

'With God all things are possible'



The Rosary Trust

# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

5th July, 2024

The Holy Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

Issue 36

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have spent quite a lot of time this week reading through your child's report. It has been wonderful to hear how much progress they have made and how ready they are for the challenges that next year will bring. These will be sent home on Friday, 19th July, and I am sure that you will be equally as proud of your child's achievement as I am.

Without your loving support, none of this would be possible, and I would like to thank you all for working with the school to enable your child to reach their full potential.

This week, our Year 5 pupils had an exciting opportunity to attend a taster day at St John Payne Secondary School. This experience provided them with a fantastic glimpse into secondary school life, helping to prepare them for their upcoming transition next year. As you know, St John Payne is a feeder school for Our Lady Immaculate, and we hope that your child returned home enthusiastic about the prospect of attending this excellent institution in the future.

On a personal note, I recently attended my final Full Governing Body meeting at Our Lady Immaculate. I would like to take this moment to express my profound gratitude to all the governors who have supported me throughout my five years as headteacher. These dedicated individuals generously volunteer their time and expertise to ensure that our school maintains its strategic direction, ultimately benefiting your children and helping them achieve the best possible outcomes. Their commitment to our school community is truly commendable.

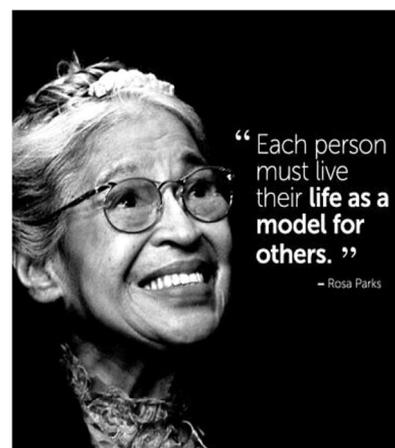
As we begin to wind down the school year, I am filled with a sense of pride and gratitude for all that we have accomplished together. The achievements of our children, the dedication of our staff, and the support of our parent community have all contributed to making this year a resounding success.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, whatever your plans.

Warmest regards,

*Mrs Lesley Roche*  
*Headteacher*

## Thought for the weekend!



## OLI Summer Festival!

Last Saturday, we had the opportunity to come together as a school community for our Friends' Association Summer Festival. As always, it was a resounding success and I would like to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the Festival possible.

A special mention goes to Karen Charles-Foster and the Friends' Association committee - your hard work and commitment are the driving forces behind these events, and we are truly grateful for all that you do!

These moments of community spirit are truly special and are definitely something that I am going to miss.

## **Congratulations!**

Following a fantastic season where they won the Chelmsford small school netball league, this week the Year 6 netball team placed third in the Netball tournament, earning themselves a bronze medal. They have played exceptionally well all season, and we are very proud of their achievements.



## **Year 5 Taster Day**

Year 5 visited St John Payne for a taster day on Thursday. They had an excellent day participating in a Science, French, PE and English lesson.



# DATES TO REMEMBER

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

JULY 2024	
Tuesday, 9th	Year 6 - The Rosary Trust trip to St. Thomas More's
Wednesday, 10th	Year 1 Mass - 9.30am Transition afternoon - 1.45pm - 2.45pm
Tuesday, 16th	Year 6 Leavers Performance - 6.30pm
Wednesday, 17th	Reception Mass - 9.30am Year 6 Leavers disco - 1.30pm - 3pm
Thursday, 18th	Leavers Mass/Prizegiving - 6.30pm in the Church
Monday, 22nd	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM Please note that there is no after school club <b>Friends Association non-uniform day - £1 donation</b>
Tuesday, 23rd	INSET DAY
SEPTEMBER 2024	
Tuesday, 3rd	First day of Autumn Term

## School Vacancies

### Catering Assistant

We are looking for a Catering Assistant to join our lunchtime team to work 10 hours per week, 12.00pm to 2.00pm Monday to Friday - term time only. The role includes serving meals to children, general cleaning duties (including all equipment and machines), maintaining high levels of hygiene standards and may include cooking and preparing food/salad bar. The successful candidate will be able to work as part of a team. The role is physical and demanding, but we can offer a happy environment to work in. Training will be given.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. As such the post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure Barring check, medical clearances and satisfactory references.

Visits to our school are welcomed and further information can be obtained by contacting the Business Manager, Mrs. Lindsey Murgatroyd. Tel. 01245 353755 or by email

[lindsey.murgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk](mailto:lindsey.murgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk)

### 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.**

## MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 5th July 2024

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

Foundation	Ayla	Aaliyah
Year 1	Dhiya	Michelle
Year 2	Gabriel	Kallie
Year 3	Agatha	Peter
Year 4	Ciara	Daniel
Year 5	Abigail	Florence J
Year 6	Sophie	Agnese

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 5th July 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (475)	3rd (420)	1st (484)	1st (439)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 5th July 2024

Foundation	Stephen	Edward
Year 1	Tadhg	Daisy
Year 2	Lilian	Philip
Year 3	Hugh K	Charlotte
Year 4	Lachlan	Matilda
Year 5	Lara-Rose	Aurora
Year 6	Teddy	Conor

### Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding officer: **Mrs Roche**. We also have a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer: **Mrs Gibbs**.

