‘With God all things are possible’

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

21st March 2025 **Issue 25**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the last half of this term we are growing in the virtue of Forgiveness. Last week the children who had made their first Holy Communion had the chance to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Often, we are hardest on ourselves and need to learn to forgive ourselves. This is a difficult lesson for our pupils, who can be very harsh on themselves when they make a mistake. We need to encourage our children to embrace making mistakes, as it is through these that we learn and grow.

This week we celebrated St Patricks’ Day on Monday with a themed breakfast in the ARK. Thank you to our catering team for the delicious Barm Breck. There will be more special breakfast sessions soon so please do check out the What’s On At The ARK section for full details.

We were treated to a very informative assembly about the life of St Patrick from Year 4, who demonstrated their excellent public speaking skills recently learnt in their workshop with Nicky Browne from Mighty Oaks. The children also displayed their fantastic singing voices having to sing acappella when the technology failed us. Thank you to Mrs Haughton for organising.

Congratulations to our High 5’s Netball Team whose winning streak continues as they beat St Anne’s last Friday and Danbury Park School on Monday. They played brilliantly as a team, communicating with each other and supporting one another. It just goes to show how good teamwork gets results. Thank you again to Mrs Daley, Samantha Christie and all those who help with netball training.

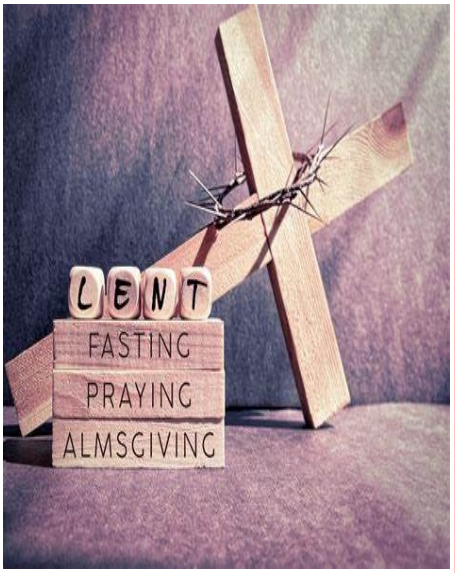
Today, Year 6 had a visit from the Essex Joint Fire and Police Service Education Team to talk about respect.

Finally, it seems as if spring has sprung, so can I remind all parents that children should only be wearing boots to school if the weather is unseasonably cold. Please remember that children should still be wearing their winter uniform until the end of this term.

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



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

MARCH 2025	
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 Friends Mother's Day gift sale
Monday, 31st	Friends Association meeting
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 (TBC) Family Day (Mass and Sports Day)
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)
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

JULY 2025	
Tuesday, 8th	Year 6 trip to Adventure Island
Friday, 18th	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday, 21st	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 22nd	INSET DAY

Friends Association News

Lent fundraiser

Don't forget to 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. Please leave any donations in the trolley and please remember that we are a NUT FREE school.

Mother's day art evening with Mrs Baker

Mrs Baker is hosting a mother's day art evening. 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 link: https://pta.events/FloralArtWorkshop

Mother's Day Gift Sale

This will take place at school on Friday 28th March. Cash accepted on the day or pre-pay here:

https://pta.events/MothersDayGiftSale

Meeting

The next friends meeting is Monday 31st March at the school or via link. Please attend if possible to discuss future fundraising ideas.

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

Any donations toward the 32 laptops required would be gratefully 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.

Many thanks

The Friends

OLI Friends Association

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 21st March 2025

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

Foundation	Thalia	Isla-Mae
Year 1	Finley	Ayla
Year 2	Adam	Jessica
Year 3	Philip	Kallie
Year 4	Molly	Filip
Year 5	Russell	Sienna
Year 6	Sofia O'S	Oscar

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 21st March 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (348)	1st (323)	4th (333)	2nd (302)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 21st March 2025

Foundation	Sophia	Bella
Year 1	Kitt	Gaia
Year 2	Peter	Kaitlyn
Year 3	Aidan	Violet
Year 4	Nico	Ciara
Year 5	Max	Keva
Year 6	Dorian	Rhoda





SPORTING AT OLI





On Friday, 14th and Monday, 17th March, the High 5's team (Nell, Abril, Edith, Rhoda, Lachlan, Tommy and Hartley played a match against St. Annes and Danbury Park. They won a very tight game against St. Anne's 8-7 and 15-0 against Danbury Park.



WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

24.03.25 - 28.03.25

Wednesday **Easter Arts and Crafts from 3.30pm**

YEAR 4 ST PATRICK'S DAY ASSEMBLY



Cubs Swimming Gala

Well done to the 6 children from OLI who participated in the Cubs swimming gala last Saturday representing the 23rd Chelmsford Cub pack. They competed in individual and relay heats, all swimming so well. A few made it to the finals in their races with Sienna coming 1st overall in breast stroke, taking home the gold medal.



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MUSICAL INTERPRETATION OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Thursday, year 6 participated in a musical interpretation of The Stations of the Cross

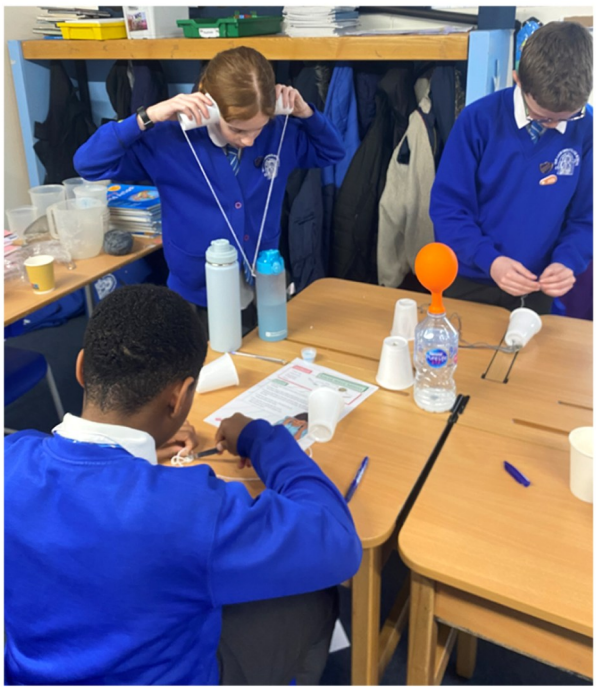




YEAR 6 - SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS FOR BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK







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 - 24th 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 % 10.03.25 - 14.03.25	This week % 17.03.25 - 21.03.25
Foundation	91.8%	92.1%
Year 1	93.7%	95.6%
Year 2	97.7%	96.6%
Year 3	85.5%	96.9%
Year 4	93.8%	97.4%
Year 5	84.8%	95%
Year 6	95.6%	95.4%
Whole School Total	**91.8%**	**95.6%**

Congratulations to Year 4 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!

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