



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

9th February 2024

The Month of the Holy Family

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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 good week. With only one more week to go, we are almost half-way through the year!

This week, our prayer and liturgy was centered around our new virtue of **SIMPLICITY**. The children engaged in a thought-provoking discussion about the famous quote by Mother Teresa, *'Live simply so others may simply live.'* We explored the importance of living with less and the impact it can have on those around us. To further emphasise this important value, we watched a clip from CAFOD, which provided practical tips on how to live simply in our daily lives.

The children were truly inspired by this message and I encourage you to discuss it further with them at home.

On Tuesday, we joined schools across the country in celebrating Safer Internet Day. The children participated in a live assembly, along with a range of activities aimed at promoting online safety. We believe it is crucial for our pupils to understand the potential risks associated with the internet and how to protect themselves from harm. We also encourage you, as parents and guardians, to stay informed about online safety and to have open conversations with your children about this important topic.

Next Wednesday, we will be commencing our Lenten journey by celebrating Ash Wednesday in Church together. This is an important time for reflection and spiritual growth, and I encourage all families to join us. As usual, everyone is welcome, and I look forward to seeing many of you in Church. Let us come together as a community to deepen our faith and embrace the season of Lent.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, whatever you may be up to.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Lesley Roche

Friends' Disco



I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Friends Association for organising yet another fantastic disco. The event was a resounding success, and our pupils and families had a marvelous time.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated parents who go above and beyond to create memorable experiences for our children. Your hard work and commitment are truly appreciated.

Thought for the weekend!



Just as we need the courage to be happy, we also need the courage to live simply.

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES

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so that others

may simply live

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

FEBRUARY 2024	
Wednesday, 14th	Ash Wednesday - 9am Whole School Mass
Monday, 19th - Friday, 23rd	Half-Term
Monday, 26th	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 28th	Year 4 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
MARCH 2024	
Monday, 4th	Teacher Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday, 6th	Year 5 Parish Mass @ 9.30am Teacher Learning Conferences - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Thursday, 7th	World Book Day - dress as Fairy Tale or Traditional Tale characters Year 1 trip to Pizza Express - details coming soon (date to be rearranged)
Friday, 8th	Author John O'Leary visiting the school Mother's Day Gift Sale
Wednesday, 13th	Reception and Year 6 Parish Mass @ 9.30am Friends Committee meeting
Friday, 15th	Infant Music Festival - details to follow
Tuesday, 19th	Year 2 trip to Wagamama
Wednesday, 20th	Year 1 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 22nd	Friends Colour run
Thursday, 28th	9.30am - Easter Service in the Church LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15PM - PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL ARK CLUB
APRIL 2024	
Monday, 15th	Back to school
Saturday, 20th	Friends Talent show school
MAY 2024	
Saturday, 11th	Friends Bingo
Monday, 27th - Friday 31st	Half term

JUNE 2024	
Monday, 3rd	INSET DAY
Monday, 10th - Wednesday, 12th	Year 6 Residential trip to Bawdsey Manor
Tuesday, 25th	Year 5 trip to Writtle College - Food & Farming Day
Wednesday, 26th	Year 6 theatre trip
JULY 2024	
Monday, 22nd	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM Please note that there is no after school club
Tuesday, 23rd	INSET DAY

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 9th February 2024

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

Foundation	Thiem	Adaora
Year 1	Alexa	Peter
Year 2	Aisling	Gabriel
Year 3	Mia	Ronnie
Year 4	Hanna	Santiago
Year 5	Abril	David C
Year 6	Grace	Damia

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 9th February 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (255)	3rd (231)	1st (265)	4th (257)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 9th February 2024

Foundation	Nathalia	Evie
Year 1	Lewis	Hannah
Year 2	Aidan	Francine
Year 3	Peter	Heavenly
Year 4	Charlie	Charlotte
Year 5	Chimdikey	Florence J
Year 6	Asia	Aoife

Friends Association News

The friends would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the family disco last Saturday. We couldn't put on these events without your help, whether that is in the organisation, preparation, on the day volunteering and attendance at the events.

