

'With God all things are possible'



The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

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The month of Mary

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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 had a wonderful long weekend filled with quality time spent with your families.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome our Vice Chair of Governors, Mr James Johnson, into school. During his visit, Mr Johnson had the opportunity to observe classes, review pupil's work and engage in meaningful conversations with our pupils. He was delighted to witness the vibrant religious life that permeates our school community. Mr Johnson expressed his enthusiasm for returning soon to experience the full breadth of our curriculum in action.

Next week, our Year 6 students will be sitting their SATs. These dedicated learners have been diligently preparing, and we are immensely proud of their hard work and determination. We wish them the very best of luck and encourage them to approach these assessments with confidence, knowing that their efforts will undoubtedly pay off.

Finally, I would like to remind you all to join us for the May Procession at 2:45 pm on Friday. This special event will honour our patron saint, Mary, and provide an opportunity for us to come together as a community to celebrate our shared faith and values.

Warm regards,
Mrs Lesley Roche

Virtues to live by'



*"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better or happier.
Be the living expression of God's kindness;
kindness in your face,
kindness in your eyes,
kindness in your smile,
kindness in your warm greeting"
St. Teresa of Calcutta*

For the next three weeks, we will be growing in the Virtue of '**Kindness**'.

Kindness is when we think about how others feel and choose to do something good to bring help, comfort or happiness. We choose to be kind because we see that everybody and everything is part of God's creation.

When we are kind to other people we recognise their God-given dignity as a child of God. Being kind brings people together, combats suffering, dispels loneliness and builds up community and God's kingdom. When we show **Kindness** to animals and God's creation we show our faith and love for God who asks us to take care of creation. When we are kind we show our humility because we know we depend on God and His creation for everything.

This fits in perfectly with our "Three Golden Rules" : **Ready, Respectful, Kind** .

Thought for the weekend!



No act of kindness,
no matter how
small, is ever
wasted.

Aesop

BrainyQuote

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

MAY 2024	
Wednesday, 15th	Year 1 & 2 Mass - 9.30am
Friday, 17th	May Procession @ 2.45pm in the School Hall (children to bring a flower)
Tuesday, 21st	Art Solutions Day - please bring in newspaper and large tubs
Wednesday, 22nd	Art Solutions Day - please bring in newspaper and large tubs Year 6 Residential 2024 meeting with Mrs Catchpole @ 6pm in school hall
Friday, 24th	Family Day (Mass @ 9am, 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	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
Friday, 14th	Friends - Father's Day gift sale
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 2 Mass - 9.30am Year 6 theatre trip
Saturday, 29th	Friends Summer Festival
JULY 2024	
Wednesday, 3rd	Year 3 Mass - 9.30am
Tuesday, 9th	Year 6 - The Rosary Trust trip to St. Thomas More's - details coming soon
Wednesday, 10th	Year 1 Mass - 9.30am

JULY CONT...	
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 10th May 2024

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

Foundation	Aaliyah	Nathalia
Year 1	Tadhg	Jessica
Year 2	Lilian	Amari
Year 3	Agatha	Sean
Year 4	Eloise	Santiago
Year 5	Akosua	Oscar H
Year 6	Damia	Caius

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 10th May 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (372)	1st (332)	1st (382)	3rd (361)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 10th May 2024

Foundation	Oliver B	Adaora
Year 1	Jan	Molly
Year 2	Lucas	Jessica
Year 3	Filip	Molly
Year 4	Max	Isabella
Year 5	Cillian	Malachy
Year 6	George	Taid

Friends Association News

Father's day gift sale

We need volunteers to help run the father's day gift sale on Friday 14th June. If anyone can help please get in contact with one of the friends or email the friends friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

Summer festival - Sat 29th June

We are starting to plan the summer festival, and the team have secured a number of brilliant prizes already. We will be asking for volunteers to help us run stalls, If you would like to get involved please do get in touch. Further information and requests will be coming out in the near future.

Many thanks

The friends



SPORTING AT OLI



High 5's Netball match - OLI -v- Danbury Park

On Wednesday the 8th May, the year 6 netball team had a netball match against Danbury Park school. It was a fantastic match with an amazing win. The end result was 26-0 with everyone playing at least two quarters of 6 minutes each. We have one more league match to on the 16th and a tournament on the 21st before half-term. We all hope that we can take back more victories for our school in the following matches to come.

The netball team

Roisin, Scarlett, Erin, Isla, Sophie, Conor & Beatrice

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.**

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.



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 13th May – 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>

Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 29.04.24 - 03.05.24	This week % 07.05.24 - 10.05.24
Foundation	94.3%	95.4%
Year 1	94.7%	96.7%
Year 2	95.9%	100%
Year 3	99.1%	93.8%
Year 4	94.4%	94.5%
Year 5	91.8%	95.5%
Year 6	96.8%	98.4%
Whole School Total	95.3%	96.3%

Congratulations to years 2 & 6 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.