‘With God all things are possible’

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

13th December 2024 **Issue 14**

THE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30 AM. UNTIL 4:00 PM. MONDAY—FRIDAY
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the third week of Advent and Gaudete Sunday, in assembly next week I will be asking the children to think about what makes them joyful and what they can do to share and spread joy in our world.

One of the ways the children have been spreading joy at school this week is through their wonderful rehearsals of their Christmas performances. The singing sounds particularly beautiful. We are looking forward to welcoming many of you into school and church next week to see all the children’s hard work come to fruition.

Another way we are spreading in joy is through our reverse Advent calendar collection for the Saint Vincent De Paul society. We are still collecting donations, thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

It has been extremely busy in school this week. We began by celebrating our patronal feast with mass, kindly presided over for us by Father Damien. The children then enjoyed a day of Marian themed activities, including arts and crafts.

On Tuesday, the whole school attended the Chelmsford Theatre to see Snow White. It was an excellent show and the children really enjoyed the show, they were a credit to the school and yourselves. Thank you so much to the Friends association for organising this trip and to all the volunteers who helped make it possible for us to walk over 200 children to and from the theatre.

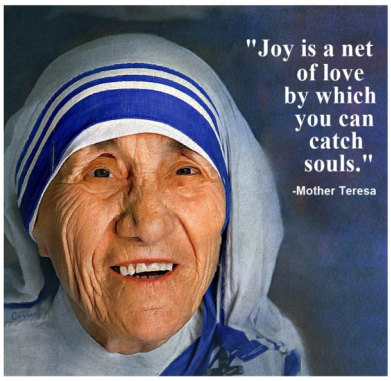
On Wednesday, we enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch prepared for us by our wonderful catering team. The children had great fun pulling crackers and enjoying their food. It was extra festive as we had our Christmas jumpers on resulting in raising £86.70 for Save the Children.

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed weekend,

Warmest regards,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs
Interim Headteacher

Thought for the weekend!







DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

DECEMBER 2024	
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
Wednesday, 15th	Year 5 Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 22nd	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 29th	Year 3 Mass @ 9.30am
FEBRUARY 2025	
Wednesday, 5th	Year 1 & 2 Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 12th	Reception and Year 6 Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 17th - Friday, 21st	HALF-TERM
MARCH 2025	
Wednesday, 5th	Whole school Mass - Ash Wednesday (time to be arranged)
Friday, 7th	Year 5 trip to the National Gallery
APRIL 2025	
Friday, 4th	Last day of Spring term
Tuesday, 22nd	First day of summer term

MAY 2025	
Thursday, 15th	Reception trip to Hyde Hall (details coming soon)
Monday, 26th - Friday, 30th	Half-term
JUNE 2025	
Monday, 16th - Wednesday, 18th	Year 6 Residential trip to Bawdsey Manor
Thursday, 19th	Junior Music Festival
Tuesday, 24th	Year 5 trip to Writtle College (Food and Farming day) (details coming soon)
Thursday, 26th	Reception trip to Chelmsford Museum (details coming soon)
JULY 2025	
Friday, 18th	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday, 21st	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 22nd	INSET DAY

Christmas lunch 2024







Travelling crib













Reverse Advent Calendar

The Mini Vinnies would like to say a very big ‘thank you’ for all the donations we have received so far. On Sunday, we were able to take five big bags of Christmas treats to our Parish SVP group. These donations will go to help local people in our Parish this Christmas.



MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 13th December 2024

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

Foundation	Noelani	Monica
Year 1	Clara	Kitt
Year 2	Naia	Jan
Year 3	Aidan	Zuzannah
Year 4	Leo	Clara
Year 5	Emilia	Charlie
Year 6	Florence C	Liam

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 13th December 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (216)	2nd (184)	3rd (206)	1st (182)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 13th December 2024

Foundation	Sophia	Emma Rose
Year 1	Oliver	Isla
Year 2	Jessica	Olivia
Year 3	Savio	Ella
Year 4	Adhvik	Heavenly
Year 5	William	Keva
Year 6	Jackson	Lillie-Mae

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
We would like to thank everyone for their help and support towards making the Christmas bazaar a huge success. It was lovely to see all of the children and families having a wonderful time. Thank you to the teachers, Mrs Gibbs and Mr Hogan for their continued support of the friends, and to the school choir for their beautiful singing. Thanks also to Amy Northwood for the glitter and Mrs Baker for running the craft room. We will update you with the profit raised soon.

Elfridges- Christmas gift sale
The gift sale is next Friday in school time. The children will go to the hall and get to buy Christmas gifts for their loved ones.

This year sales have gone online! Gifts can be pre paid for using the website link below before 19th December
https://www.pta-events.co.uk/oli-school-friends-association/index.cfm?event=shop

1. Select how many gifts you want to purchase
2. Add your child's name in the booking name box
3. Tell us who the gift is for

We will then have this information on the day to help the children select the gifts.

Please note that only children who have pre paid or have cash on the day will be able to select gifts.

We will also accept cash on the day. Gifts are £2.50 each. Please have the correct money.

Pantomime
We hope all the children enjoyed the Pantomime on Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs Gibbs to organising the logistics of getting all the children to and from the theatre.

Many thanks
The Friends

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 16th December – 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

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

Attendance

Attendance Data:

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

	Last week % **02.12.24 - 06.12.24**	**This week %** **09.12.24 - 13.12.24**
Foundation	85.8%	94.0%
Year 1	93.5%	91.9%
Year 2	93.0%	97.7%
Year 3	98.7%	97.7%
Year 4	98.8%	96.3%
Year 5	97.2%	95.6%
Year 6	98.8%	100%
Whole School Total	**95.2%**	**96.2%**

Congratulations to Years 2, 3 & 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.