'With God all things are possible'

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of January we can look forward to the days beginning to grow longer and lighter and hopefully the weather will improve. It is hard to believe we have already been back at school for month. It is wonderful how the children are growing and maturing as the academic year continues.

For the last two weeks of this half term we are growing in the virtue of simplicity, reflecting on how we can live simply so others may simply live. In line with aspirations of the Jubilee Year we will be thinking about how we can reduce, reuse and recycle in school. The Eco Council have made posters to remind us all to be conscious of our energy usage and waste in school. They have also undertaken a local litter pick, thank you to Mrs Kew and Mrs Perrott for supporting the children with this. Please do encourage the children to think how they can do this at home as well as school.

Good luck to our High 5's team who are representing us at Great Leighs Primary School tonight.

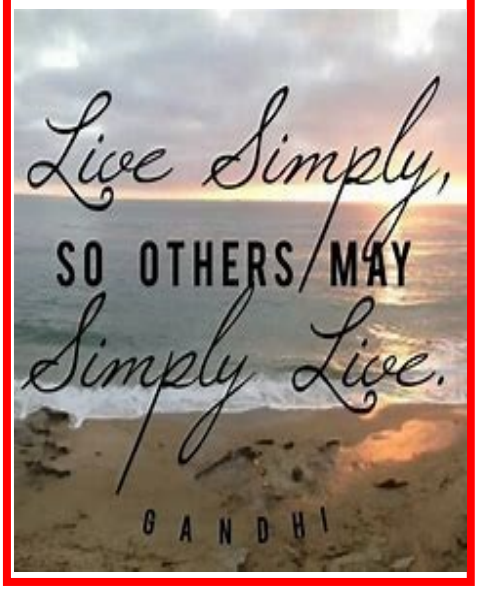
A reminder that next Monday is our Friends' Association meeting, which can be attended via zoom. For full details please see the Friends News Section below and I look forward to joining you at the meeting.

This coming week we have the Year 4 Superstars sport event and the Year 6 trip to Pizza Express. Please see the dairy dates below for details of upcoming trips and events, including parents evening which will be held on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th of March, full details will be emailed out shortly. May I remind you that all bookings need to be made online. Year 4 will also be presenting their assembly on St Patrick, on Monday 17th of March at 2.45pm-actually on St Patrick's day, we look forward to welcoming Year 4 parents and carers to join us.

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs
Head of School

Thought for the weekend!



TEN TEN

Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources

Virtues to Live by

I live simply

when

I understand simple things can make me happy.

I am thankful for all I have.

I can work, play, rest and pray each day.

I take care of my belongings and those of others.

I share my things with those who need my help.

I do not waste food or resources.

I only take what I need.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

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
Wednesday, 27th	Year 5 Mass @ 9.30am
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, 11th	Parents evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday, 12th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 13th	Parents evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Monday, 17th	Year 4 St. Patrick's Day Assembly @ 2.45pm
Wednesday, 19th	Year 3 Mass @ 9.30am
Tuesday, 25th	Infant Music Festival (details coming soon)
Wednesday, 26th	Year 1 & 2 Mass @ 9.30am
APRIL 2025	
Tuesday, 1st	Easter Service in church (time to be arranged)
Wednesday, 2nd	Year 6 and Reception Mass @ 9.30am
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 3rd February 2025

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

Foundation	Emmanuella	Indigo
Year 1	Thiem	Helena
Year 2	Neve	Tadhg
Year 3	Marika	Violet
Year 4	Heavenly	Hugh T-C
Year 5	Lachlan	Sienna
Year 6	Edith	Nell

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 3rd February 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (274)	3rd (242)	1st (261)	4th (235)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 3rd February 2025

Foundation	Mugunthan	Thalia
Year 1	Finley	Kezia
Year 2	TJ	Michelle
Year 3	Lucas	Fabian
Year 4	Ronnie	Esmé
Year 5	Julian	Emilia
Year 6	Malachy	Chimdike

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

03.02.25 - 07.02.25

Wednesday **film night - from 3.30pm**



Thursday **Homework club with Mrs Gibbs - 3.30pm - 4.30pm**



Friends Association News

Friends meeting Monday 3rd February @7pm
This meeting is in person at the school and the option to dial in remotely. A link will be sent out on the day. Please join us to support us and discuss our fundraising plans for the next term.

