‘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 we come to the close of our second full term, I want to thank you all for your continued support for the school. We hope you have been able to appreciate this term how much your child has grown and learnt.

I would like to thank Year 5, KS 2, Mrs Rajeev, Miss Worth, Mrs Harding-Smith, Mrs Grey, Mrs Sharp, Mr Owens, Mr Hogan, Mrs Kew and all KS 2 staff for their hard work in preparing the children and the church for our incredible Easter production this week. It was a superb performance thoroughly enjoyed by all. If you missed it or would like a memento of the occasion, please do contact the Friends association to purchase your copy of the recording.

Thank you as well to Mrs Kelly for organising our Big Lent walk for Cafod this Wednesday and to all the volunteers who helped make this event possible. So far, we have raised £435 for Cafod thank you so much!

I enjoyed afternoon tea today with the pupils of year 1 in recognition of the money they raised for our Friends association appeal to buy 32 new pupil laptops for September. In total we raised £1,219.11; thank you for your generosity.

The children in reception enjoyed a balance bike experience session this week, which we hope for those not yet proficient on two wheels will be a great first step to getting there.

Our boys’ football team were in action yesterday against St Pius X. The boys played brilliantly with plenty of team spirit and the match finished 2-2. Thank you to Mr Connor for organising.

We finished our Lenten celebrations today with Stations of the Cross in the hall. A sacred reminder of Our Lord’s final journey.

I would like to wish you all a blessed and peaceful Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 22nd of April for the summer term.

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs
Head of School

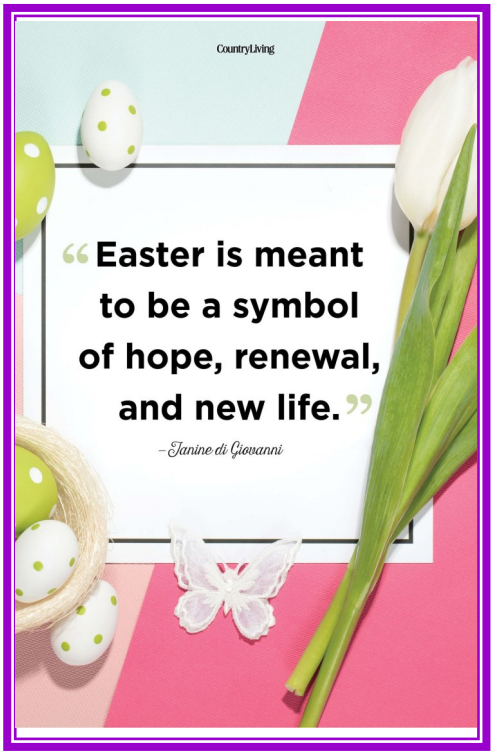
Thought for the weekend!



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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

APRIL 2025	
Tuesday, 22nd	First day of summer term
MAY 2025	
Thursday, 1st	Year 5 meeting re. Year 6 residential 2026 @ 5.30pm
Friday, 2nd	Junior Music Festival rehearsal at Bishops School (12.30pm - 3pm)
Thursday, 15th	Reception trip to Hyde Hall
Thursday, 22nd	Essex Fire visiting year 6
Friday, 23rd	Family Day (Mass and Sports Day)
Monday, 26th - Friday, 30th	Half-term
JUNE 2025	
Friday, 6th	Year 3 trip to Colchester Museum
Monday, 16th - Wednesday, 18th	Year 6 Residential trip to Bawdsey Manor
Thursday, 19th	Junior Music Festival
Saturday, 21st	Friends' Talent show
Tuesday, 24th	Year 5 trip to Writtle College (Food and Farming day)
Thursday, 26th	Reception trip to Chelmsford Museum (details coming soon) Year 4 - History off the Page - Egyptian Day
Friday, 27th	Essex Fire visiting year 6
Monday, 30th	Year 2 Mini Games (details coming soon)
JULY 2025	
Saturday, 5th	Friends' Summer festival
Tuesday, 8th	Year 6 trip to Adventure Island
Friday, 18th	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday, 21st	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 22nd	INSET DAY