We had a great time and hope everyone did too, it was lovely to see all the children having fun! The money raised will go towards supporting the school with projects and equipment.

Many thanks

The Friends



School Vacancies

Midday Assistant

Our Lady Immaculate School is looking to recruit a permanent Midday Assistant. The position is for a total of 1.5 hours a day on Mondays - Fridays from 12:00pm to 1:30pm, term time only. The hourly rate is: £11.79 plus holiday pay. For further information and an application form please contact Lindsey Murgatroyd – lindsey.murgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk or 01245 353755. No previous experience required as training will be given.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments require an enhanced DBS disclosure, medical check and satisfactory references. In compliance with Safer Recruitment guidelines, CVs cannot be accepted.

We look forward to hearing from you!

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 12th February – 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.**

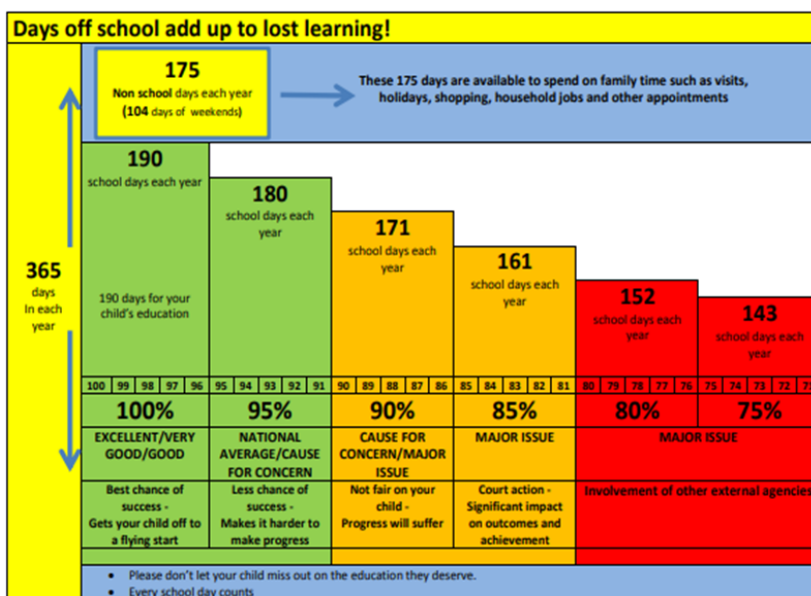


Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). **Further information can be found on** <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

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 % 29.01.24 - 02.02.24	This week % 05.02.24 - 09.02.24
Foundation	98.3%	98.3%
Year 1	95%	98.3%
Year 2	95.7%	95.3%
Year 3	98.8%	96.3%
Year 4	97.5%	92.8%
Year 5	96.9%	99.4%
Year 6	83.9%	94.5%
Whole School Total	95.2%	96.4%

Congratulations to **Reception, Years 1 and 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.

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

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.**

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE

We will again be supporting this charity in school next week by selling the daffodil brooches. The recommended donation is £1 each. Thank you for your support.



Your daffodil will help end of life care reach **every nan, every friend, every auntie, everyone.**

Great Daffodil Appeal

Donate to get your daffodil today

Scanning this QR code will take you to donate.mariecurie.org.uk

Marie Curie

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



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.

Clubs

The clubs for Spring Term 2 will be:

Monday Team sports - years 2, 3 & 4 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(4th March - 25th March = 4 sessions)

Football - years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(4th March - 25th March = 4 sessions)

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

(4th March - 25th March = 4 sessions)

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

(4th March - 25th March = 4 sessions)



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

(27th February - 26th March = 5 sessions)

Football - years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(27th February - 26th March = 5 sessions)

Guitar - years 3, 4, 5 & 6

(27th February - 26th March = 5 sessions)



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

(29th February - 28th March = 5 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.