'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,

It was wonderful to take a moment this Thursday in school to not only celebrate but also commemorate Victory in Europe eighty years ago. Our wonderful Catering Team provided a delicious special menu. It is easy for us to think of war as something that happened in the past. However we know that, as I am writing this, war is continuing to be waged in Europe, Israel and across other parts of the globe. As we celebrate the election of Pope Leo XVI let us reflect on the words of our blessed Pope Francis, 'The only war we must all fight is the one against evil.'

This week we have been growing in the Virtue of Perseverance so that we can be resilient. It is important that our children learn things can be hard, difficult and scary to do. It is in overcoming that we grow and learn how strong we are. Having faith and knowing that, 'With God all things are possible,' our children are able to grow and face challenges.

Dentists from Advent Dental Practice came in and visited Reception and Year 3 this week. They spoke to the children about how to look after their teeth and did some free check ups for pupils.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 had a visit this morning from Drama4all and had a great fun in their drama workshops.

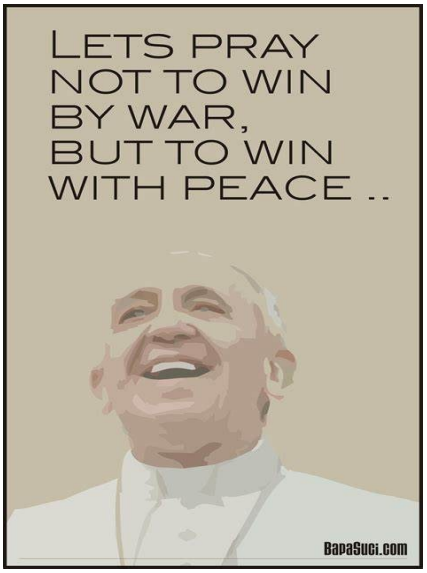
Next week our Year 6 pupils will be taking their Key stage 2 SATs tests. We wish all the children the best of luck and also send our prayers and good luck to any former pupils who are beginning to take their GCSEs and A-Levels.

Our May Procession is on Friday 16th May at 2.30pm. We are asking pupils to bring in a flower for the procession that our chaplains can use to display and crown Mary.

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

Our Virtue

Virtues to Live by

You Persevere and you are Resilient

when

You don't let doubts stop you from trying.

You are not afraid because you know you are not alone.

You ask God to help you grow through your personal challenges.

You take one step at a time – you keep going!

You complete what you start.

You are a reliable classmate.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

MAY 2025	
Wednesday, 14th	Year 3 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 15th	Reception trip to Hyde Hall
Friday, 16th	May Procession @ 2.30pm - please bring a flower
Wednesday, 21st	Year 1 parent meeting re. phonic screening test at 9am and 3.30pm Year 1 & 2 Mass @ 9.30am Culture Fair - 1.30pm
Thursday, 22nd	Essex Fire visiting year 6
Friday, 23rd	Family Day (Mass and Sports Day) (timings coming soon)
Monday, 26th - Friday, 30th	Half-term
JUNE 2025	
Wednesday, 4th	Year 5 Mass @ 9.30am Year 6 visiting Chelmsford Museum (WW1)
Friday, 6th	Year 3 trip to Colchester Museum
Wednesday, 11th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 16th - Wednesday, 18th	Year 6 Residential trip to Bawdsey Manor
Wednesday, 18th	Year 3 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 19th	Junior Music Festival
Saturday, 21st	Friends' Talent show
Tuesday, 24th	Year 5 trip to Writtle College (Food and Farming day)
Wednesday, 25th	Year 2 Mass @ 9.30am Gotta Dance Performance @ The Civic Theatre
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	
Tuesday, 1st	Year 6 visiting Chelmsford Museum (WW2)
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

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 9th May 2025

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

Foundation	Noelani-Rae	Israel
Year 1	Olivia	Hector
Year 2	Alexander	Molly
Year 3	Marika	David
Year 4	Avery	Charlotte
Year 5	Harry	Anna
Year 6	Florence J	Hattie

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 9th May 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (414)	3rd (381)	2nd (394)	1st (368)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 9th May 2025

Foundation	Emma	Charlotte
Year 1	Ayla	Olaedo
Year 2	Luca	Dhiya
Year 3	Nahson	Ella
Year 4	Hugh T-C	Ysabella
Year 5	Hanna	Eloise
Year 6	Isaac	Natalia

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Friends Association News

Upcoming events

We hope the children enjoyed the ice creams after school last week, we raised £74. We will let you know when the next sale is coming up.

The talent show will be back by popular demand on Sat 21st June, so save the date. The summer festival will be on Sat 5th July, again save the date. We will also be having a break the rules day and fathers day gift sale.

Pre-loved summer uniform is in the front office for a small donation to the friends.

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 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.

Many thanks
The Friends

OLI Friends Association

Thursday 15th May 2025

Please encourage your child in KS1 to try a free school meal on Thursday 15th May 2025. Our school meals service is excellent and provides delicious, balance and nourishing food on a daily basis. If possible, please support by choosing a Universal Free School meal for infants on this day. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

The revised menu for next Thursday 15th May 2025 will be:

