

'With God all things are possible'



The Rosary Trust

# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

27th September 2024

The Holy Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

Issue 4

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week in school, with both our boys' and girls' football teams competing in a tournament at Great Baddow High School. They all played well and were great representatives of OLI. Many thanks to Mrs Daley, Mr Connor, Miss Trinnaman, and all the parents and carers who made this possible. Next week we will be attending our first netball rally of the year.

As we are now half way through this first half term it is wonderful to see, as I go round the school, how all the children have settled into their new classes and to hear from staff and parents how much children are enjoying school. Miss Watson and I are grateful for your continuing support.

I would like to thank you again for your patience and forbearance whilst our main entrance continues to be out of action. Can I kindly ask all parents and carers to continue to be considerate and only come to the school office during the school day when it is absolutely necessary.

Just a reminder, as the weather turns cooler and more unpredictable, for all children come to school with a navy or black rain coat please, and just so you are aware, we do not have the facilities to store umbrellas in school.

Please note we have some important events coming up in the next few weeks, including our online safety day with the 2 Johns Wednesday 9th of October - do check out their Facebook page for more information about them. On Monday 14th of October we have our KS1 Harvest Assembly, and remember to look out for information on upcoming Friends Association events, such as our highly anticipated Family disco which will all be happening before half term.

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed weekend,

Warmest regards,

*Mrs Sophie Gibbs*  
Interim Headteacher

## Thought for the weekend!

PRAY, HOPE, AND DON'T  
WORRY. WORRY IS  
USELESS. GOD IS  
MERCIFUL AND WILL  
HEAR YOUR PRAYER.

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## Pre-Loved Uniform



**From Monday 30th of September  
until Friday 25th of October**

Pre-Loved uniform will only be available to browse and purchase after school during ARK opening hours (from the Year 1 classroom). Please ring the bell to notify staff you are waiting.

**Sorry for any inconvenience  
caused this is due to our  
ongoing building works.**

# DATES TO REMEMBER

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

<b>OCTOBER 2024</b>	
Wednesday, 2nd	Year 3 Mass @ 9.30am Netball team - rally at St. Anne's - 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Wednesday, 9th	Year 2 Mass @ 9.30am 2 Johns Online safety training - years 1-6
Monday, 14th	Year 1 and 2 Harvest Assembly @ 2.45pm
Tuesday, 15th	Chaplaincy Retreat Day at New Hall
Wednesday, 16th	Year 1 Mass @ 9.30am
Saturday, 19th	Friends Association School Disco
Tuesday, 22nd	Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm (details coming soon)
Wednesday, 23rd	Year 6 and Reception Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 24th	Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm (details coming soon)
Monday, 28th - Friday, 1st	Half term
<b>NOVEMBER 2024</b>	
Wednesday, 6th	All Saints Day - whole school Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 13th	Year 5 Mass @ 9.30am Year 6 Bikeability (Day 1)
Thursday, 14th	Year 6 Bikeability (Day 2)
Friday, 15th	Whole school Flu immunisations
Wednesday, 20th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 22nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 27th	Year 3 Mass

## MERIT BADGES

**WEEK ENDING 27th September 2024**

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

Foundation	Noelani	Ezra
Year 1	Stephen	Olivia
Year 2	Peter	Claudia
Year 3	Aidan	Brooke
Year 4	Buddy	Charlene
Year 5	Paul	Anna
Year 6	Hattie	Kushal

## HOUSE POINTS

**WEEK ENDING 27th September 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 (50)	1st (49)	1st (43)	3rd (45)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

**WEEK ENDING 27th September 2024**

Foundation	Isla-Mae	Sophia
Year 1	Aron	Kezia
Year 2	Cameron	Rachel
Year 3	Lucas	Marika
Year 4	Hugh K	Elsie
Year 5	Daniel	Kimberley
Year 6	Lillie-Mae	Sofia O'S

### 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 Gibbs** or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer: **Miss Watson**.

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



Our Lady Immaculate fully complies with information legislation. For the full details on how we use your personal information please see our privacy notices which are located on our school website ([www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.org](http://www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.org)) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy

# Friends Association News

## ASDA

The Asda cashpot is at £87.61, please help us to reach £100 before the offer finishes. You do not need to shop at Asda but for every person who downloads the app and selects our school we get £1! Download the app in the following links:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/asda-rewards/id1578902078>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.asda.rewards>

## Pantomime

The whole school will be going to the pantomime at the Civic Theatre in December. This has been part funded by the friends association. Further information will come from the school.

## Disco

The first family disco of the year will be on Saturday 19th October. This is fun for all the family, we will have food, a tuck shop, raffle for the children and bar for the adult. We will be looking for volunteers to help set up, run stalls and clear away so please let us know if you are able to help. Hopefully we will be setting up an online system for buying tickets and signing up to help, further information will come soon.

