



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

22nd March 2024

The Month of the Holy Family

Issue 27

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. This week has once again flown by, and with just one more week to go before we break for Easter, it is hard to believe that the end of term is fast approaching.

During Monday's prayer and liturgy assembly, the children had the opportunity to reflect upon God's perfect promises to us. We explored the symbolism of a heart, which represents a sense of belonging, and listened attentively to God's message to Jeremiah. The children were inspired by the notion that God promises that we all belong to Him through His covenant, and when we follow Jesus, we are invited to be part of His eternal family.

On Thursday, Years 1 & 2 delivered a wonderful assembly to their parents. Unsurprisingly, the children shone and it was a joy to witness their growing confidence as they shared their message about the meaning of Easter.

I want to express my thanks to all the parents who took the time to attend and support their children. As usual, your presence makes these moments even more special.

As we approach Holy Week, I am delighted to let you know that the Juniors will be holding their Easter Service in the Church on Tuesday, 26th. This event promises to be a meaningful and memorable experience for our pupils, and I encourage you all to join us. Your presence will undoubtedly make a difference.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, whatever you may be up to.

Warm regards,

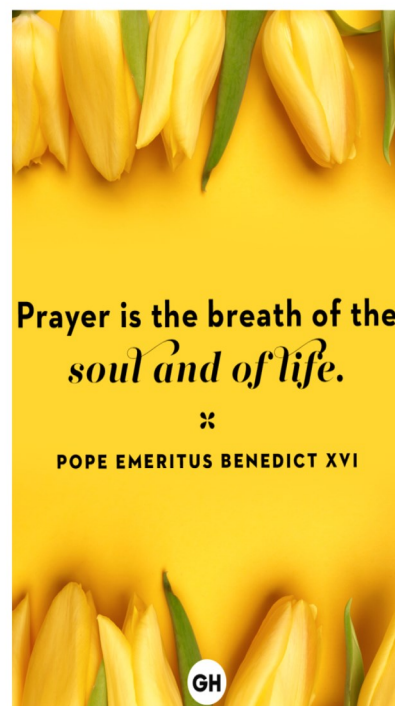
Mrs Lesley Roche
Headteacher

A prayer for Holy Week



God as we walk through
Holy week toward the cross
May we remember
the wonder of who you are.
Beyond sin
your love is inexhaustible,
Beyond brokenness
your forgiveness is
incomprehensible.
Beyond betrayal
your grace is poured out
eternally,
Beyond death
your life is unimaginable.
Beyond human
understanding,
Your ways are always
higher than ours.
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Thought for the weekend!



**Prayer is the breath of the
*soul and of life.***

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

MARCH 2024	
Tuesday, 26th	Easter Service in Church @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 27th	Mini Vinnies - The Big Lent Walk (£1 or £2 donation) 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
Tuesday, 18th	Year 3 trip to Colchester Museum
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 22nd March 2024

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

Foundation	Oliver W	Ayla
Year 1	Lewis	Jessica
Year 2	Violet	Lucas
Year 3	Molly	Hugh T-C
Year 4	Joselyn	Emily
Year 5	Abril	Chimdike
Year 6	Patrick	Asia

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 22nd March 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (324)	3rd (280)	2nd (334)	1st (320)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 22nd March 2024

Foundation	Thiem	Hector
Year 1	Jan	Claudia
Year 2	Nahson	Aisling
Year 3	Sebastian	Jocelyn
Year 4	Lachlan	Isabella
Year 5	Victor	Maria
Year 6	Roisin	Alessia

The Big Lent Walk

The Mini Vinnies are organising "THE BIG LENT WALK" to raise money for CAFOD.

Please bring in a donation of £1 or £2 and walk for 2km on Wednesday, 27th March.

Thank you

The Mini Vinnies

Friends Association News

Easter hampers

We will be free Easter hamper raffle for the children in school next week, so would kindly ask for any donations of Easter chocolates or crafts or soft toys to make up the hampers. Please leave them in the trolley in the playground.

The friends will be giving each child a small chocolate Crème egg type egg and a free from equivalent.

Talent show

Emails to the talent show contestants will be going out today. Tickets for the event will be on sale soon.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



FINAL FUN FUNDRAISER !



Our school council team is holding a final fun fundraiser to raise money for the schools new stationery equipment. All our teamwork has resulted in us raising over a fantastic £245! Our team is very grateful for everybody who donated. We'll be selling similar things to last time e.g.: fidgets and books, plus some notebooks and sticky notes. This time to stop confusion, year 6 will visit every classroom with the gifts to sell to make sure their purchases are directly put into their schoolbags. Our team only ask to bring up to £1 as nothing is over the price. Also, as there is a lack of stock, children will be asked to only take a small gift so everybody has a chance to get something. We ask if you can support this cause on Monday, 25th March and at no later date. Just to remind parents, if your child forgets any money reservations are not open. If possible, donations are very welcome.

Best wishes,

Roisin, Scarlett and the rest of the school council team

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 25th March – 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>

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.**

Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 11.03.24 - 15.03.24	This week % 18.03.24 - 22.03.24
Foundation	99.3%	100%
Year 1	96.7%	95.3%
Year 2	99.3%	94%
Year 3	93.8%	100%
Year 4	93.4%	93.8%
Year 5	95.8%	98.2%
Year 6	91.3%	95.2%
Whole School Total	95.6%	96.7%

Congratulations to Reception, year 3 and year 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.

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.

Cubs Swimming Gala

Well done to all the year 4 children who participated in the Cubs swimming gala last Saturday. Daniel and Matilda got into the finals of their races. We had 12 children swimming making up the 3 teams representing the 23rd Chelmsford cub pack. Mrs Cameron and all the parents are extremely proud of their achievements, they made their cub pack very proud!



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



Clubs

The clubs for Summer Term 1 will be:

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

(15th April - 20th May = 5 sessions)

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

(15th April - 20th May = 5 sessions)

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

(15th April - 20th May = 4 sessions - **please note there is no session on Monday, 22nd April**)

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

(15th April - 20th May = 5 sessions)



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

(16th April - 21st May = 6 sessions)

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

(16th April - 21st May = 6 sessions)

Guitar - years 3, 4, 5 & 6

(16th April - 21st May = 6 sessions)



Wednesday **Dance - years 3, 4, 5 & 6**

(17th April - 22nd May = 6 sessions)

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

(18th April - 23rd May = 6 sessions)

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

(18th April - 23rd May = 5 sessions - **please note there is no session on Thursday, 4th May**)

Basketball - years 5 & 6

(18th April - 23rd May = 6 sessions)

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.