



The Rosary Trust

'With God all things are possible'

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

19th April, 2024

The month of Holy Spirit

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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,

It was lovely to see children and staff return after the Easter holiday looking refreshed, rested and ready for the summer term.

During Monday's Prayer and Liturgy assembly, the children were introduced to our new Virtue to live by: **Resilience**. Given that the summer term is the final stretch until the finish line, it seems aptly appropriate!

Indeed, we always expect the children to step it up, give of their best and rise to the challenges of their final term in the academic year. This is a particularly significant term for our Year 6 children as they continue to prepare themselves for the next chapter in their lives.

During the assembly, the children reflected on what we mean by the word **Resilience**. They learned that to be resilient is to accept that there will be difficulties in life; to see these as a challenge and not to be discouraged. The children understood from this that when we persevere, even when we have doubts, in our hearts we remain committed.

The children identified several signs of **Resilience**, including not letting doubts stop them from trying, not being afraid because they know they are not alone, and asking God for help in growing through personal challenges. They also recognised the importance of taking one step at a time, completing what they start, and being a reliable classmate.

Finally, despite a decline in successful applications across the education sector, I am thrilled to share with you the news that the school has been awarded the funds to build a much-needed porch and secure perimeter fencing.

I cannot express enough how delighted I am about the positive impact this will have on our school community, creating a safer and more secure environment for our children and our staff.

This is my **fourth** successful bid since I began my headship at Our Lady Immaculate in 2019, but for me, the one I am most proud of!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, whatever you are up to.

Warm regards,
Mrs Lesley Roche

Thought for the weekend!

"Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not."

Thomas Huxley

Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful experience at Pizza Express on Thursday, where they created and ate their own pizzas!

I would like to thank all parents that came along to help out on the day. Without your continued support, these enriching experiences would not be able to go ahead.

Our Lady Immaculate's Family

I would like to remind everyone that we are a Catholic school community, and it is vital that we treat each other with kindness and respect both within and outside the school gates. We are the models for our children, and it is our responsibility to instill these values in them.



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Culture Design Group

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

APRIL 2024	
Saturday, 20th	Friends Talent show
Wednesday, 24th	Year 3 Mass - 9.30am
Monday, 29th	Year 3 class assembly @ 2.30pm
MAY 2024	
Wednesday, 1st	Year 4 Mass - 9.30am
Wednesday, 8th	Year 5 Mass - 9.30am
Wednesday, 15th	Year 1 & 2 Mass - 9.30am
Friday, 17th	May Procession @ 2.30pm in the School Hall
Wednesday, 22nd	Year 6 Residential 2024 meeting with Mrs Catchpole @ 6pm in school hall
Friday, 24th	Family Day (Mass, Open Day & Races) School closes at 3.15pm - no After school club
Monday, 27th - Friday, 31st	Half-term
JUNE 2024	
Monday, 3rd	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 4th	Year 2 Mini Games - details coming soon
Wednesday, 5th	Reception & year 6 Mass - 9.30am
Monday, 10th - Wednesday, 12th	Year 6 Residential trip to Bawdsey Manor
Tuesday, 11th	Year 4 - Ancient Egyptian Day
Wednesday, 12th	Year 5 Mass - 9.30am
Tuesday, 18th	Year 3 trip to Colchester Museum
Wednesday, 19th	Year 4 Mass - 9.30am
Monday, 24th	Junior Music Festival (choir)
Tuesday, 25th	Year 5 trip to Writtle College - Food and Farming Day
Wednesday, 26th	Year 3 Mass - 9.30am Year 6 theatre trip

JULY 2024	
Wednesday, 3rd	Year 2 Mass - 9.30am
Wednesday, 10th	Year 1 Mass - 9.30am
Wednesday, 17th	Reception Mass - 9.30am Year 6 Leavers disco - 1.30pm - 3pm (TBC)
Thursday, 18th	Leavers Mass/Prizegiving - 6.30pm in the Church (TBC)
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 19th April 2024

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

Foundation	Edward	Olivia
Year 1	Cameron	Hannah
Year 2	Aisling	Anna
Year 3	Agatha	Alexander
Year 4	Hanna	Paul
Year 5	Edward	Dorian
Year 6	Isabella	Isla

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 19th April 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (336)	4th (291)	1st (348)	2nd (333)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 19th April 2024

Foundation	Rupert	Kezia
Year 1	Richmond	Annie
Year 2	Toby	Violet
Year 3	Ronnie	Molly
Year 4	Russell	Charlotte
Year 5	Brian	Abigail
Year 6	Jack	Agnese

Friends Association News

Talent Show

Good luck to all the children taking part in the talent show on Saturday.

Tickets will be available at pick up today and on the door on Saturday.

Tickets are £5 for an adult and £3 for a child.

Doors open at 4.45pm for a 5pm start.

There will be a licensed bar and a tuck shop.

Please come along and support our talented children.

Bingo

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the bingo and we will advise you if we are able to find an alternative date.

Friends meeting

The next friends meeting is Wednesday 1st May please come along and be an active part of the friends, everyone is welcome.

Many thanks

The friends



Message from the SVP

Colourworx Colour and Style Demo

Fantastic opportunity to get the inside deal on what colours really flatter your skin tone and make the most of your personal style.

Sandra, a Colour and Style Coach will give you the tools and the confidence to look and feel amazing. The 45-minute practical demo will help you understand which colours work best for you so you'll need to buy less clothes and make more of what you've got already in your wardrobe!

Mrs Sophie Gibbs has very kindly agreed to be our model!!

The live talk is in OLI Church Hall on Saturday May 11th at 11.15am followed by tea, coffee, cake and a chance to browse and buy accessories. Tickets £8 in advance, £10 on the door. Bring some friends! All proceeds go to the SVP.

Apply: SecretarySVPChelmsford@svp.org.uk. Tickets on sale after all masses on weekends of April 21st and April 28th.



"Empowering women to find their own unique style and become the best version of themselves using colour, that makes them look good and feel good too."

What is it?

A 45 minute practical demo with colour and style coach Sandra Sparrowhawk

You will come away with an understanding of what colours work well for you, so you can look and feel amazing - and make more outfits with less clothes!

Come be inspired, have fun and browse accessories for sale.

When: Saturday 11th of May at 11:15AM

Venue: Our Lady Immaculate Church Hall, New London Road, Chelmsford, CM2 0RG

Tickets: £8 in advance, £10 on the door. All proceeds to Chelmsford St. Vincent de Paul Society, a charity supporting those in need in the local community.



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Email
SecretarySVPChelmsford@svp.org.uk
or text 07531 241124 to get your ticket

BEAT THE STREET

A huge congratulations to all the families who participated in the "Beat the Street" challenge. It was fantastic to see so many of our students and their families getting active and exploring our local community. I am delighted to announce that Our Lady Immaculate Primary came in third place overall! This is a wonderful achievement and a testament to the enthusiasm and energy of our school community.



YEAR 1 TRIP TO PIZZA EXPRESS



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

Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 25.03.24 - 28.03.24	This week % 15.04.24 - 19.04.24
Foundation	100%	92.3%
Year 1	90.8%	95.7%
Year 2	95.8%	98%
Year 3	100%	97.8%
Year 4	96.5%	98.4%
Year 5	98.9%	97%
Year 6	96.4%	96.1%
Whole School Total	97%	96.5%

Congratulations to years 2, 3, 4 & 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.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 22nd April – 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>

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.

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

