during the school day, in order to authorise this absence, the **school office** requires a copy of your original appointment letter or confirmation. Thank you in advance for your continued support and co-operation.

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 15th December 2023

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

Foundation	Hector	Kiyomi
Year 1	Michelle	Richmond
Year 2	Amari	Savio
Year 3	Avery	Elsie
Year 4	Julia	Joselyn
Year 5	David	Abigail
Year 6	Luke	Alessia

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 15th December 2023

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (190)	1st (168)	4th (196)	3rd (196)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 15th December 2023

Foundation	Salvin	Ayla
Year 1	Enzo	Alexa
Year 2	Brooke	Francine
Year 3	Nico	Molly
Year 4	Russell	Florence
Year 5	Chimdike	Nell
Year 6	Ben	Lily

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



Thank you for all your support in this first term, we raised approximately £4000 for the school at the Christmas bazaar!

Thank you to all those that have helped with today's gift sale, in the preparation and at the sale. We hope your children enjoyed the experience and we hope you all love your gifts.

We have had a lovely week watching the fantastic infants nativity and juniors carol service. Thank you to Ellie, Joe, Matt and Amy for capturing these precious moments and organising the sale of the images and videos. If you haven't already placed an order for the video link of the performances then please contact the friends association to place an order. The links are £5 for each performance Please email:

friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

From the Friends association

Christmas Jumper Day!

Tuesday, 19th December - Same day as Children's Christmas Dinner

Children to wear school uniform plus the Christmas jumper

£1 donation to the Little Edie Foundation.



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 18th December – 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



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.

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).

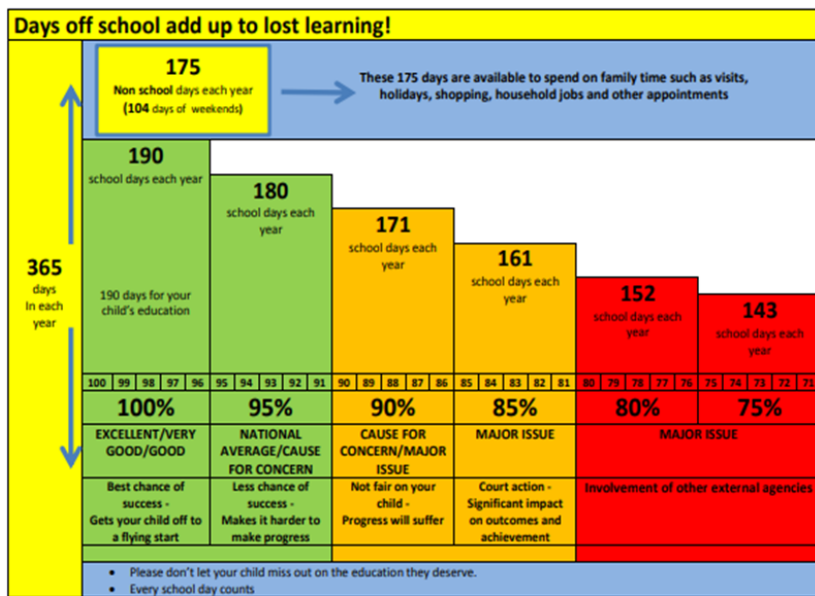
This would alleviate the need for the Office Staff to deliver late items to the classrooms, and disturbing children's learning.



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 % 04.12.23 - 08.12.23	This week % 11.12.23 - 15.12.23
Foundation	91.7%	76%
Year 1	96%	90.7%
Year 2	99.3%	82%
Year 3	96.3%	97.8%
Year 4	96.9%	96.3%
Year 5	97.5%	90%
Year 6	97.4%	96.5%
Whole School Total	96.5%	90%

Congratulations to **Year 3** 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

Clubs

The clubs for Spring Term 1 will be:

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

(8th January - 12th February = 6 sessions)

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

(8th January - 12th February = 6 sessions)

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

(8th January - 12th February = 6 sessions)

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

(8th January - 12th February = 6 sessions)



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

(9th January - 13th February = 6 sessions)

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

(9th January - 13th February = 6 sessions)

Guitar - years 3, 4, 5 & 6

(9th January - 13th February = 6 sessions)



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

(11th January - 15th February = 6 sessions)

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

(11th January - 15th February & 29th February - 28th March

= 11 sessions ***please book all sessions as these are for the whole Spring term)***

Art club will be booked by Mrs Williams from the rolling waiting list so if you haven't added your child to the list but would like them to be included, please contact her as soon as possible. You will be notified by email if your child has a place for this half-term.

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