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The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

28th March 2025 **Issue 26**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week in school. Our Year 2 class attended the Infant Music Festival at Christ Church, which has now been running for 60 years! The children were wonderful and sang beautifully; it was a joy to accompany them. Thank you to Miss Hitchen and Miss Zielinski for getting them ready to perform.

Our High 5 netball team have been in action again continuing their unbeaten run with a match against St Peters CofE School. Their win yesterday makes them league winners! They have a tournament after the Easter holidays where I am sure they will continue to showcase their excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

Year 5 and all of KS2 have been busy rehearsing and preparing their Easter production for next Tuesday. I look forward to seeing many of you at the performance, which will be at 9.30am in the church.

Our reception class delighted their families with a wonderful assembly about Mothering Sunday yesterday. The children spoke and sang really clearly despite having such a large audience. Thank you to Mrs Kelly, Miss Carr and all the reception team for their help in preparing the children.

Finally, thank you to the Friends Association volunteers for organising and running the mothers' day gift sale today. We wish all mothers and mother figures a very happy and blessed Mother's day on Sunday.

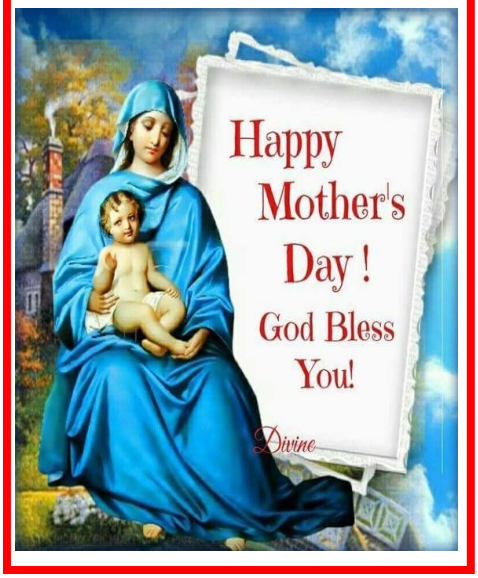
BIG LENT WALK

Our big lent walk for CAFOD will culminate next Wednesday afternoon with a whole school walk around Central Park, therefore children are requested to come to school next Wednesday wearing their PE kit and something purple. We are somewhat short of our fundraising total so if you haven't had a chance to visit our just giving page yet here is the link Our Lady Immaculate's Fundraising page is fundraising for CAFOD

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs
Head of School

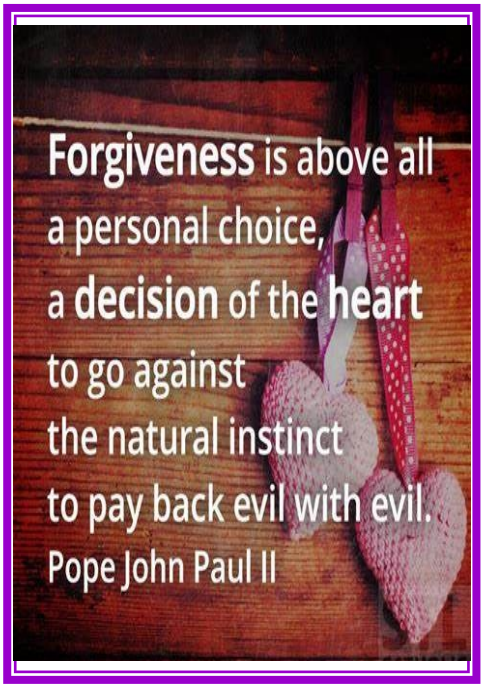
Thought for the weekend!



TEN TEN

Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

MARCH 2025	
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
Thursday, 22nd	Essex Fire visiting year 6
Friday, 23rd	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

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 28th March 2025

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

Foundation	Soujoud	Londi
Year 1	Rupert	Kiyomi
Year 2	TJ	Michelle
Year 3	Zuzanna	Aisling
Year 4	Peter	Charlotte
Year 5	Keva	Jack
Year 6	Chimdike	Kushal

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 28th March 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (360)	3rd (333)	4th (338)	1st (315)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 28h March 2025

Foundation	Freya	Monica
Year 1	Thiem	Helena
Year 2	Angel	Alexa
Year 3	Marika	Toby
Year 4	Hugh T-C	Mia
Year 5	Tommy	Kimberley
Year 6	David C	Lara-Rose





SPORTING AT OLI





On Thursday, 27th March, the High 5's team (Nell, Abril, Edith, Rhoda, Lachlan, Tommy and Hartley played a match against St. Peter's CofE School. They won 10-1.



Friends Association News

Lent fundraiser

Don't forget to bring in your jars filled with coins on Wednesday. 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

There's still space for the art event this evening, please either pay online or contact one of the friends. Payment link: https://pta.events/FloralArtWorkshop

Mother's Day Gift Sale

Thank you to Mrs Connor to organising the mother's day gift sale. It was as usual hugely successful and so lovely seeing all the children enjoying picking their presents. We hope you love them.

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, 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

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

31.03.25 - 04.04.25

BREAKFAST

Bunny breakfast (every morning next week) find the hidden bunny and receive a prize

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday **Movie night from 3.30pm**

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

AFTERNOON TEA WITH MRS GIBBS - 50 READS RAFFLE



YEAR 2 – INFANT MUSIC FESTIVAL





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 - 31st March – Week 3

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 % 17.03.25 - 21.03.25	This week % 24.03.25 - 28.03.25
Foundation	92.1%	92.2%
Year 1	95.6%	94.3%
Year 2	96.6%	99.7%
Year 3	96.9%	95.8%
Year 4	97.4%	95.9%
Year 5	95%	93.6%
Year 6	95.4%	97.5%
Whole School Total	**95.6%**	**95.6%**

Congratulations to Year 2 and 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