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers to seek further advice.

***“Safeguarding is thinking the unthinkable and then figuring out how to reduce the probability of the unthinkable happening.”***

Graham Fawcet



# Friends Association News

## Festival

Thank you to all of those who helped make the summer festival a fantastic event enjoyed by so many. Thank you to those who helped in the preparation for the event, securing the amazing prizes for the raffle, purchasing items for the event, and those who helped at the event with helping set up, tidying away and running the stalls. Thanks to the DJ too. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. We raised £4,000.

## Royal Institution Energy live show

We hope that your children enjoyed the Energy Live Show at school on Wednesday. We managed to attend the evening parents show and it was fantastic, a great way to encourage an early interest in science with the children. This was made possible by funding raised by the Friends association.

## Friends association volunteers

We have a number of exciting opportunities in the friends association. Please see the poster attached. If you are interested in taking on a role or would like further information please contact Karen Charles-Foster (Current Chair) or email the friends association [friends@ourladyimmacukate.sch.uk](mailto:friends@ourladyimmacukate.sch.uk)

## Non-Uniform day

The last day of term, Monday 22nd July will be non-uniform day for a £1 donation.

Many thanks

Friends Association



## **MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 8th July – 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>

### **SCHOOL PUPIL DETAILS**

If you have moved or if any of your details have changed, please can you inform the Office so we can update your child's records.



### **SQUIRRELS - PACKED LUNCH BOXES**

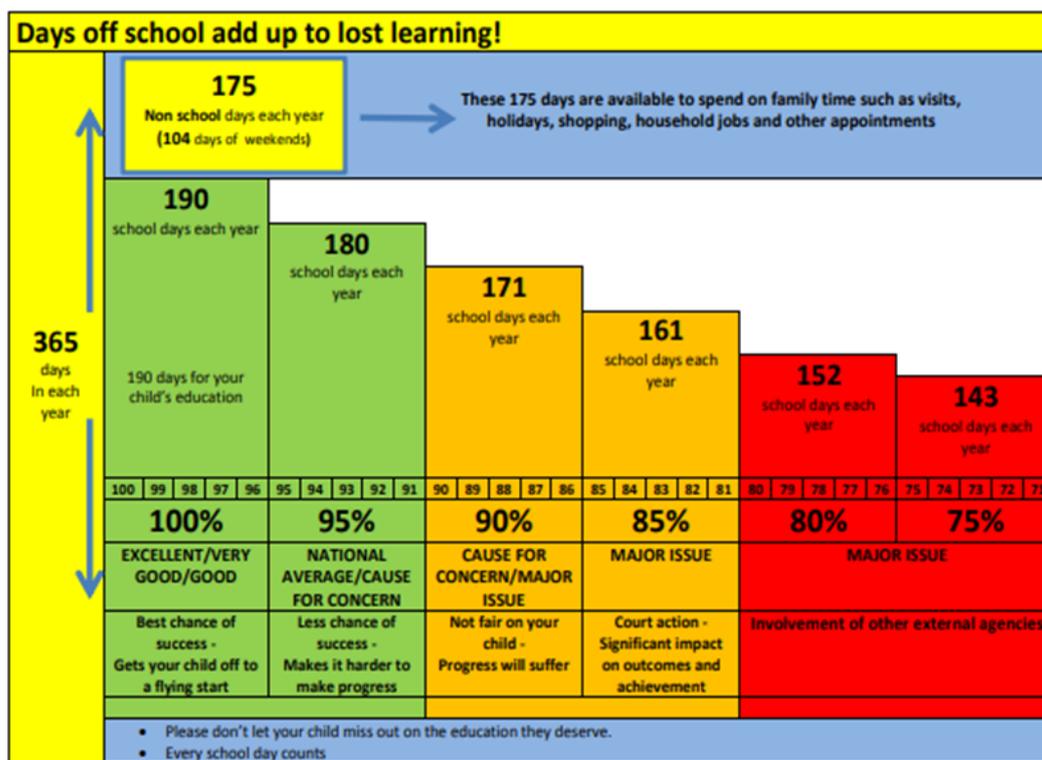
Squirrels are trying to get into the lunch boxes so please ensure your child's lunch is sent into school in a secure lunch box.



## Attendance

We know that these things are unavoidable but please do ensure that your child is in school whenever they can be. Lost learning now has a big impact on children's future learning.

Please be aware that the school is **strictly unable to sanction any holidays** taken during term time.



## Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 24.06.24 - 28.06.24	This week % 01.07.24 - 05.07.24
Foundation	94%	98.3%
Year 1	98%	90.7%
Year 2	97.3%	97%
Year 3	97.1%	92.6%
Year 4	98.8%	95.3%
Year 5	93%	95.2%
Year 6	97.4%	92.9%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>96.5%</b>	<b>94.6%</b>

Congratulations to Reception and year 2 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.