‘With God all things are possible’

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

7th March 2025 **Issue 23**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of the children and their families at the Friends’ School Disco on Saturday. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who gave up their time to make it happen. Thank you also to Mrs Daley who helped me man the canteen.

This week we are continuing to grow in the Virtue of Love. In our assembly we talked about how we can show love to others by doing simple things such as smiling at them. I hope the children have been practising this at home.

Those of you who attended our Ash Wednesday Mass no doubt witnessed our children being wonderful ambassadors for our school.

I would like to give our Year 4 children a special mention, as a member of the public commented on their excellent behaviour and manners when they were swimming last Friday. Well done Year 4!

I must also congratulate our High 5 netball team who won their match against St Pius X this Monday 8-1!

World Book Day was a real treat this week, the children enjoyed sharing their favourite stories with the us. Children and staff embraced dressing in their night wear. Each class attended a wonderful drama workshop run by Mrs Purrsord. We would like to thank her for her time and experience which she voluntarily gave to the school.

Just a polite reminder to all parents, please ensure that your child comes to school fully equipped for their day as the office staff will be unable to deliver any items brought at a later time. Water will be provided if water bottles are forgotten.

Also, please ensure that children arrive and are collected on time. The beginning and end of the day are very busy times and the porch and corridor are becoming congested. We do understand that on occasions there may be exceptional circumstances. If this is the case, could you kindly advise us of this as soon as possible, then we can make the necessary arrangements.

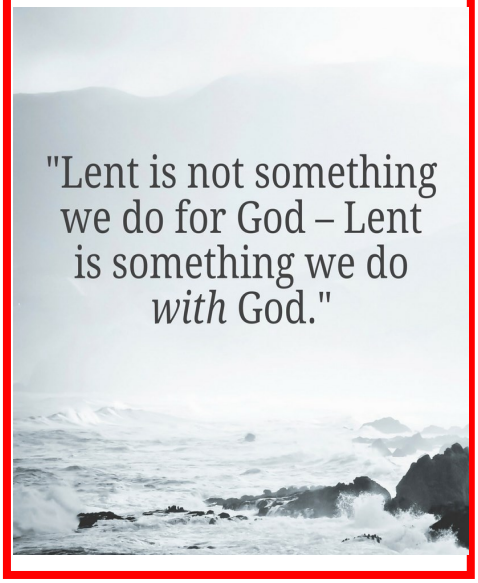
Thank you so much for your co-operation and continued support.

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs

Head of School

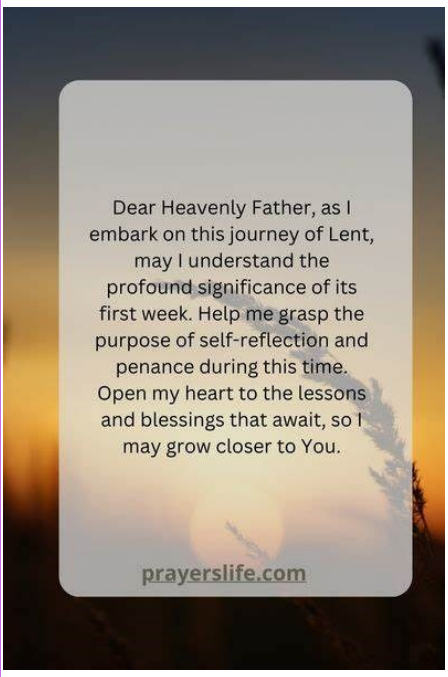
Thought for the weekend!



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Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

MARCH 2025	
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
Friday, 21st	Essex Fire visiting year 6
Tuesday, 25th	Infant Music Festival
Wednesday, 26th	Year 1 & 2 Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 28th	Year 3 trip to Essex Police Museum (details coming soon)
APRIL 2025	
Tuesday, 1st	Easter Service in church @ 9.30am
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	
Friday, 2nd	Junior Music Festival rehearsal at Bishops School (12.30pm - 3pm)
Thursday, 15th	Reception trip to Hyde Hall (details coming soon)
Friday, 23rd	Essex Fire visiting year 6
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)

JUNE 2025 cont…	
Friday, 27th	Essex Fire visiting year 6
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 March 2025

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

Foundation	Bjorn	Eliza
Year 1	Maja	Isla
Year 2	Theodora	Ethan
Year 3	Kingsley	Jessica
Year 4	Mia	Emma
Year 5		
Year 6	Malachy	Isaac

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 7th March 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (324)	4th (296)	1st (310)	3rd (276)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 7th March 2025

Foundation	Mugunthan	Freya
Year 1	Hector	Ayla
Year 2	Jan	Molly
Year 3	Amari	Anna
Year 4	Pola	Esmé
Year 5		
Year 6	Edith	Lillie-Mae

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WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

10.03.25 - 14.03.25



Wednesday Lego Madness from 3.30pm

Friends Association News

School disco

Thank you to everyone who helped in the running of the disco, making it an enjoyable and successful fundraising event for our families. Money raised will help go towards funding the new laptops, and we will let you know what was raised when we have final figures.

Weekly parents lottery

Please sign up to the weekly lottery run through Parenkind for your chance to win greta prizes and also help the school raise funds for the new laptops this year. It's really easy to sign up up, follow the link:

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

Donations

This year we our fundraising is targeted at providing 32 new laptops for the children. If anybody would like to make any donations towards this then we would be extremely thankful. Please donate via the sumup link below, and if a taxpayer, gift aid can be claimed so a form will be sent out which should be completed and sent back to the friends email; friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QBHSRNVY

Don't forget, your company may be able to match our fundraising efforts, or they may have charitable donation schemes in place so please enquire.



Disco

Total amount of profit raised £1200.

Lent Fundraiser

Please fill your jars with coins over Lent and bring them to school on the 2nd April. The class with the most amount gets to win a prize, afternoon tea with Mrs Gibbs.

Easter

We will be asking for donations toward Easter hampers from next week.

Many thanks,

The Friends

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

PHOTOS FROM WORLD BOOK DAY

















SPORTING AT OLI





On Monday, 3rd March, the High 5's team (Nell, Abril, Edith, Rhoda, Emily, Tommy and Hartley played a match against St. Pius X. They won 8-1.



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 10th March – 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

Attendance

Attendance Data:

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

	Last week % 24.02.25 - 28.02.25	This week % 03.03.25 - 07.03.25
Foundation	90.7%	88.9%
Year 1	96%	95.3%
Year 2	93.3%	96.7%
Year 3	96.5%	95.2%
Year 4	96.9%	100%
Year 5	88.2%	96.1%
Year 6	95.6%	98.1%
Whole School Total	**93.9%**	**95.9%**

Congratulations to Years 4 & 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.