'With God all things are possible'

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

28th February 2025 **Issue 22**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the term, the children all came back full of exciting stories and adjectives to share about their half term holidays. They have also been enthusiastic about getting back to learning.

For the next three weeks we will be growing in the virtue of Love and Charity. This is especially relevant as the message of this week's Gospel was all about treating others as we would like to be treated.

As we begin the season of Lent, it is important to remind ourselves of the three Lenten Pillars: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Once again we will be participating in CAFOD's Big Lent walk, which asks us all to aim to walk 200km during the 40 days of Lent. Do sign up and donate to our Just Giving page Our Lady Immaculate's Fundraising page is fundraising for CAFOD

Speaking of CAFOD, this week, volunteers Jane and John came into school to tell us more about their wonderful work and ran workshops in foundation, year 1 and 3. The children really enjoyed this.

Just a reminder that this year only KS2 will be attending Ash Wednesday mass. Father Martin and Father Damien have kindly agreed to come into school afterwards to lead a special Lenten service for Foundation and KS1. Please note this is for pupils and staff only.

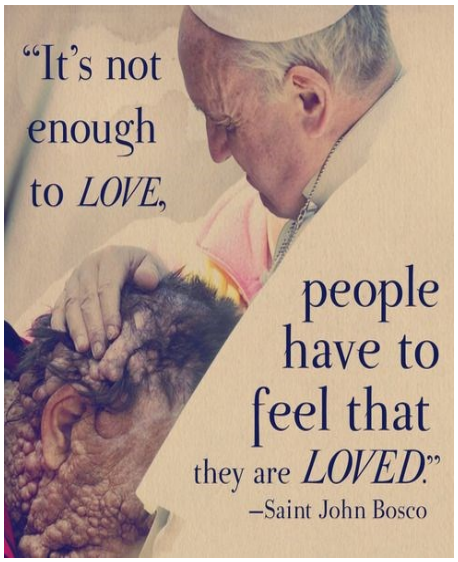
Parents evenings are on the 11th and 13th of March and appointments need to be booked online, Mrs Williams has already emailed all the details. If you have any trouble booking please let the office know.

On behalf of the staff I would like to thank Mr Pluck (grandfather of Freya, Kitt, Hector and Agatha) who has very kindly donated his time and carpentry skills to the school to improve our staffroom.

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 show love

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I treat everyone as I would like to be treated.

I do simple acts of kindness to show my love.

I show my love for God by caring for others.

I give my time to help others.

I share what I have with others.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

MARCH 2025	
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
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)
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 28th February 2025

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

Foundation	Kaylyn	Emma
Year 1	Oliver B	Clara
Year 2	Olivia	Alexa
Year 3	Alexander	Savio
Year 4	Ysabella	Matheo
Year 5	Santiago	Kimberley
Year 6	Aurora	Florence C

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 28th February 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (310)	2nd (287)	1st (294)	4th (265)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 28th February 2025

Foundation	Isla-Mae	Thalia
Year 1	Edward	Olivia
Year 2	Alexander	Daisy
Year 3	Riona	Rosie
Year 4	Adhvik	Sophia
Year 5	William	Ciara
Year 6	David A-H	Brian

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

03.03.25 - 07.03.25

Wednesday **Movie night from 3.30pm**

Friends Association News

School disco

We look forward to seeing you all at the school disco tomorrow, 5:30-7:30pm. Tickets are still available, please purchase online https://bit.ly/olimarchdisco

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.

The Friends

OLI Friends Association

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 CAFOD'S VISIT ON TO YEAR 1 ON TUESDAY









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 classrooms, and disturbing children's learning.



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 3rd March – 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

Attendance

Attendance Data:

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

	Last week % 10.02.25 - 14.02.25	This week % 24.02.25 - 28.02.25
Foundation	86.1%	90.7%
Year 1	99%	96%
Year 2	96.7%	93.3%
Year 3	94.5%	96.5%
Year 4	93.4%	96.9%
Year 5	93.1%	88.2%
Year 6	94.8%	95.6%
Whole School Total	**94%**	**93.9%**

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