'With God all things are possible'

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

14th March 2025 **Issue 24**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week we will begin to grow in our virtue of Forgiveness. If you have the opportunity to, please talk to your children over the weekend about what forgiveness means.

As part of our Lenten Preparations, Father Martin came into school on Thursday to deliver the Sacrament of Reconciliation to KS2 children who have made their First Holy Communion. For details of when the Sacrament of Reconciliation is being held in our parish churches please see the Parish Newsletter Newsletters | Chelmsford Catholic

Thank you to all our parents who attended Parents' Evening this week, we hope you found it informative and enjoyed seeing your child's work. If you were unable to attend please do email parents@... to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

The chaplains would like to thank Mrs Wright for her help in preparing our Lenten Family Bags, which children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 took home this week. We hope you all enjoy using the resources and we look forward to receiving lots of photos. Please email these to us via parents@...

Year 5 had a wonderful trip to the National Gallery last Friday, thank you to all the staff and parents who made it happen.

Good luck to our High 5 Netball Team who are playing St Anne's Preparatory School tonight and Danbury Park School on Monday.

I look forward to seeing Year 4 families and parents at their St Patrick's Day Assembly on Monday and to all our Irish families Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit.

We are asking for donations to help make our lunchtimes a more engaging and creative time for our children. More details can be found on the flyer below. We would like donations of the following; old handbags and dressing up clothes, felt tips, pencils, crayons, chalk and paper/notebooks.

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 forgive

when

I accept God's forgiveness

I can forgive others.

I accept forgiveness from others

I can change after I have made a poor choice

I know that with God's love I can change.

I have the courage to give myself and others a new start.

I understand that saying sorry is one way of making amends.

LUNCHTIME DONATIONS

We would like the following:

- used OLD bags 
- Pencils 
- Pens
- Craons
- dress up, allages

You can even donate a red nose!

come donate your old items now!

Please DON'T bring odd socks, shoes or one sock

It will help everyone be entertained

Take action now!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

MARCH 2025	
Monday, 17th	Year 4 St. Patrick's Day Assembly @ 2.45pm (year 4 parents welcome)
Wednesday, 19th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 21st	Essex Fire visiting year 6
Tuesday, 25th	Infant Music Festival @ 2.45pm (Christ Church)
Wednesday, 26th	Year 1 & 2 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 27th	Reception class Mother's Day assembly @ 2pm (reception parents welcome)
Friday, 28th	Year 3 trip to Essex Police Museum
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
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) Year 4 - History off the Page - Egyptian Day

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 14th March 2025

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

Foundation	Leo	Libby
Year 1	Olaedo	Kezia
Year 2	Richmond	Dhiya
Year 3	Fabian	Lucas
Year 4	Elsie	Adhvik
Year 5	Lachlan	Ciara
Year 6	Joseph	Abigail

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 14th March 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (336)	2nd (308)	1st (323)	1st (289)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 14th March 2025

Foundation	Londi	Emmanuella
Year 1	Serin Teresa	Aaliyah
Year 2	Tadhg	Naia
Year 3	Gabriel	Emily
Year 4	Richmond	Sienna
Year 5	Harry	Belle
Year 6	Liam	Akosua

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WINNER - £100 BOOK VOUCHER



Thank you to Cameron in year 2. Over the half-term, he took part in a book trail, following clues on a book hunt and successfully found one of the 50 books hidden around Chelmsford. Cameron has won £100 book voucher for the school library.

Friends Association News

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 hampers

Please could we have donations to create 7 children's hampers, one will be up for grabs in each year group. So please bring any donations from Monday 17th March and a reminder that we are a NUT FREE school.

Mother's day art evening with Mrs Baker

Mrs Baker will be hosting another art evening, for mother's day this time. So please book a place to come along maybe with a special lady in your life, or come to create a painting to give to a special lady. Payment links to follow

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

Easy fundraising

Our Lady Immaculate School - is registered with easyfundraising, which means over 8,000 retailers will donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. Downloading the app makes donations on your usual online shopping easy! Please take a look at the link below and sign up.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ourladyimmaculate/?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-wa1

Donations

This year 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 so please enquire if you can.

Many thanks,

The Friends

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

17.03.25 - 21.03.25

Wednesday **Hola Hoop Competition from 3.30pm**

LENTEN FAMILY BAG PHOTOS

Reception, years 1, 2 & 3 have received Lenten Bags this week, we hope you enjoy sharing them and please do send in any photographs of how you have used them.













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



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 17th March – 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 % 03.03.25 - 07.03.25	This week % 10.03.25 - 14.03.25
Foundation	88.9%	91.8%
Year 1	95.3%	93.7%
Year 2	96.7%	97.7%
Year 3	95.2%	85.5%
Year 4	100%	93.8%
Year 5	96.1%	84.8%
Year 6	98.1%	95.6%
Whole School Total	**95.9%**	**91.8%**

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.

O.L.I Friends Association

Mothers Day Floral Art Painting

STEP BY STEP PAINTING EVENING

28th March

7pm for a 7.30pm start

O.L.I. Church Hall

£20/person



OLI Friends Association

CLASS COMPETITION

Save Your Change for Lent

Step 1. Find an Empty Jam Jar
Step 2. Decorate with fun stickers
Step 3. Ask your, Aunties, Uncles, Friends, your brothers, sisters and Grandparents to pop their spare change into the jar.

See how much you can raise - all money raised will go towards NEW LAPTOPS

The class who manages to raise the most money wins a prize !

Start saving from Ash Wednesday and remember to return your full jars into school by Wednesday 2nd April.

Good Luck!

OLI Friends Association