‘With God all things are possible’

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

15th November 2024 **Issue 10**

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 patience.

We have had a very busy week in school. Beginning with Year 5’s beautiful Remembrance Assembly, thank you to Mrs Rajeev and all the children for helping us to remember.

Today, we were fundraising for BBC Children in Need. I would like to thank our school council and Minnie Vinnies, alongside Miss Schultz and Mrs Kelly, for organising all the activities today, and to our families for your generous sponsorship of the children’s dance challenge.

Charity is such an important part of our faith and I hope the children have enjoyed learning more about the work of Children in Need, and how our acts of charity can help other children just like them. This Sunday is World Day for the Poor and I am sure the children will be able to reflect on all they have learned this week, helping those less fortunate than themselves.

Year 6 had Bikeability this week. They learned many new skills and were allowed to venture out on the roads nearby to test out those skills. Well done to all who participated.

The children are all looking very smart in their winter uniform, just a reminder that only small stud earrings are allowed to be worn for school.

There is still lots to look forward to this term including the KS1 children’s trip to the Zoo, the whole school trip to the Pantomime (arranged for us by the Friends association), and the Friends’ Christmas Bazaar, as well as our Infant and Junior Christmas performances. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Friends association family disco this Saturday.

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed weekend,

Warmest regards,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs
Interim Headteacher

Thought for the weekend!



A Prayer for Food Justice-

CAFOD

Lord Jesus,
You understand what it is like to be hungry.
Teach us to have grateful and generous hearts.
Forgive us when we make selfish choices or remain silent in the face of injustice.

Lord Jesus,
You welcomed all to your table.
May we recognise our interconnectedness,
with our common home and our global neighbours,
so all are invited to share the feast.

Lord Jesus,
You come to us as bread and wine.
Fill us with your compassion.
Nourish us as we advocate for change,
and seek to make your Kingdom a reality in our world.
Amen.

We celebrated anti-bullying week on Tuesday by wearing odd socks and raising money for the Anti-Bullying alliance. Thank you for your generosity.





WELL DONE

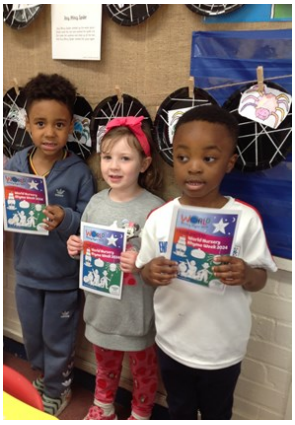
Congratulations to Elijah. He competed in the Eastern regional recreational gymnastics competition last Sunday against 35 boys in the under 10 category. Elijah did amazingly well receiving a gold medal on the rings and bronze on the floor. A big well done from all at OLI.



Year 5 remembrance assembly



World Nursery Rhyme week



In Reception, we enjoyed joining children all over the world to celebrate World Nursery Rhyme week! The children learnt new ways to perform the rhymes and completed lots of fun literacy activities across the week.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

NOVEMBER 2024	
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, 2nd	Year 1 and 2 trip to Colchester Zoo
Monday, 9th	Whole school Feast Day Mass @ 11am
Tuesday, 10th	Panto @ The Civic Theatre @ 10am
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 15th November 2024

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

Foundation	Bjorn	Indigo
Year 1	Aron	Kezia
Year 2	Rachel	Ethan
Year 3	Violet	Amari
Year 4	Matheo	Emma
Year 5	Elijah	Lachlan
Year 6	Isaac	Hattie

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 15th November 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (148)	4th (125)	1st (133)	3rd (125)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 15th November 2024

Foundation	Fitehan	Soujoud
Year 1	Ike	Evie
Year 2	Peter	Alexa
Year 3	Philip	Sienna
Year 4	Ronnie	Elsie
Year 5	Charlie	Joselyn
Year 6	Lillie-Mae	Abril

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 are in sale until 10pm tonight

https://bit.ly/OLIDisconov24

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!

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 18th Nov via Google meet. Please attend if you are able, we will be discussing the Christmas Bazaar.

Asda

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



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.

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 - 18th November – 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

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



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

Parish Christmas Fayre - Sunday 24th November 10 am to 2.30 pm in OLI School hall

Our Parish Christmas Fayre will take place in OLI School hall on Sunday 24th November from 10am until 2.30pm. Do please come along to support your parish. Lots of lovely stalls, Christmas gifts, toys, and delicious refreshments. Fun for all the family!

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

The Ark Parent Survey

Please complete the attached survey regarding the Ark.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=VUU1EkXdoEOwAcZ0KxF8ZgX4Kp44UUhDovPsu4fdyLZUOFZFREpPOU1BMElTNjRHTUlOT1NYSV

Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below | **94% - 96.9%** | **97% and above**

	Last week % 04.11.24 - 08.11.24	This week %
Foundation	92%	94.4%
Year 1	99.4%	99.4%
Year 2	98.7%	98.3%
Year 3	99.3%	99.3%
Year 4	96.6%	96.2%
Year 5	98.4%	94.1%
Year 6	94.5%	92.1%
Whole School Total	**97%**	**96.2%**

Congratulations to Years 1, 2, & 3 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.