'With God all things are possible'





17th May 2024

The month of Mary

Issue 29

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

Dear Parents and Carers.

This week our amazing Year 6 children sat statutory assessments in Maths, Reading, Spelling and Grammar. All the staff involved in the administration of these assessments were extremely proud of how much the children have grown over the past year.

Maturity and stoicism prevailed as the children silently worked through the test materials, without complaint. They were truly remarkable and deserve to do fantastically!

Looking ahead, the upcoming week promises to be a whirlwind of exciting activities and events. On Monday, our Year 6 children will have the privilege of welcoming representatives from Tesla, who will be sharing invaluable insights into careers in the fascinating field of engineering. This unique opportunity will undoubtedly inspire and ignite their curiosity, opening their minds to the boundless possibilities that lie ahead.

On Tuesday and Wednesday we will witness a collaborative effort like no other, as our entire school community unites to create six pieces of religious artwork that will adorn the walls of our school. We eagerly anticipate the involvement of numerous parent volunteers, transforming this endeavour into a true community project.

If you haven't already done so, kindly sign up with Mrs Williams and remember to contribute any old newspapers or magazine/ice cream tubs you may have. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Friends Association for their generous support, making this event a reality.

Finally, we will be concluding the week with our highly anticipated Family and Sports Day. Let us collectively pray for sunshine giving families a few hours in their busy schedules to celebrate their children's work together and revel in the spirit of camaraderie and friendly competition.

Warmest regards,

Lesley Roche Headteacher

May Procession

I would like to thank everyone who joined us this afternoon for the May Procession.

It is always a joy to come together as a school community to celebrate our Patron Saint, strengthening the bonds that bind us together.



Thought for the weekend!



A Family Celebration!

It was a joyous occasion at Our Lady Immaculate Church this past Sunday as Sophie and her younger brother Elliot celebrated their First Holy Communion together. The celebration was made even more special as they also witnessed the baptism of their baby brother, welcoming him into the Church. I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the family on this blessed day in their spiritual journey. **Mrs Roche**







SPORTING AT OLI





Football match - OLI -v- St. Anne's

On Thursday, the football team—Aoife, Scarlett, Jack, Ben, Liam Conor, Oscar, Henry, David and Sam played at home against local rivals St. Anne's. We had an amazing match and won 9-1! The girls each scored a hattrick and Sam, Ben and Jack also score 1 goal each. We all enjoyed a great match and we showed great teamwork. We hope to do as well in all our future matches.

The Football team





Please note: new information will be presented in red

MAY 2024			
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		
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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 CLOSES AT 1.30PM	
	Please note that there is no after school club	
Tuesday, 23rd	INSET DAY	

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 17th May 2024

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

Foundation	Miriam	Evie
Year 1	Naia	Alexa
Year 2	Francine	Philip
Year 3	Pola	Ayden
Year 4	Tommy	Kimberley
Year 5	Oscar T	Natalia
Year 6	Aoife	Taid

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 17th May 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (391)	3rd (342)	2nd (394)	3rd (371)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK WEEK ENDING 17th May 2024 **Foundation** Thiem Oliver W Year 1 Ethan Theodora Year 2 Savio Raine-Esme Year 3 Ronnie Mia Year 4 Hartley Belle Year 5 Maria Edith Year 6 Sam Lily

Friends Association News

Sports Day

The friends have arranged for an ice cream van to come onsite for sports day next Friday. The friends association will receive a percentage of their sales.

Father's day sale

The Father's Day gift sale has been moved from the Friday to Wednesday 12th June.

Summer Festival - June 29th

We are currently seeking the main sponsor for our summer festival. If you have a business and wish to promote it within our school community while helping raise money for the school please contact the Friends or Roberta from year 3 and foundation for details.

We will be starting to collate helpers for this event soon, so please contact the friends if you are able to help in any way, it would be very much appreciated.

Many thanks

The friends



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 20th May - 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 %	This week %
	07.05.24 - 10.05.24	13.05.24 - 17.05.24
Foundation	95.4%	98.7%
Year 1	96.7%	97.2%
Year 2	100%	98.1%
Year 3	93.8%	96.3%
Year 4	94.5%	94.2%
Year 5	95.5%	97.1%
Year 6	98.4%	98.7%
Whole School Total	96.3%	97.1%

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.

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.

