'With God all things are possible'

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

7th February 2025 **Issue 20**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6, learnt a lot about where our food comes from and food miles this Thursday when they visited Pizza Express. They also made some delicious pizzas and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

As we continue growing in the Virtue of Simplicity, this made me think and I wanted to let parents know that our amazing catering team source most of their ingredients from local producers and suppliers. They are always looking at ways to reduce waste and to be creative in preventing food waste. We are hoping to arrange a tasting event for parents in the coming term.

Well done to our High 5's Netball Team and our Year 4 Sports Superstars and thank you to all the staff and parents who helped make these events possible.

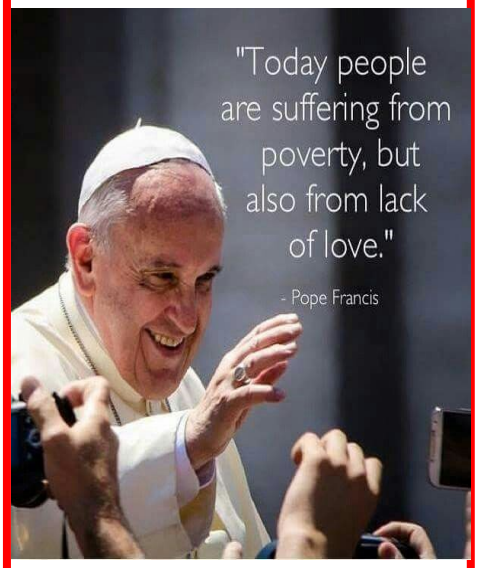
I would like to thank parents as recent visitors to the school have commented upon the children's wonderful behaviour and friendly welcome.

With the half - term holiday nearly upon us, we break up on Friday 14th February, I am sure, like me, you are starting to think of things to do with your children. Essex Fire Service have informed us that they are holding two free open days at the Essex Fire Service Museum. There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in a fire safety room, enter a haunted house, partake in craft activities and a sit on the fire engines and squirt water. If you are interested, then email the museum at: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk and tell them the number in your party and the time you would like to arrive (they are open from 10.30am to 4.00pm) .

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	
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 7th February 2025

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

Foundation	Sophia	Inayaat
Year 1	Miriam	Oliver W
Year 2	Kaitlyn	Luca
Year 3	Isabel	Toby
Year 4	Jocelyn	Oscar
Year 5	Isabella	Panbhu
Year 6	Edward	Oliver

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 7th February 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (284)	1st (257)	2nd (271)	3rd (244)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 7th February 2025

Foundation	Emma-Rose	Soujoud
Year 1	Salvin	Adaora
Year 2	Antoni	Leila
Year 3	Philip	Brooke
Year 4	Peter	Charlotte
Year 5	Florence	Harry
Year 6	Victor	Sofia O'S

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

10.02.25 - 14.02.25

Tuesday	**Homework club with Mrs Haughton - 3.30pm - 4.30pm**
Wednesday	**Dance class with Mrs Daley & playdoh - from 3.30pm**

PHOTOS FROM THE SPEED STACKING COMPETITION










SPORTING AT OLI




High 5's netball report written by Hartley and Tommy (year 5)

We loved the game, I think the other teams coach and players were very welcoming. We won 6-1, the whole team put in 100% effort. Same with the other team, they continued to be fantastic sports players and didn't give up. They even managed to get a late goal. Hartley scored 2, Tommy scored 1, Rhoda scored 1, Abril scored 1 and Nell scored 1. We made our school proud and enjoyed the day thoroughly.



YEAR 4 SUPERSTARS

On Monday, Year 4 went to Melbourne Stadium to take part in a Superstars competition against other schools. We had a great time and worked hard to earn points for our class community. Some of the activities that we took part in were speed stacking, throwing, basketball, tennis and jumping. As a class, we won the competition overall with Pola gaining a silver medal and Nico earning a bronze.



YEAR 6 TRIP TO PIZZA EXPRESS









Friends Association News

We had a friends meeting earlier this week in the school with Mrs Gibbs and would like to say thank you to all of those who attended on site and online. It was good to see so many faces and get feedback on our events from December and discuss fundraising for the remaining school year.

The school have asked us to prioritise our fundraising towards 32 new laptops ready for use for the next academic year 25/26. The schools IT costs have skyrocketed this year due to upgrading the WIFI and bringing technology within the school up to date. It was agreed by all that this is a vital resource for our children's learning and is something we would support. The school would not be able to replace the existing 10 year old laptops without the funding from the friends association fundraising. Going forward we will be updating you with the fundraising goal and the money raised so far, so that's you can see where the money you raise is spent.

Back at the AGM in September we discussed the possibility of having a weekly lottery. Parentkind, a charity body that helps PTA's nationally have teamed up with "the parents lottery" to help facilitate a fundraising lottery. Through this scheme 60% of all funds raised goes back to our school and the remaining is used for prizes and administration. If this is something that you would like to join, please see the details in the attached leaflet. This is ready to join TODAY!

https://www.theparentslottery.org/school/our-lady-immaculate-school1738784136

Many thanks

The Friends

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 10th February – 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

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



Attendance

Attendance Data:

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

	Last week % **27.01.25 - 31.01.25**	**This week %** **03.02.25 - 07.02.25**
Foundation	92.6%	93.6%
Year 1	95.4%	97.7%
Year 2	96.5%	97%
Year 3	97.9%	94.2%
Year 4	97.6%	96.9%
Year 5	96.2%	97.5%
Year 6	95.3%	95.8%
Whole School Total	**96%**	**96.1%**

Congratulations to Years 1, 2 & 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.

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