‘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
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As this first half term of the year draws to close, I wanted to say a huge well done to all our children, who have worked so hard for the last six weeks and thank you to all of you for your continuing support for the school. Also, to all of our staff for their hard work and dedication.

In case you will be purchasing new uniform over the break I have included our current uniform list for your ease of reference, just to remind you that children are only allowed to wear boots to school if the weather conditions are icy or snowy.

Today, St Valentine’s Day, is a celebration of the virtue of love and the sacrament of marriage, which St Valentine upheld despite persecution. Ultimately, this led to his execution, but it is wonderful to think that nearly 1800 years later his courage and faith in God is still remembered and celebrated. As Father Martin has told us it is quite possible that in our lives we might have met or will meet a Saint and we will not even realise it. As we say in our Mission Statement, ‘With God all things are possible.’

The children should be bringing home a CAFOD Jubilee prayer card today, for your family to keep and use during this special year. When we return to school, CAFOD representatives will be coming into school to talk to the children about the work they do and to introduce the Big Lent Walk, which we will once again be participating in this coming half term to help raise much needed funds for their incredible work. If you want to know more about the work of CAFOD and how you can help, please visit their website CAFOD - Catholic international development charity

I hope you all have a peaceful and restful half term break and are able to enjoy some well deserved family time. When we come back to school, on Monday 24th of February, there will be lots to look forward to, including our Easter production, Year 4 and Reception’s assemblies etc. Do check the diary dates below for more details of upcoming events.

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs
Head of School

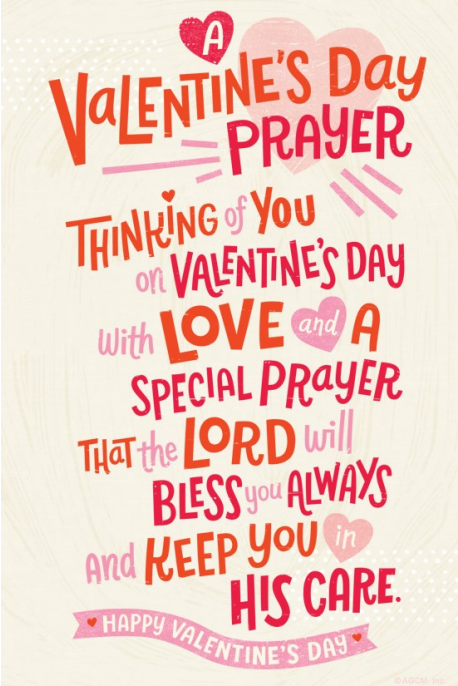
Thought for the weekend!



TEN TEN

Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources



School Uniform

Girls

Autumn & Spring Term

*Navy blue blazer and badge (optional)
Plain black or navy coat
White blouse or shirt
**School tie (EYFS - elasticated)
Grey pinafore or grey skirt/culottes
Grey long trousers – Years 5 and 6 only (not jersey or stretch)
Branded royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan
White socks or grey tights
Black shoes (of an approved style)

Summer Term

Blue and white checked dress or playsuit (not navy)
** School baseball cap
Shoes as above or navy / white sandals
White socks

P. E.

Plain royal blue or white school T-shirt
Navy shorts
Trainers

Juniors :

Plain navy blue zipped hoodie and joggers
Navy blue shorts
Royal blue football socks

Royal blue headbands or ribbons only

Boys

Autumn & Spring Term

*Navy blue blazer and badge (optional)
Plain black or navy coat
White shirt
**School tie (EYFS - elasticated)
Grey long trousers
Branded royal blue sweatshirt
Grey/black socks
Black shoes (of an approved style)

Summer Term

White shirt
School tie (EYFS – elasticated)
Grey shorts
** School baseball cap
Shoes as above

P.E.

Plain royal blue or white school T-shirt
Navy shorts
Trainers

Juniors :

Plain navy blue zipped hoodie and joggers
Navy blue shorts
Royal blue football socks

Scarves, gloves and hats for winter use navy or black only
Waterproof boots – wet weather

SUN SCREEN

During sunny and hot weather, children and parents should be encouraged to apply sun protection to their children before they come to school. Teachers should supervise any child applying their own lotion during the school day.

In **extreme hot weather** conditions, children are invited to bring in spray mist bottles.

WATER

To keep healthy, children should drink several glasses of water a day. To help children achieve this, they are encouraged to bring a plain water bottle filled with fresh water every day.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

FEBRUARY 2025	
Wednesday, 26th	Year 5 Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 28th	Year 4 swimming lessons
MARCH 2025	
Saturday, 1st	Friends Association Family Disco
Tuesday, 4th	Year 6 and Reception height and weight checks
Wednesday, 5th	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9am Years 1, 2 & Reception - Ash Wednesday service in school - pupils only
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
Friday, 21st	Essex Fire visiting year 6
Tuesday, 25th	Infant Music Festival (details coming soon)
Wednesday, 26th	Year 1 & 2 Mass @ 9.30am
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	
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)
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 14th February 2025

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

Foundation	Emma Rose	Charlotte
Year 1	Kiyomi	Emily
Year 2	Enzo	Claudia
Year 3	David	Zerah
Year 4	Sonia	Richmond
Year 5	Daniel	Charlotte
Year 6	Natalia	Florence J

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 14th February 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (301)	1st (276)	4th (280)	3rd (260)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 14th February 2025

Foundation	Libby	Eliza
Year 1	Rupert	Nathalia
Year 2	Jessica	Hannah
Year 3	Aidan	Zuzanna
Year 4	Buddy	Agatha
Year 5	Jeffray	Belle
Year 6	Abril	Sofia I

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

10.02.25 - 14.02.25

Wednesday **Hama beads - from 3.30pm**

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

Friends Association News

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

School disco

The school disco is fast approaching, on the Saturday following half term. We are in need of volunteers to help on the night and to set up and also will be asking for donations towards hamper prizes. Please follow the link to buy tickets: https://bit.ly/olimarchdisco

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

Asda

We earned £121.74 from the Asda fundraising programme last year.

Many thanks

The Friends



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 24th February – 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

Attendance

Attendance Data:

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

	Last week % 03.02.25 - 07.02.25	This week % 10.02.25 - 14.02.25
Foundation	93.6%	86.1%
Year 1	97.7%	99%
Year 2	97%	96.7%
Year 3	94.2%	94.5%
Year 4	96.9%	93.4%
Year 5	97.5%	93.1%
Year 6	95.8%	94.8%
Whole School Total	**96.1%**	**94%**

Congratulations to Year 1 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.

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