

'With God all things are possible'



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 message finds you well as we come to the end of another busy month at Our Lady Immaculate Primary School. May is a special time for us, as we come together to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, our beloved Patron Saint.

In keeping with tradition, I am delighted to invite you to join us for our May procession on

Friday, 17th May at 2:45pm in the school hall.

Together, we will walk as a school community to the statue of Mary, where we will crown her with flowers brought in by the children. It is always a beautiful and meaningful event that brings us closer together as a school family.

In other news, it is my great pleasure to acknowledge the remarkable achievement of our Year 4 children who participated in the public speaking competition on Thursday. Their poise, confidence, and eloquence left a lasting impression on all who witnessed their performances. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and the invaluable skills they have developed through this experience.

As we look ahead, I want to remind you that we have a long weekend coming up, and I hope you all have a chance to relax and enjoy some quality time with your loved ones.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Our Lady Immaculate. Together, we can achieve great things and provide the best possible education for our children.

Warm regards,
Lesley Roche

Year 3 Assembly

Thank you Year 3 for your captivating assembly on the theme of "Energy." Through their use of readings, music, and drama, they enlightened us on the profound significance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Their dedication and creativity truly shone through, leaving us all inspired and enriched.

OLI's Netball Team

I am delighted to congratulate our exceptional netball team for their outstanding performance in their recent match. Their unwavering determination and teamwork resulted in an impressive 19-1 victory, further solidifying their reputation as a formidable force on the court. Well done, team! Your hard work and sportsmanship are truly commendable.

Eco Warriors

This week our dedicated eco group has been actively engaged in promoting environmental stewardship. They recently ventured out into our local community, diligently collecting litter and demonstrating their unwavering commitment to caring for our shared home.

Thought for the weekend!



Mary, my dearest Mother, give me your heart so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate, your heart so full of love and humility, that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life, love Him as you loved Him and serve Him in the distressing disguise of the poorest of the poor.

— Mother Teresa —

AZ QUOTES

OLI Eco Warriors on a mission to look after our Common Home.



Friends Association News

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who attended our friends meeting on Wednesday, we had a record number of attendees and were able to vote on some funding requests. It was great to see some new as well as familiar faces.

Pantomime Christmas 2024

One of the suggestions from a parent was for a full School visit to the civic in December for the Snow White panto. We have agreed to part fund this experience for the children, details will come from the school nearer the time.

Summer festival

We are starting to plan the summer festival, which will be on Saturday 29th June. Please save the date! We will be asking for volunteers to help us run stalls on the day as well as help with prizes. If you would like to get involved please let us know. Further information and requests will be coming out in the near future.

Many thanks

The friends



SPORTING AT OLI



High 5's Netball match - Great Leighs v OLI

On Thursday afternoon, the year 6 netball team travelled to Great Leighs Primary school. Our team; Scarlett, Roisin, Erin, Isla, Conor, Beatrice and Isabella, played a fantastic match of four quarters with great teamwork and shooting. The end result of the game was 19-1 to Our Lady Immaculate. We thoroughly enjoyed the match and hope for more success in future games.

By the Netball team.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

MAY 2024	
Wednesday, 8th	Year 5 Mass - 9.30am
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
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 3rd May 2024

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

Foundation	Finley	Aron
Year 1	Enzo	Kaitlyn
Year 2	Joshua	Francine
Year 3	Esme	Sienna
Year 4	Harry	William
Year 5	Lillie-Mae	Nell
Year 6	Henry	Maks

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 3rd May 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (360)	1st (318)	2nd (368)	3rd (351)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 3rd May 2024

Foundation	Maja	Kitt
Year 1	Adam	Daisy
Year 2	Fabian	Brooke
Year 3	Oscar	Ysabella
Year 4	Paul	Sienna
Year 5	Victor	Aurora
Year 6	Aaron	Grace

SCHOOL COUNCIL ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Mary Mosaic

On Wednesday, the school council and Mrs Baker have begun to repair the Mary mosaic on the school playground. Each member of the school council was given the opportunity to assist by first gathering up the small square mosaic pieces that were used in the original Mary mosaic. Each child in the school council then used a drill to dig deeper holes to level out the concrete when it was freshly poured. Once the concrete is at an equal level, all that remains is to place the mosaic pieces back into position. Each member has also collected the correct coloured mosaic pieces to match the original design. We will keep you updated on what the school council has been doing.



Update on the Fun Fundraiser

We are pleased to say that after the School Council's Fun Fundraiser, we raised almost £300! We are very grateful for all of your donations. We have worked very hard to put this money towards new stationery for all classes to enjoy. We have purchased new rulers, pens and pencils which have been distributed to each class. Once again, thank you for all who donated and we hope you enjoy all of the equipment.

By the school council.



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@

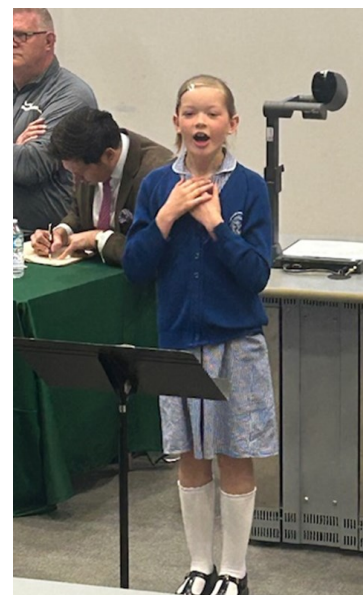
EMAIL ADDRESS NOR VIA SCHOOLCOMMS – THANK YOU.

YEAR 4 PUBLIC SPEAKING

Yesterday, it was my great pleasure to accompany our public speaking team to the prestigious annual Mighty Oaks public speaking competition at Anglian Ruskin University. Our team Belle, Charlotte, Emily, Keva, Max, Paul and Tommy were excellent ambassadors for our school, and despite what I thought was a superb display of public speaking we sadly didn't win this time. However, Belle was recognised by the judges and given their discretionary award, as the line she was meant to perform was changed on the very morning and she was flexible and brave and still did a flawless job, with her new words.

Well done everyone!

Mrs Gibbs



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 6th May – 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

	Last week % 22.04.24 - 26.04.24	This week % 29.04.24 - 03.05.24
Foundation	99.7%	94.3%
Year 1	95.7%	94.7%
Year 2	100%	95.9%
Year 3	98.8%	99.1%
Year 4	96.9%	94.4%
Year 5	96.1%	91.8%
Year 6	96.5%	96.8%
Whole School Total	97.6%	95.3%

Congratulations to year 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.

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.

