'With God all things are possible'

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

29th November 2024 **Issue 12**

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 faith.

Well done to Emily and Keva for organising and leading the KS2 children's toy sale. They worked very hard and thank you to everyone who donated or bought a toy. The money raised is going to be put towards new playground equipment for all the children to enjoy. They raised £72.60.

It has been a quieter week in school this week as we begin to prepare for the season of advent. The children are all beginning rehearsals for their Christmas productions and we look forward to welcoming you to see them.

However, please do not worry if you can't make the performances as the Friends association will be offering videos and photographs of the dress rehearsals for sale. So not only will you not miss out, but you will be contributing to funds for the school. These also make wonderful Christmas gifts too.

As we start the season of advent the children in reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 will have the opportunity to bring home and share with you our travelling crib bags, please do share your photographs of the children and your family enjoying this special prayerful experience and we will share some of these in our newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming Miss Stephens this week who is joining our support staff team and welcoming back Mrs Perrott who is joining the Year 3 teaching team.

Please don't forget to wear something purple on Monday!

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed weekend,

Warmest regards,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs
Interim Headteacher

Thought for the weekend!





Our prayers and well wishes to Mrs Southwell and her family, as she leaves us today to start her maternity leave.

Thank you for all your hard work this term.

Afternoon Tea with Mrs Gibbs

As per the prize suggestions from the school council, Mrs Gibbs held her first 50 reads raffle winner's afternoon tea party it was a lovely celebration of their achievement and she is looking forward to the next one.



TOY SALE







DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

DECEMBER 2024	
Monday, 2nd	Year 1 and 2 trip to Colchester Zoo Celebrating the start of advent - please wear something purple
Wednesday, 4th	Year 2 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 5th	Choir only - singing at Bailey Court retirement home @ 10am
Friday, 6th	Non-uniform day - bring a bottle
Sunday, 8th	Friends Association Christmas Bazaar
Monday, 9th	Whole school Feast Day Mass @ 11am
Tuesday, 10th	Panto @ The Civic Theatre @ 10.30am
Wednesday, 11th	Christmas Jumper Day - online donation (link to follow) Year 1 Mass @ 9.30am Children's Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, 17th	EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance @ 9.30am (**Reception and Year 1 parents only)** EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance @ 2.30pm (**Year 2 parents only**)
Wednesday, 18th	Year 6 and Reception Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 19th	Candlelight Christmas Service @ 2.30pm in the school hall (**pupils and staff only**)
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
Wednesday, 8th	Whole school Epiphany Mass @ 9.30am

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.

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 29th November 2024

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

Foundation	Inayaat	Eliza
Year 1	Edward	Miriam
Year 2	Antoni	Hannah
Year 3	Kingsley	Graciella
Year 4	Nico	Molly
Year 5	Tommy	Kimberley
Year 6	Maria	Victor

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 29th November 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (182)	3rd (146)	1st (175)	2nd (148)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 29th November 2024

Foundation	Londi	Bella
Year 1	Salvin	Olivia
Year 2	Richmond	Neve
Year 3	Aidan	Brooke
Year 4	Oscar	Sienna
Year 5	Sanitago	Sienna
Year 6	Brian	Edward

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

Child Protection & Safeguarding

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

Friends Association News

Christmas Bazaar - Sunday 8th December - 10am-2pm

We still really need Volunteers to help for shift one (10-12am) or shift two (12-2pm) for the bazaar! To volunteer, please either sign up on the link below or let Rebecca Bush, Karen Charles-Foster or Roberta Losa know you can help.

https://bit.ly/OLIXmas24

Tickets can be purchased online through the link- £1 per adult (children are free) and can also be brought on the door at the Bazaar too.

Please can we have donations of sweets (no nuts) for the sweet tombola and also any soft toys for the soft toy tombola. We also would love cake donations which can be home made or shop bought. If home made please list ingredients (no nuts) and bring on Friday or the morning of the bazaar.

