

'With God all things are possible'



# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

28th May 2024

The month of Mary

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THE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30 AM. UNTIL 4:00 PM. MONDAY—FRIDAY  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half-term has flown by, culminating in today's Family Day!

The day began with a Thanksgiving Mass led by the Chaplaincy Team and celebrated with Father Martin.

During Mass, Father Martin reminded us of the important job we have to do in looking after our children, helping them to flourish and guiding them in their faith. He also reminded us of the importance of saying "Thank you!"; to each other and to God. This provided a wonderful reminder of the strength of our bonds between **FAMILY, SCHOOL AND CHURCH**, working together to inspire our children to reach personal excellence for themselves and for the Glory of God.

Afterwards, lots of parents came to school to spend time with their children, looking at their work and enjoying lunch together. This was followed by all the fun of an afternoon of track races.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. It was a glorious day, as usual made more special by your presence. The ice-cream van was a welcome treat!

Wishing you and your families a wonderful half-term break. I will be approaching the next half-term with mixed feelings; joy for all that the children will achieve and sadness that it will be my last half term at Our Lady Immaculate School!

## Virtues to live by

As a school community, we are continuing to grow in the Virtue of **Kindness**.

**"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**

## Thought for the weekend



I alone cannot change the world, but  
I can cast a stone across the waters  
to create many ripples.

— Mother Teresa —

AZ QUOTES

Warmest Wishes,  
*Mrs Lesley Roche*

# FAMILY DAY 2024



## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations and best wishes to Oscar, Jocelyn and Ronnie who received the Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion last Sunday. *Mrs Roche*



## **Friends Association News**

### **Sports Day**

We hope you enjoyed the sports day and the ice cream van. We will update you with how much it helped raise for the school.

### **Father's day sale**

The Father's Day gift sale will be on Wed 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.

We also have a number of roles to fill in the friends association next year. Please let the friends know if you are interested in any position.

Many thanks

The friends



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# DATES TO REMEMBER

**Please note: new information will be presented in red**

<b>MAY 2024</b>	
Monday, 27th - Friday, 31st	Half-term
<b>JUNE 2024</b>	
Monday, 3rd	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 4th	Year 2 Mini Games
Wednesday, 5th	Year 6 Mass - 9.30am Class group photos
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 Friends - Father's Day gift sale Year 4 - rearranged Rapid Fire Cricket - 12pm - 3.30pm
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
<b>JULY 2024</b>	
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
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 24th May 2024

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

Foundation	Clara	Stephen
Year 1	Lewis	Annie
Year 2	Rosie	Aidan
Year 3	Nico	Buddy
Year 4	Florence	Lachlan
Year 5	Isaac	Joseph
Year 6	Luke	Scarlett

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 24th May 2024

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

<b>BECKET</b>	<b>CAMPION</b>	<b>FISHER</b>	<b>MORE</b>
2nd (409)	1st (362)	2nd (412)	3rd (387)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 24th May 2024

Foundation	Olaedo	Adaora
Year 1	Luca	Angel
Year 2	Kingsley	Emily
Year 3	Sean	Charlotte
Year 4	Daniel	Emily
Year 5	Dorian	Florence J
Year 6	Sophie	Kwemto

### SEND

Please see the below link for an upcoming SEND workshop

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/send-roadshow-mid-essex?>

## PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS

[parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk](mailto: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.**



## SPORTING AT OLI



### Rounders

On Monday, our year 6 rounders team travelled to Boswells School to play against 6 other schools. We played 4 games in total, winning 2 out of 4 games, scoring 3rd place! We had a rough start but had a great time eventually.

### Football

A good win against a physical team. Once again Our Lady Immaculate played some wonderful football, despite some robust tackling from the opposition. A good finish from David put OLI 1-0 up then a well worked goal resulting in a goal for Isaac. 2 wins from 3 so far! Well done to Liam in goal, Jack and Ben in defence, Cillian, David, Sam in midfield, Isaac and Aoife in attack and finally a captain's performance from Henry!

### Netball

Another fantastic win for the netball team yesterday. They travelled to St. Pius and won 28-0. Everyone played well. We are looking forward to the netball finals after half-term.

### **MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 4th June – Week 1**

**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**

	<b>Last week % 13.05.24 - 17.05.24</b>	<b>This week % 20.05.24 - 24.05.24</b>
Foundation	98.7%	95.4%
Year 1	97.2%	95.2%
Year 2	98.1%	97.1%
Year 3	96.3%	97%
Year 4	94.2%	96%
Year 5	97.1%	96.3%
Year 6	98.7%	95.3%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>97.1%</b>	<b>96.1%</b>

Congratulations to years 2 & 3 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.