



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

15th March 2024

The Holy Month of St Joseph

Issue 25

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been as busy as ever and with only two weeks to go before the end of term, it is really important that we make the most of it in terms of teaching and learning. Our school community has been buzzing with activity, and I am excited to share some highlights with you.

Firstly, I would like to commend our wonderful Reception class for their outstanding Mother's Day assembly on Monday. The children spoke clearly and sang their hearts out, leaving everyone in the audience beaming with pride. Well done, Reception, on a fantastic first solo event!

On Thursday, we were fortunate to have Fr Martin and Fr Paschal visit our school to offer reconciliation to those children who wished to receive it.

Reconciliation is a significant part of the Lenten journey, and we are truly blessed to have the support of Fr Martin in nurturing the spiritual growth of our children.

As we continue our preparations for the Easter Service, our school community remains focused on prayer, liturgy, and R.E. lessons. These activities not only deepen our understanding of Lent but also bring us closer together as a united school family.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best regards,

Lesley Roche
Headteacher

Infant Junior Concert

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who joined us for the Infant Music Festival this morning. Year 2 students showcased their incredible talent and enthusiasm by singing their hearts out on stage. It was a truly delightful morning filled with joy and pride.



Thought for the weekend!

Love the Lord your God with all
your heart and with all your
soul and with all your mind
and with all your strength...

Love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no commandment
greater than these.

Mark 12:30-31



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

MARCH 2024	
Wednesday, 20th	Year 1 & 2 Parish Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 21st	Year 1 & 2 assembly @ 2.30pm Year 5 - meeting re. residential trip @ 6pm
Tuesday, 26th	Easter Service in Church @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 27th	Year 1 Phonics Screening meeting @ 3.30pm
Thursday, 28th	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15PM - PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL ARK CLUB
APRIL 2024	
Monday, 15th	First Day of Summer Term
Thursday, 18th	Year 1 trip to Pizza Express
Saturday, 20th	Friends Talent show
Monday, 29th	Year 3 class assembly @ 2.30pm
MAY 2024	
Saturday, 11th	Friends Bingo
Monday, 27th - Friday, 31st	Half-term
JUNE 2024	
Monday, 3rd	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 4th	Year 2 Mini Games - details coming soon
Monday, 10th - Wednesday, 12th	Year 6 Residential trip to Bawdsey Manor
Tuesday, 11th	Year 4 - Ancient Egyptian Day - details coming soon
Monday, 24th	Junior Music Festival (choir)
Tuesday, 25th	Year 5 trip to Writtle College - Food and 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 15th March 2024

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

Foundation	Salvin	Gaia
Year 1	T-J	Michelle
Year 2	Ella	Brooke
Year 3	Charlene	Leo
Year 4	Ciara	Elijah
Year 5	Edward	Sofia O'S
Year 6	Sam	Anthony

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 15th March 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (310)	1st (273)	1st (320)	2nd (305)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 15th March 2024

Foundation	Stephen	Clara
Year 1	Antoni	Dhiya
Year 2	Philip	Praise
Year 3	Richmond	Elsie
Year 4	Santiago	Eloise
Year 5	Oscar	Nathalia
Year 6	Caius	Henry

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.**

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

Friends Association News

Talent Show 20/4/24

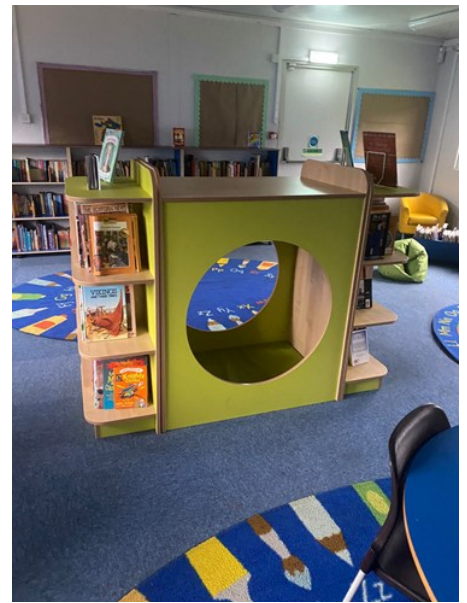
Thank you for all those who have entered. Emails confirming entry and further details will be sent out soon.

Library

The friends helped to fund some of the furniture in the new library. This has been a huge hit with the children and the staff. The children are able to go to the library at lunchtimes and the teachers have been taking the children to the library too.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



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 and 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 - 18th March – Week 2

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>

Year 6 Cross-Country competition

On Tuesday this week, year 6 pupils competed in a cross-country competition against local schools in our area. This was the first time we have competed for several years and both teams did brilliantly, despite the horrendous weather conditions. Many congratulations to our participants as in the team competition, our girls finished fourth overall and our boys finished tenth. In the individual competition, once again OLI pupils shone with Aoife finishing fourth and Sophie finishing thirteenth out of a field of 126 girls. Many thanks to James Connor for preparing them for the competition.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy week with a trip to Wagamama's and our Infant Music Festival. Children represented the school fantastically at both events and had a wonderful time!



Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 04.03.24 - 08.03.24	This week % 04.03.24 - 08.03.24
Foundation	97.7%	99.3%
Year 1	94.7%	96.7%
Year 2	95.7%	99.3%
Year 3	97.2%	93.8%
Year 4	94.4%	93.4%
Year 5	97.6%	95.8%
Year 6	97.4%	91.3%
Whole School Total	96.4%	95.6%

Congratulations to Reception and year 2 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.

PATHWAY FOR PARENTS

From time to time, parents and carers may have concerns about their son or daughter's education and/or wellbeing at school. Quite often this is due to a misunderstanding about school policy or practice. Sometimes the pupil may be behaving unusually at home or at school and/or expressing their own concerns. Whatever the situation, we would encourage you, and/or your child, to **talk to us about it at the earliest opportunity** so that we can help sort out the problem.

If it is your child's academic progress that you wish to speak to us about, or if it is an issue around your child's wellbeing (for example, bullying or other anxiety), please ask to see their teacher in the first instance or make an appointment, through the School Office, telephone number 01245 353755, or via our Parent email address: Parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk or in person at Reception.

Our Lady Immaculate School emphasises the partnership between parents, church and school and the majority of concerns can be dealt with through informal contacts, usually with the class teacher and, sometimes, the Headteacher. Most concerns and complaints can be sorted out quickly by speaking with your child's class teacher.

If, having spoken to the class teacher, you still have concerns, you should see the Headteacher who will look into the problem and discuss their findings with you so that we can find a way forward together which serves the best interest of both the school and your child.

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.



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