Friday at school will be a non u form day in exchange for a bottle of drink (alcohol or not) for the bottle tombola.

Raffle tickets will be on sale next week at the school gate. Please see attached for the amazing prizes to be won.

https://online.fliphtml5.com/zemau/rbln/#p=1
Grand drawer tickets will be sent home with your children. Please complete and return to the school, or they can be brought on the day of the bazaar.

As always, we thank you for your help. All events are only possible with the volunteers help.



Art evening

A huge thanks to Mrs Baker for running an art evening for the parents/carers. It was so enjoyable and an amazing success, raising approximately £360 for the school.



Many thanks

The Friends

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 2nd December – 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

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

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

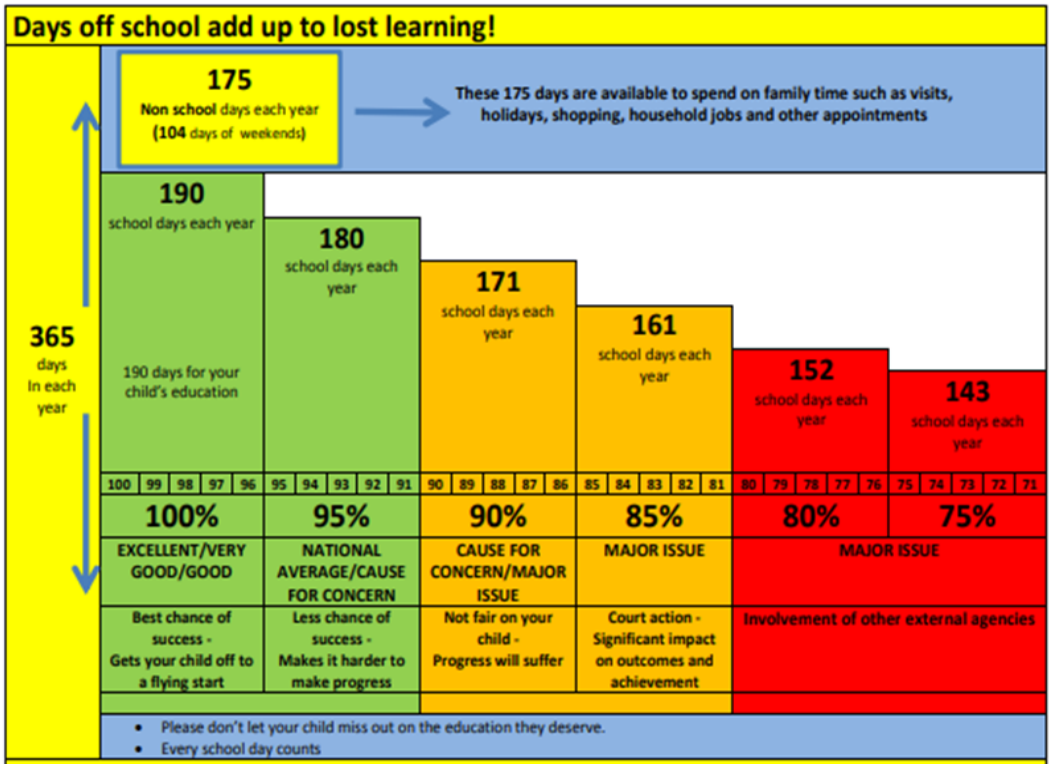
Please complete the attached survey regarding the Ark.

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

Attendance

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

	Last week % 18.11.24 - 22.11.24	This week % 25.11.24 - 29.11.24
Foundation	96.9%	93.4%
Year 1	94.8%	95.5%
Year 2	96.7%	92.7%
Year 3	98.4%	98.1%
Year 4	96%	97.4%
Year 5	92.2%	93.4%
Year 6	93.6%	97.9%
Whole School Total	**95.4%**	**95.5%**

Congratulations to Years 3, 4 & 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.