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MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 4th April 2025

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

Foundation	Jayden	Grace
Year 1	Ike	Adaora
Year 2	Antoni	Daisy
Year 3	Anna	Joshua
Year 4	Molly	Hugh K
Year 5	Julian	Joselyn
Year 6	Victor	David A-H

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 4th April 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (373)	3rd (345)	4th (348)	1st (330)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 4th April 2025

Foundation	Indigo	Kaylyn
Year 1	Stephen	Emily
Year 2	Neve	Annie
Year 3	David	Zerah
Year 4	Buddy	Sienna
Year 5	Paul	Keva
Year 6	Nell	Maria

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

22.04.25 - 25.04.25

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday **Speed stack challenge from 3.30pm**

Friends Association News

Lent fundraiser

We raised a staggering £1,185 from the lent coin collection. This far exceeded our expectations, so thank you all very much for your support. The class that raised the most and won the prize of afternoon tea with Mrs Gibbs was year 1. Well done to year 1!

Easter

Thank you all to the donations to the children's hampers. Raffle tickets were given to every child today so every child had a chance to win a hamper or an egg. Hopefully the children enjoyed this.

We hope the children enjoyed their Easter treat from the friends on Wednesday after the big Lent walk**.**

Mother's day art evening with Mrs Baker

Thank you to Mrs Baker for doing the Mother's day art evening, the art work produced was amazing and it was a huge success.

Future events

Back by popular demand, we will be having a talent show in June so keep the date free and please ask your children if they would like to participate.

We will also be having a Father's day gift sale, break the rules day and the summer festival will be on Saturday 5th July.

Weekly parents lottery

Please sign up to the weekly lottery run through Parentkind 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, 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

Any donations toward the 32 laptops required would be greatfully received. Email the friends and payment link below. 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.

We hope you all enjoy your Easter

Many thanks

The Friends Association

PE TIMETABLE - SUMMER TERM 1 2025

Reception- Tuesday Rugby tots with coach (outside)

Year 1- Wednesday Athletics (outside)

Year 2- Tuesday Gymnastics (inside)

Year 3- Monday Cricket (outside)

Year 4- Monday Cricket with coach (outside)

Year 5- Thursday Athletics (outside)

Year 6- Tuesday Rounders (outside)

Friends Association Jar Collection

Reception - £227.70

Year 1- £316.62

Year 2– £264.88

Year 3– £138.77

Year 4- £98.03

Year 5- £91.41

Year 6- £81.70

THE BIG LENT WALK







FATHER MARTIN BLESSING THE NEW PRAYER GARDEN



YEAR 3'S VISIT TO ESSEX POLICE MUSEUM

On Friday, Year 3 visited the Essex Police Museum, based at the Police Headquarters. The children had a fantastic time exploring the museum, meeting police dog puppies and learning all about Victorian policing. The class were fortunate enough to have the additional treat of sitting in a police car, sounding the siren and trying on riot gear!













SPORTING AT OLI





On Thursday, 3rd April, OLI's boys football team played their first match of the season against St. Pius X. The match was very exciting with it finishing 2-2.



GOOD LUCK TO EX-PUPIL ELIZABETH GREY

Mrs Grey's daughter, Elizabeth, is representing England in Serbia at the World School Games next week. Wishing her the best of luck!



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 - 22nd April – 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 % **24.03.25 - 28.03.25**	**This week %** **31.03.25 - 04.04.25**
Foundation	92.2%	90%
Year 1	94.3%	94.7%
Year 2	99.7%	95.3%
Year 3	95.8%	99%
Year 4	95.9%	96.9%
Year 5	93.6%	94.2%
Year 6	97.5%	96.3%
Whole School Total	**95.6%**	**95.3%**

Congratulations to Year 3 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.