## Corporate matching for fundraising

Do you work for any of the companies below? Please speak to your employer about how they could help with fundraising for our school. They may be able to match fundraising, allow time for volunteer work or give a donation.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



## MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 30th September – Week 2

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.**

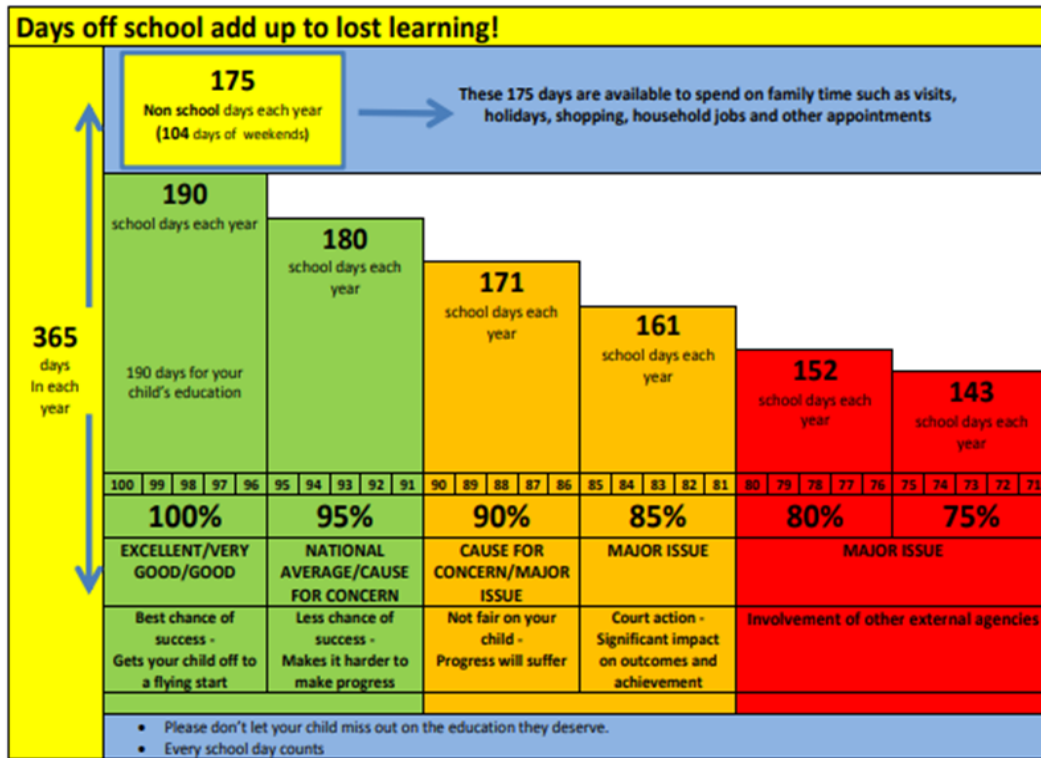


Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). Further information can be found on <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

## Attendance

We know that these things are unavoidable, but please do ensure that your child is in school whenever they can be. Lost learning 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
		<b>Last week %</b> <b>16.09.24 - 20.09.24</b>	<b>This week %</b>
Foundation		91.4%	96%
Year 1		95.5%	96.5%
Year 2		97.7%	99%
Year 3		97.5%	100%
Year 4		96.1%	99.4%
Year 5		97.1%	98.4%
Year 6		91.2%	98.5%
<b>Whole School Total</b>		<b>95.2%</b>	<b>98.3%</b>

Congratulations to Years 2, 3, 4, 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.



## RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 TORTOISE VISIT

The Reception and Year 1 children enjoyed a visit from a tortoise. The visit was planned as part of the RE topic Creation and Covenant. We certainly experienced awe and wonder at the sight of this interesting creature. Thank you to Mr Kelly for bringing in the tortoise and sharing lots of facts with us.



## 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



### Year 6 Girls Football tournament

The girls played in a group of 4, drawing 2, losing 1 which left them 3rd. They progressed to the 9th-12th place group, playing 3 further matches. The girls learnt quickly about rules, positions etc and went on to win their next 3 matches. This left them 9th overall. In total they played:

Moulsham D 0-0

Broomfield L 0-1

Cathedral D 0-0

Writtle W 3-0

Baddow Hall W 1-0

Kings Rd W 2-0



A special mention to both Lillie Mae and Florence J with 3 goals each, Nell only conceding 1 goal in 6 games, Natalia and Abigail great defending, Abril, Sofia, Rhoda, Hattie and Akosua great all round effort!

### Year 5 and 6 boys Football tournament

The Boys played in a very strong football competition. They played 4 group games, managing 1 win and 3 narrow losses. Moving into the next section of the day, they played a further 3 games, drawing 2 and winning 1. Finishing a narrow 2nd in their group. Not the highest finish at the end of the competition but a great experience to take into the league matches. Highlight of the day was winning the 'Catholic School Derby' v St Pius!

Springfield L 1-0

Perry fields L 2-0

St Pius W 1-0

Newland Spring L 1-0

