‘With God all things are possible’

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

6th December 2024 **Issue 13**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are continuing to grow in the virtue of faith, as we reflect how we will prepare for the coming of

Jesus.

This week Year 1 and 2 visited Colchester zoo, Year 1 got to meet some penguins and Year 2 learnt more about habitats. The children had a wonderful time and were excellent representatives of our school. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers that helped.

We began our advent preparations this week by lighting the first candle of our advent wreath, kindly made for us by Mrs Baker. We reflected on the coming of the Jesus, and I asked the children to think about how we can open our minds to Jesus in practical ways this advent. The children had some lovely ideas, including praying to Him and trying to be more like Him by thinking, ‘What would Jesus do?’.

Our younger children have also started bringing home our travelling crib. I hope as a family you enjoy this opportunity to reflect together on the significance of advent. I look forward to receiving many photos, do please send them to me via the parents@ email address if you are happy for me to share them in our newsletter.

This Sunday is our annual Friends Association Christmas Bazaar here at the school between 10am - 2pm please come along and support us if you can. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Just a reminder that children should only wear small stud earrings to school.

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed weekend,

Warmest regards,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs
Interim Headteacher

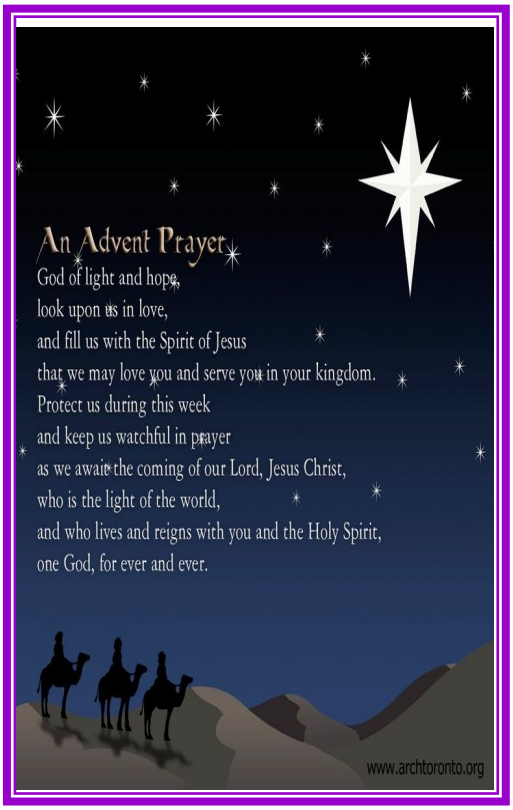
Thought for the weekend!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

DECEMBER 2024	
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
Friday, 10th	Year 5 road safety morning

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 6th December 2024

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

Foundation	Israel	Grace
Year 1	Finley	Emily
Year 2	Alexander	Kailtyn
Year 3	Israel	Raine-Esme
Year 4	Molly	Avery
Year 5	Belle	Hartley
Year 6	Sofia I	Jackson

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 6th December 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (201)	1st (166)	3rd (191)	4th (163)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 6th December 2024

Foundation	Leo	Charlotte
Year 1	Oliver W	Adaora
Year 2	TJ	Dhiya
Year 3	Alexander	Rosie
Year 4	Buddy	Charlotte
Year 5	Charlotte	Charlie
Year 6	Natalia	Edith

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."

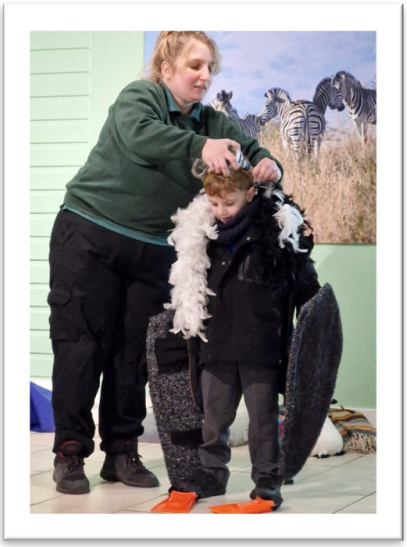
Graham Fawcet

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

Year 1 and 2 trip to Colchester Zoo









Wear it Purple

We had great fun on Monday wearing something purple to celebrate the change in the liturgical year, there were some very imaginative ways of wearing something purple on display.





Christmas Baubles

OLI have been sharing the Christmas spirit in our community. With the help of Mrs Baker, 20 of our school councillors and chaplains were able to make the most beautiful felt decorations to bring the Christmas spirit to the shop. We hope Dermot and his team at The Hair Company enjoy them.



Choir singing at Bailey Court Retirement Home

Mrs Harding-Smith and Mrs Wright took our brilliant choir to Bailey Court residential home this week to sing Christmas carols for the residents. An annual event enjoyed by both young and old alike.



Friends Association News



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

Tickets are available online via the following link, or they can be bought on the door

https://bit.ly/OLIXmas24

We would welcome any cake donations. These can be home made or shop bought. Please ensure no nuts and If home made please list the ingredients. Please bring them in on the morning of the bazaar, we will be there prior to set up also.

Grand draw and raffle tickets can be purchased on the day or bring the grand draw returns with you.

As always, we thank you for your help. All events are only possible with the volunteers. We hope you all have an enjoyable day.

Link for the raffle prizes;

https://online.fliphtml5.com/zemau/rbln/#p=1

Many thanks

The Friends

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

Christmas Lunch Wednesday, 11th December 2024 - Price £3.35

Roast Turkey

Pigs in Blankets

Gravy

Crispy Roast Potatoes

Carrots

Brussels Sprouts

Peas

Yorkshire puddings

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Ice Cream

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Milk / Aqua juice cartons (apple or orange) / Water

Vegetarian option

Quorn Fillet

Gravy

Crispy Roast Potatoes

Carrots

Brussels Sprouts

Peas

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Ice Cream with marshmallows / wafer

Soya ice cream or biscuit with marshmallows (dairy allergies)

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Milk / Aqua juice cartons (apple or orange) / Water

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Christmas crackers

Payment will be taken from your child's School Gateway dinners account.

All Children in KS1 have Universal Free School Meals and do not have to pay, however, for those in the Juniors, the cost will be £3.35.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 9th December – 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

Attendance Data:

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

	Last week % 25.11.24 - 29.11.24	This week % 02.12.24 - 06.12.24
Foundation	93.4%	85.8%
Year 1	95.5%	93.5%
Year 2	92.7%	93%
Year 3	98.1%	98.7%
Year 4	97.4%	98.8%
Year 5	93.4%	97.2%
Year 6	97.9%	98.8%
Whole School Total	**95.5%**	**95.2%**

Congratulations to Years 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.