'With God all things are possible'

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

25th October 2024 **Issue 8**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the children were growing in the virtue of hope. It can be hard to have hope at times, especially when there is so much hardship and uncertainty in the world, but we must never give up; our hope in God is certain; he will deliver us.

Hope is the theme of the upcoming Jubilee Year 2025, which Pope Francis has called Pilgrims of Hope. He is calling us to renew our hope in God and to be signs of hope for others. This half term, we have been signs of hope for others this term through our Harvest food collection. The children in Reception and Years 1, 2, 3 and 6 have also been learning about stewardship in their R.E. topic of Creation and Covenant, learning how we are stewards of the Earth. Next term, we will be raising money for Children in Need and our Eco councillors will be looking at ways we can be better stewards in school.

Recently, we have been welcoming new prospective parents to visit the school. Mrs Williams and I would like to give a special mention this week to our Head Boy and Head Girl, Joseph and Florence, who have assisted in showing parents around and talking so confidently about their school. Thank you and well done.

It was wonderful to have so many parents join the KS2 pupils, pupil Chaplaincy team and myself in praying a decade of the Rosary yesterday in the culmination of the month of devotion to Mary. The pupil Chaplaincy team have experienced a sense of renewed energy following their retreat and they looking forward to leading more services next term.

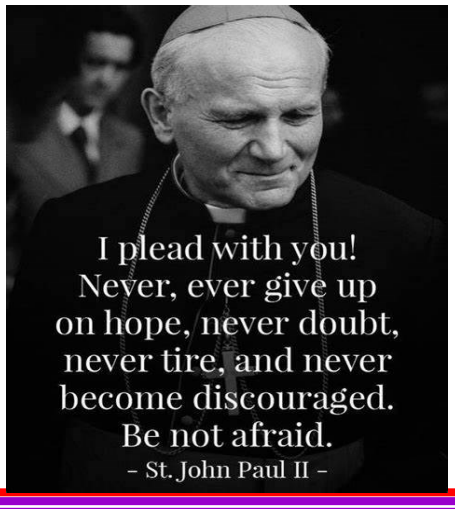
I am sure you will join me in thanking all our dedicated staff for their hard work this half term and I hope you were able to celebrate your child's achievements at parents evening this week. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend. If you weren't able to attend please do speak to your child's teacher to arrange an appointment to meet with them after the half term break.

It remains for Miss Watson and me to thank you all for your continued support and we wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 4th of November. Warmest regards,

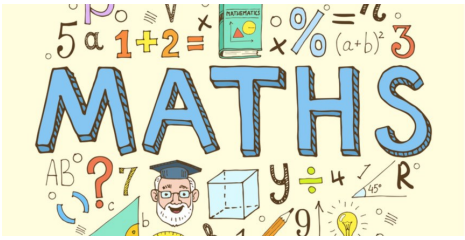
Mrs Sophie Gibbs

Interim Headteacher

Thought for the weekend!



Multiply Maths Parent Sessions



We will be hosting the hugely popular maths multiply parent workshops again on the following dates from 9am-11am in the Parish Hall:

EYFS 14th, 21st, 28th November

KS1 8th, 15th, 29th November

KS2 13th, 20th, 27th November

Refreshments will be available. Parents last year told us these sessions were:

'Very helpful and useful to receive some tips on how to encourage my child to learn maths in a fun, creative way. Loved doing activities, especially play dough activity. Really enjoyed it.'

'Found very helpful with learning different vocabulary for sums.'

DO BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

OCTOBER 2024	
Monday, 28th - Friday, 1st	Half term
NOVEMBER 2024	
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
Saturday, 16th	Friends Association School Disco
Wednesday, 20th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 22nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 27th	Year 3 Mass
DECEMBER 2024	
Monday, 9th	Whole school Feast Day Mass @ 11am
Tuesday, 10th	Panto @ The Civic Theatre @ 10am (details coming soon)
Wednesday, 11th	Children's Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, 17th	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance @ 2.30pm
Thursday, 19th	Candlelight Christmas Service @ 2.30pm in the school hall
Friday, 20th	LAST DAY OF TERM Friends Christmas Gift sale Junior Carol Concert @ 2pm in the Church **PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL ARK - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.15PM**
JANUARY 2025	
Monday, 6th	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 7th	First day of Spring term

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MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 25th October 2024

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

Foundation	Thalia	Kaylyn
Year 1	Ayla	Odhran
Year 2	Jessica	Richmond
Year 3	Marika	Lucas
Year 4	Mia	Hugh T-C
Year 5	Charlotte	Harry
Year 6	Nell	Joseph

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 25th October 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (116)	2nd (101)	3rd (102)	4th (101)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 25th October 2024

Foundation	Grace	Soujoud
Year 1	Hector	Olaedo
Year 2	Jan	Dhiya
Year 3	Philip	Francine
Year 4	Avery	Angelique
Year 5	Tommy	Matilda
Year 6	David C	Rhoda

