‘With God all things are possible’

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

24th January 2025 **Issue 18**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, in our Celebration of the Word, we listened to the story of Jesus’ first miracle from the gospel of John. Where, at the request of his mother Mary, Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding. We reflected on Mary’s extraordinary faith in her son and how this led to him performing his first miracle. We thought about what it meant to have faith and how we can show our faith by following the example of Jesus and by having faith that He will answer our prayers. As we grow in the virtue of faith, please take time to talk your child about how they can live their faith and share the Good News.

Work continues to progress on our prayer garden. Hopefully, soon, the sail shade will be installed, and the Chaplaincy team will agree on the final design of our outdoor furniture for the space.

On Thursday this week, we officially celebrated the start of the Year of the Jubilee, with a whole school assembly. We will shortly be sending out prayer cards for each family, so you can support the work of the Church with your prayers. Each child will also have their own prayer card in school. Do look out for up-dates in our newsletters and via email of events we will be run-ning throughout the year.

The children appear to be really enjoying all of our recent activi-ties at the Ark, film night, cup stacking challenge, hot chocolate week and puzzle mania. Do also remember that Mrs Haughton and I are running a weekly homework club between 3.30pm and 4.30pm as part of the Ark provision if your child is struggling with their homework. There are lots more exciting events coming up too. However, I would like to thank you all for your continued support for this wonderful and vital service.

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs
Head of School

Thought for the weekend!



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Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources

Our Virtue to Live by:

Faith

I know that faith is a gift from God.

Faith helps me grow in friendship with Jesus.

I show my faith by living my life filled with hope and love.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

JANUARY 2025	
Wednesday, 29th	Year 3 Mass @ 9.30am
FEBRUARY 2025	
Monday, 3rd	Year 4 - Superstars event @ 12pm Friends Association meeting @ 7pm
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	
Saturday, 1st	Friends Association Family Disco
Wednesday, 5th	Whole school Mass - Ash Wednesday (time to be arranged)
Friday, 7th	Year 5 trip to the National Gallery
Tuesday, 25th	Infant Music Festival (details coming soon)
APRIL 2025	
Tuesday, 1st	Easter Service in church (time to be arranged)
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	
Tuesday, 8th	Year 6 trip to Adventure Island
Friday, 18th	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday, 21st	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 22nd	INSET DAY

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 24th January 2025

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

Foundation	Orla	Israel
Year 1	Gaia	Tigerlilly
Year 2	Lewis	Annie
Year 3	Nahson	Aisling
Year 4	Sophia	Hugh K
Year 5	Russell	Eloise
Year 6	Lara-Rose	Hattie

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 24th January 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (262)	2nd (233)	3rd (248)	1st (229)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 24th January 2025

Foundation	Indigo	Isla-Mae
Year 1	Ikechukwu	Evie
Year 2	Ethan	Rachel
Year 3	Graciella	Jessica
Year 4	Leonardo	Ysabella
Year 5	Panbhu	Matilda
Year 6	Joseph	Aurora

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WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

27.01.25 - 31.01.25

Tuesday **Homework club with Mrs Haughton - 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

Wednesday **Lego Madness!! - 3.30pm - 4.30pm**





MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 27th January – 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

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."

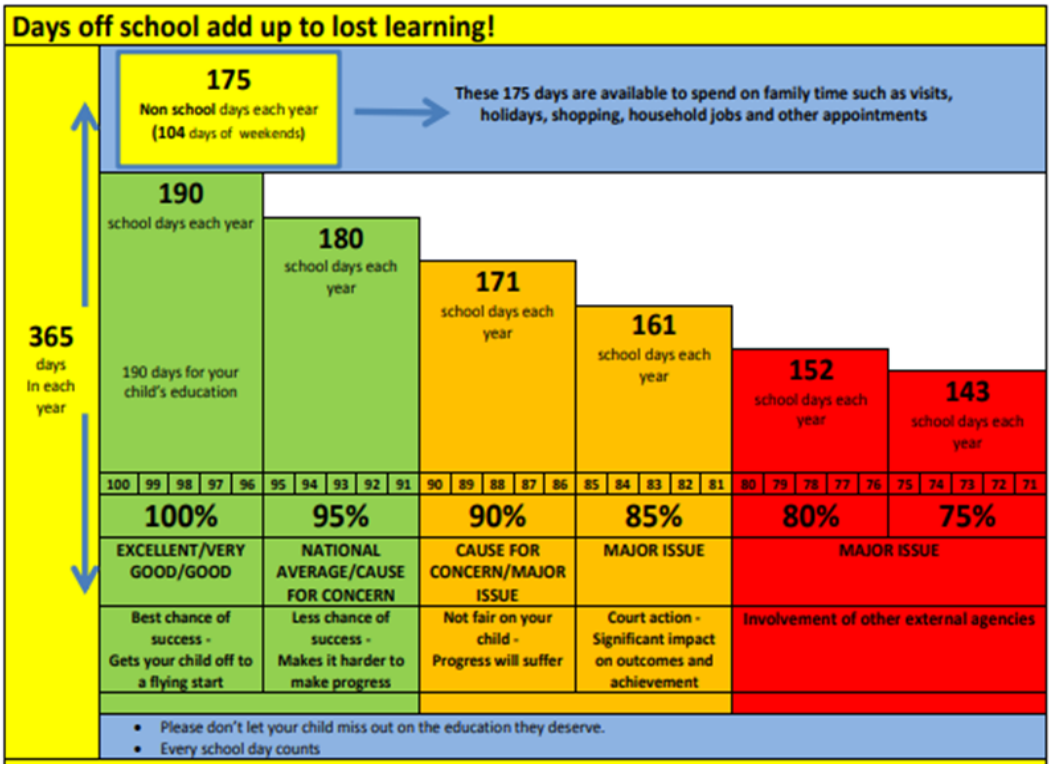
Graham Fawcet

Child Protection & Safeguarding

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 % 13.01.25 - 17.01.25	This week % 20.01.25 - 27.01.25
Foundation	92%	89.3%
Year 1	96.1%	97.7%
Year 2	96.7%	94.3%
Year 3	94.5%	99%
Year 4	99.4%	96.6%
Year 5	97.5%	97.5%
Year 6	96.1%	95.2%
Whole School Total	**96.1%**	**95.7%**

Congratulations to Year 1, 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.