Many thanks
The Friends

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 3rd February – 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

LITTER PICKING - ECO COUNCIL

Our OLI Eco Councillors went litter picking in our local area. We were surprised by how much litter the children found! The Eco Councillors were fantastic ambassadors of our school and so passionate about keeping their local area clean and tidy!

Mrs Perrott and Mrs Kew





HEALTHY SCHOOL POLICY—SNACKS AND PACKED LUNCH



If your child brings a packed lunch with them, please remember that, as per the school's prospectus, this should only be brought in a sandwich box (no plastic bags) and clearly marked with the child's name. No cans or glass bottles are allowed and we also request that parents avoid giving children crisps or chocolate in line with our Healthy School Policy. Nuts (including in biscuits etc,) are not permitted in school as some of our children suffer from anaphylaxis, which is a serious allergy to nuts.

This also applies for your child's snack.

REMINDER

Please could you make sure that your child comes equipped and ready for their School Day with their PE/Club kit, Books, Water Bottle, Forest School Clothing, Wellie Boots and their packed lunch (those that have a packed lunch). This would alleviate the need for the Office Staff to deliver late items to the



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

Attendance Data:

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

	Last week % 20.01.25 - 24.01.25	This week % 27.01.25 - 31.01.25
Foundation	89.3%	92.6%
Year 1	97.7%	95.4%
Year 2	94.3%	96.5%
Year 3	99%	97.9%
Year 4	96.6%	97.6%
Year 5	97.5%	96.2%
Year 6	95.2%	95.3%
Whole School Total	**95.7%**	**96%**

Congratulations to Years 3 & 4 for being above 97%.

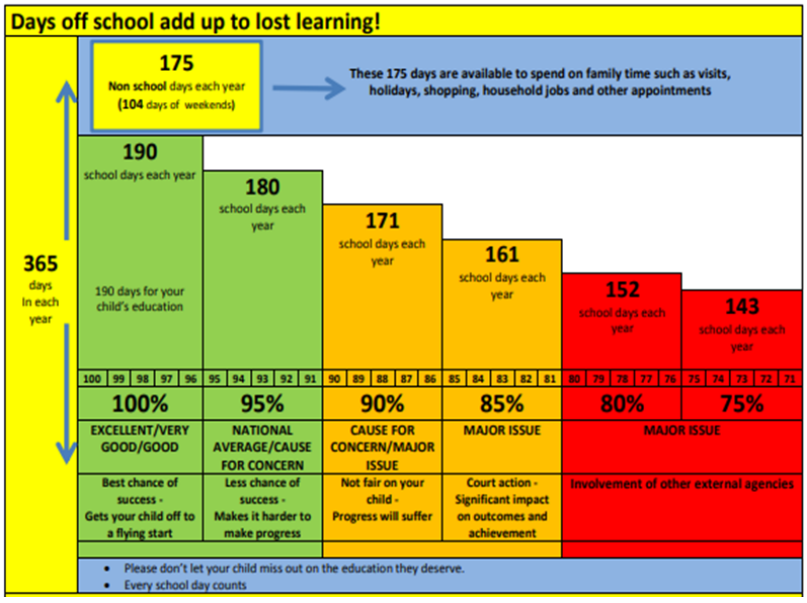
The aim of the attendance chart is for all classes to achieve green.

If your child's attendance falls below 95%, you will receive a legal attendance letter as per the Attendance Policy.

Attendance

We know that these things are unavoidable but please do ensure that your child is in school whenever they can be. Lost learning now 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.



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