School Vacancies

Midday Assistant

Our Lady Immaculate School is looking to recruit a permanent Midday Assistant. The position is for a total of 1.5 hours a day on Monday to Friday from 12:00pm to 1:30pm, term time only. The hourly rate is: £11.79, plus holiday pay. For further information and an application form please contact Lindsey Murgatroyd - lindsey.murgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk or call the school office on 01245 353755. No previous experience required as training will be given.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All appointments require an enhanced DBS disclosure, medical check and satisfactory references. In compliance with Safer Recruitment guidelines, CVs cannot be accepted.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Friends Association News

Disco

The date of the first family disco is on Saturday 16th November. This is fun for all the family, we will have hot food, a tuck shop, flashing light toys for sale, a raffle for the children and bar for the adults. Children do need to be accompanied by an adult.

Please get tickets via PTA events, and you can also volunteer to help on this site too.

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/oli-school-friends-association/

Pantomime

The whole school will be going to the pantomime at the Civic Theatre on 10th December. This has been part funded by the Friends Association. Further information will come from the school.

Asda
We have reached £100!! Please continue to help in the last few week of this offer! You do not need to shop at Asda but for every person who downloads the app and selects our school we get £1!. Also, when you shop, money will be given to the friends. So please ask friends and family for their support too.

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, alow time for volunteer work or give a donation.

We hope you have a lovely half term break.

Many thanks

The Friends Association





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.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 4th November – 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

New secondary admission round (Year 6 to 7 transfer September 2025)

The application period for admission to Year 7 in secondary schools for September 2025 opened on Thursday,12 September 2024.

From this date, parents/carers of current Year 6 Essex resident children will be able to make their applications using our website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. Last year, 99% of Essex parents applied online.

As usual, the Council will not be sending out letters to parents/carers about applying. All of the application information is published on the website above.

The closing date of Thursday, 31 October 2024.

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."

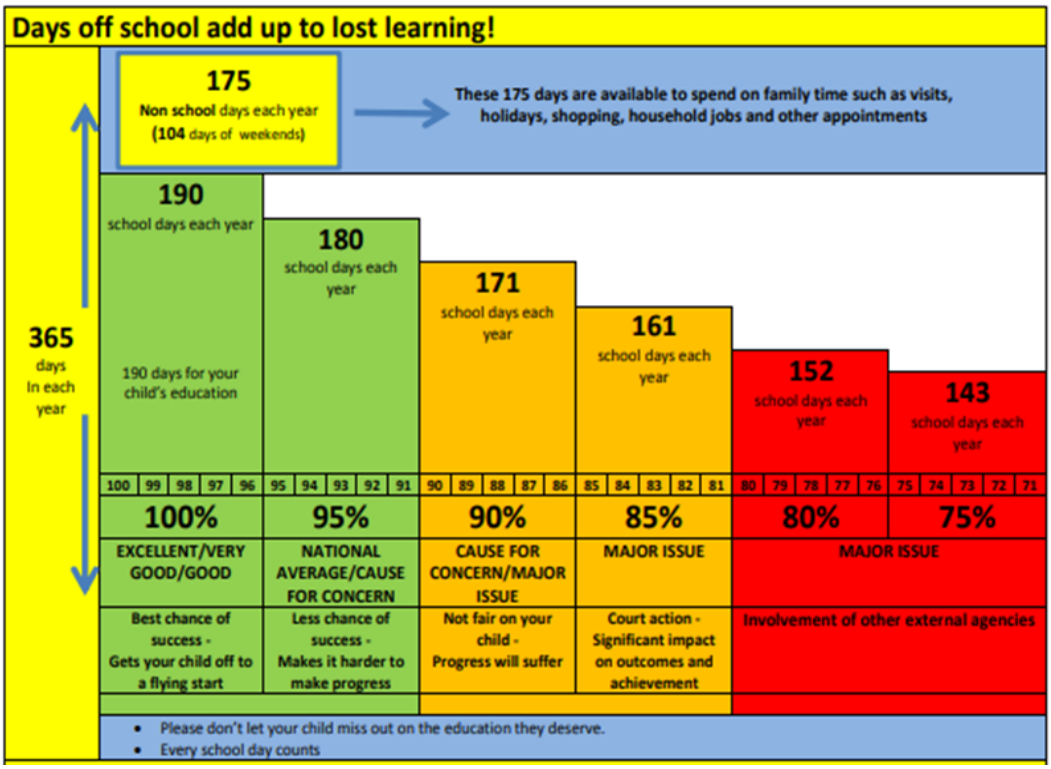
Graham Fawcet



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**

	Last week % 14.10.24 - 18.10.24	This week % 21.10.24 - 25.10.24
Foundation	92.3%	90.2%
Year 1	97.4%	91%
Year 2	95.3%	94.7%
Year 3	98.1%	98.7%
Year 4	99.4%	98.8%
Year 5	97.2%	99.4%
Year 6	96.1%	96.1%
Whole School Total	**96.6%**	**95.6%**

Congratulations to Years 3, 4 & 5 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.