'With God all things are possible'





14th June, 2024

The month of Holy Spirit

Issue 33

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting week this has been.

Year 6 enjoyed their much anticipated residential visit to Bawdsey Manor. I hear they all had a great time and enjoyed lots of outdoor activities like raft building, archery and zip lining, despite the unseasonable weather. I am sure this was an unforgettable experience for the children that they will treasure. We extend our thanks to the staff who gave up their time and travelled with the children to make this adventure possible for them.

Year 4 too, had a busy week. They enjoyed their immersive Egyptian experience on Tuesday, at which I understand there was a banquet and an attempted murder! The children were all keen to tell me what a brilliant day they had. Then they attended rapid fire cricket on Wednesday afternoon, where they were excellent ambassadors for the school demonstrating their team skills in fielding and batting and good sportsmanship, as we competed against other schools and in the finals two of our own teams played each other.

There is still lots to look forward to this term. On Tuesday Year 3 are visiting Colchester castle as part of their history topic on the Romans. I am sure they will find this an enlightening visit to the first Ancient Roman capital city of Britain and this will further deepen their understanding of what life was like in Roman times.

Miss Schultz's after school dance club are also performing at the Civic theatre on Tuesday evening, at the 'Gotta dance' showcase. We wish them all good luck.

I would also like to thank our dedicated Friends association for organising the Father's Day sale this week, giving up their time to raise funds to help support the school.

On that note we wish all our Dads and Father figures a happy and blessed Father's Day this Sunday.

Warmest Regards,

Sophíe Gíbbs Deputy Headteacher

Intergenerational morning for Year 5

On Monday this week our Year 5 children were invited to attend an intergenerational event being held at the Essex County Cricket Ground. This special event saw children from local schools coming together with local care home residents, to experience some cricket related activities and see the Venn bowling machine, that the professional cricketers use to practice their batting, in action.

It was a lovely morning and the children were wonderful representatives of our school and community.

Reminder

Please can we remind all parents that KS2 children should have healthy snacks for breaktimes.

This can include fruit, rice cakes, veggie sticks and yoghurt tubes.

Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school.

If you are looking for some new snack inspiration please check out the link below

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/#:~:text=Have%20chopped%20and%20ready%2Dto,can%20eat%20with%20their%20fingers.

Thought for the weekend



"The one who has hope lives differently; the one who hopes has been granted the gift of a new life."

- Pope Benedict XVI

Congratulations!

Congratulations and best wishes to Buddy, Charlene, Ysabella, Ciara and Nico who received the Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion last Sunday. Mrs Gibbs









YEAR 4 - HISTORY OFF THE PAGE













Please note: new information will be presented in red

JUNE 2024			
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		
Wednesday, 10th	Year 1 Mass - 9.30am		
Tuesday, 16th	Year 6 Leavers Performance - 6.30pm (TBC)		
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	day, 22nd LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1.30PM Please note that there is no after school club		
Tuesday, 23rd	INSET DAY		
SEPTEMBER 2024			
Tuesday, 3rd	First day of Autumn Term		

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.

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MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 14th June 2024

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

Foundation	Gaia	Rupert
Year 1	Antoni	Molly
Year 2	Hugo	Violet
Year 3	Alexander	Filip
Year 4	Hanna	Charlotte
Year 5	Lara-Rose	Joseph
Year 6	Scarlett	Teddy

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 14th June 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (436)	1st (386)	2nd (440)	3rd (398)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK					
WEEK ENDING 14th June 2024					
Foundation	Helena	Salvin			
Year 1	Cameron	Rachel			
Year 2	Nahson	Sienna			
Year 3	Avery	Hugh T-C			
Year 4	Charlie	Eloise			
Year 5	Victor	Oscar H			
Year 6	Grace	Damia			

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

On Monday we, the year 6's, left school to go to Suffolk for our school trip. Once we arrived at Bawdsey Manor there were many exciting activities waiting for us. These included:

- Giant swing [one of our favourites]
- Zipline
- Problem solving
- Challenge course

- Raft building [also one of our favourites]
- Climbing
- Archery
- Beach walk

Disco

We were well fed. We visited the canteen for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We were given our rooms and were very excited to see that there were triple bunks! On the first night the girls woke up at 5 in the morning and decided to get dressed and ready for the day and the boys were still sleeping. On Tuesday night we went to the disco in the big Manor House. It was great fun, lots of lights, dancing and singing. The next day everyone's voices were gone. We all had the best time ever and were so sad to leave.

Written by Aoife, Erin and Agnese

Friends Association News

Father's day Sale

Thank you for supporting this years Father's Day sale, we raised around £460. We hope that all the male figures in your children's lives enjoy receiving their gifts and have a lovely day on Sunday. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all volunteers who helped on Thursday and a special thank you to Laura and Mrs Wright.

Summer festival

https://signup.com/go/JWkELtJ

Please see the below link to sign up to volunteer for the summer festival. We are trying something different this year, each year group will be allocated a couple of stalls to cover. We are extremely grateful for your help to make the day successful and run smoothly.

Facebook link to the festival post

https://www.facebook.com/groups/638225622957943/permalink/7627036564076779/

Hamper donations

Also, this year we would like to make up themed hampers for the raffle. We would really appreciate any donations of new items. We have assigned each class a theme and posters for suggested donations have been sent to each individual class.

On Friday 28th June, the day before the festival we will be asking for a bottle donation for the bottle tombola, in return for a dress down day.

Many thanks from the friends association





MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 17th June - 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

Attendance 94% and below 94% - 97% 97% and above Attendance Data: Last week % This week % 04.06.24 - 07.06.24 10.06.24 - 14.06.24 Foundation 97.1% 99% Year 1 95.4% 98.3% Year 2 100% 98.7% Year 3 97.1% 93.1% Year 4 96.9% 93.1% Year 5 96.6% 98.5% Year 6 99.2% 97.4% Whole School Total 96.9% 97.4%

Congratulations to Reception, years 1, 2, 3, 5 & 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.