‘With God all things are possible’

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

8th November 2024 **Issue 9**

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 are growing in the virtue of hope.

I am sure you will have all appreciated our new entrance porch finally being open and can see what a wonderful addition this is to the school building. It has been lovely seeing the children all return to school looking smart in their winter uniform, for uniform details please see the uniform section in the newsletter.

There are lots to look forward to this term, including Year 5’s Remembrance Assembly next week, the Friends’ Association family disco, as well as, dare I mention it so early, all our Christmas festivities. You will find all the key dates below, to help you plan your diaries at this busy time of year.

From Monday, 11th November KS2 lunchtime will be from 12.15pm until 1.15pm, instead of 12.25pm to 1.25pm.

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, we are now approaching the upcoming Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. Below is the Jubilee prayer we will be saying in school at each assembly, please do take time to help familiarise your child with the prayer.

God, our loving Father,

In this Jubilee year,

you remind us of our call to love creation.

Help us to work together

to replant, repair, and renew.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Jesus, our light,

In this Jubilee year,

you remind us of our call to love our neighbours

and to set free those who suffer.

Help us to treat everyone with dignity;

to be fair, forgiving and kind.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,

In this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to grow in faith and love.

Help us to hear you in scripture, to see Jesus in others,

and to be united as God’s global family.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Amen

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed weekend,

Warmest regards,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs

Interim Headteacher

Thought for the weekend!



School uniform

Girls

*Navy blue blazer and badge (optional)

Plain black or navy coat

White blouse or shirt

**School tie (EYFS only - elasticated)

Grey pinafore, grey skirt or grey culottes Year 5 and 6 only - grey tailored long trousers (not stretch or jersey) Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school crest

White socks or grey tights

Black shoes (of an approved style)

Boys

*Navy blue blazer and badge (optional)

Plain black or navy coat

White shirt

**School tie (EYFS only - elasticated)

Grey long trousers

Royal blue sweatshirt with school crest

Grey/black socks

Black shoes (of an approved style)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

NOVEMBER 2024	
Monday, 11th	Year 5 Remembrance Assembly @ 2.45pm
Tuesday, 12th	Odd Socks Day - £1 donation to Anti-Bullying Alliance
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 Children in Need - non uniform (sporty theme and trainers)
Saturday, 16th	Friends Association School Disco
Monday, 18th	Friends Association meeting
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

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 8th November 2024

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

Foundation	Emmanuella	Riley
Year 1	Isla	Tigerlilly
Year 2	Cameron	Theodora
Year 3	Ella	Emily
Year 4	Charlotte	Ayden
Year 5	Keva	Daniel
Year 6	Kushal	Florence J

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 8th November 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (132)	2nd (114)	3rd (114)	4th (111)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 8th November 2024

Foundation	Israel	Emma
Year 1	Stephen	Helena
Year 2	Enzo	Angel
Year 3	David	Gabriel
Year 4	Jaelan	Charlene
Year 5	Russell	Hanna
Year 6	Oscar T	Lara-Rose

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

Saturday 16th November 5.30pm-7.30pm

Tickets can now be bought online: https://bit.ly/OLIDisconov24

We are really in need of some extra help to run a stall, so if you can help please also follow the same link to volunteer, or message Karen Grant, Rebecca Bush or Roberta Losa.

There will be hot dogs, vegetarian sausages, drinks, ice creams and sweets. We also have Glow Sticks and Glow Batons on sale PLUS face painting too! We also have 7 children's hampers up for grabs at the raffle and tickets are ONLY available at the disco. Please bring lots of change, but contactless will also be available.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Adult art event with Elinor Baker

This is now sold out, thank you to all those who are supporting the event, we are really looking forward to the wonderful creations.

Estate agent boards for the Christmas bazaar

The school get money from every estate agent board that is put up promoting our Christmas bazaar. Please advise Roberta Losa or one of the friends if you are willing for one to be put in your front garden. The company come and put them up prior to the event and take them down shortly after the event, so no inconvenience to yourselves. This is a really easy way for us to make money for the school, please help if you can.

Friends meeting

The next Friends meeting is Monday, 18th November via Google meet. Please attend if you are able, we will be discussing the Christmas Bazaar.

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 £109.82!! 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, allow time for volunteer work or give a donation.

Many thanks

The Friends

OLI Friends Association





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.uk) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 11th November – 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

PE Lessons

Reception - Wednesday (fundamental skills)

Year 1 - Wednesday (fitness - hall)

Year 2 - Monday (football - outside weather permitting)

Year 3 - Monday (dance - hall)

Year 4 - Thursday (fitness - hall)

Year 5 - Tuesday (Multisports - formally known as Rugbytots - outside weather permitting)

Year 6 - Tuesday (netball - outside weather permitting)

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: **Mrs Hale.**

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



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.

News from the ARK

Bookings can be made up until 10pm the night before. Please note that the Ark will no longer be providing a drink and a biscuit to children attending the externally provided clubs due to rising costs. However, they are welcome to bring their own snack and refill their water bottles.

Morning Sessions: 7:30am until 8:30am

Afternoon Sessions: 3:15pm until 4:15pm

4:15pm until 5:15pm

5:15pm until 6:15pm

Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2025

Primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 4 November 2024**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above. The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

You will also need to complete a Supplementary Application Form which can be obtained from the office or the school's website www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.uk

Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below	94% - 97%	97% and above

	Last week % 21.10.24 - 25.10.24	This week % 04.11.24 - 08.11.24
Foundation	90.2%	92%
Year 1	91%	99.4%
Year 2	94.7%	98.7%
Year 3	98.7%	99.3%
Year 4	98.8%	96.6%
Year 5	99.4%	98.4%
Year 6	96.1%	94.5%
Whole School Total	**95.6%**	**97%**

Congratulations to Years 1, 2, 3 & 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.