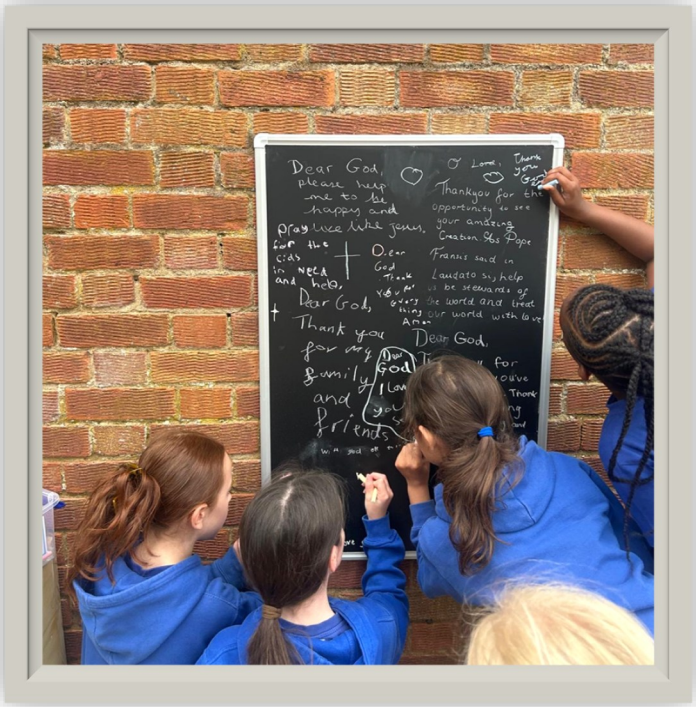
Pepperoni Pizza or Margherita Pizza

Dessert will be a ice cream with sprinkles and marsh mellows

(allergy free ice cream for special diet requirements will be available)

THE PRAYER GARDEN







Culture Fair

On **Wednesday 21st May**, we will be celebrating **World Day for Cultural Diversity**. This day is held every year to celebrate not only the richness of the world's cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.

Our Lady Immaculate is a school rich in cultural heritage. We would like to celebrate this with a **Culture Fair** featuring stalls representing the various heritages and countries from which the children's' families come. We would like the stalls to be run by parents or grandparents. If you are passionate about your cultural heritage, we would love for you to volunteer to run a stall for the afternoon.

What would happen on the day?

We would set up a table in the school hall for you to display items. Please bring along any cultural items you would like to share with the children e.g. flags, traditional clothing, instruments, spices, cooking utensils etc. and set up your table.

Then, the children, with their teacher, would walk around visiting the stalls in small groups, and ask questions to find out about the different countries represented.

Date and Time - Wednesday 21st May 1:30pm-3:00pm in the school hall

How to volunteer - please email parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

Please let the office know your name and the country you would like to represent.

DRAMA 4 ALL WORKSHOP





VE DAY CELEBRATION LUNCH







WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

12.05.25 - 16.05.25

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday Movie night from 3.30pm

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 12th May – 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

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."

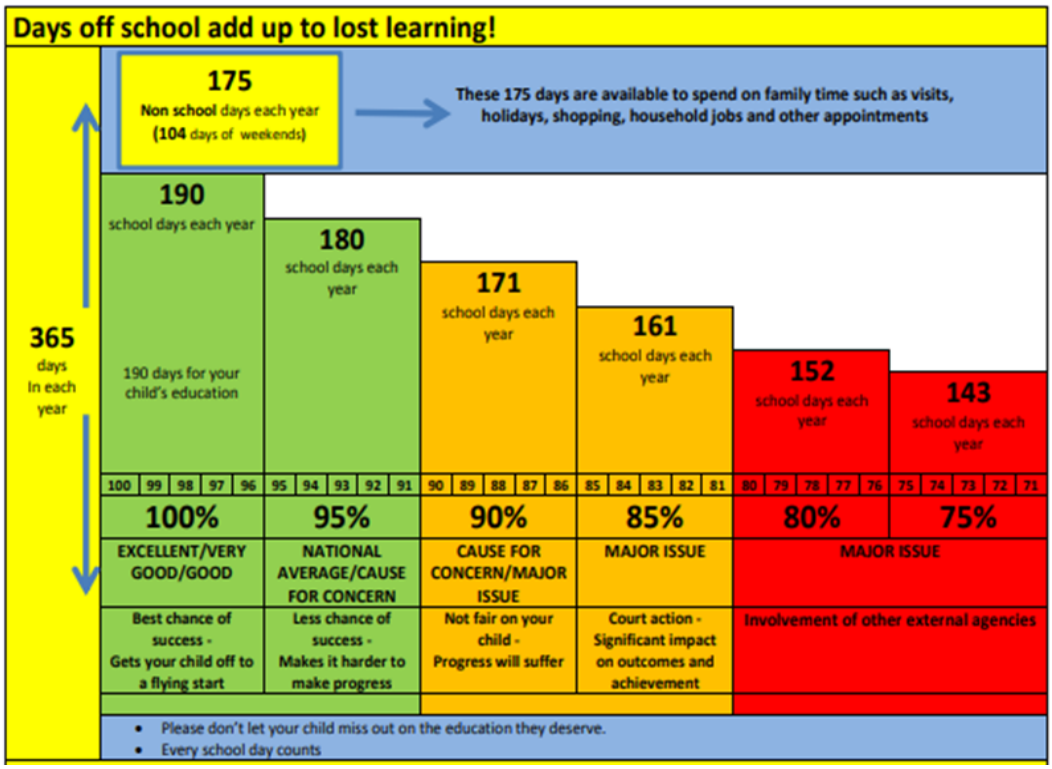
Graham Fawcet



Attendance

We know that these things are unavoidable, but please do ensure that your child is in school whenever they can be. Lost learning has a big impact on children's future learning.

Please be aware that the school is **strictly unable to sanction any holidays** taken during term time.



Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below	94% - 96.9%	97% and above
	Last week % **28.04.25 - 02.05.25**	**This week %** **06.05.25 - 09.05.25**
Foundation	95.7%	92%
Year 1	98.7%	93.3%
Year 2	97.3%	95.6%
Year 3	97.2%	97.4%
Year 4	100%	97.9%
Year 5	95.2%	92.4%
Year 6	99.4%	99%
Whole School Total	**97.6%**	**95.4%**

Congratulations to Years 3, 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.