‘With God all things are possible’

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

2nd May 2025 **Issue 28**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we have had in school. Our High 5 Netball Team won their tournament playing against four other schools making it to the final and the Junior Choir had their rehearsal, ready for the Junior Music Festival.

We officially opened our Prayer Garden this week. Thank you to Mrs Kew and the Eco Council for helping prepare the planters and to Mr Hogan and Mrs Wright for helping me get everything ready to welcome our VIP guests. Do see the photos below.

As we begin the month of May, we will again be saying the Rosary in school. The chaplains will be organising the crowning of Mary at our Annual Procession on the 16th May. All parents and parishioners are invited to attend and you will get to see our new prayer garden too.

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils who have completed a week of practice SATs, they behaved with maturity and resilience.

In recognition of the 80th anniversary celebrations of VE day on Thursday 8th May, we would like to invite the children to wear an item of red e.g. red ribbon/hair band, socks etc. This way we will be wearing red, white and blue. We will be marking the national two minute silence in school and our catering team are putting on a special menu. Full details are below.

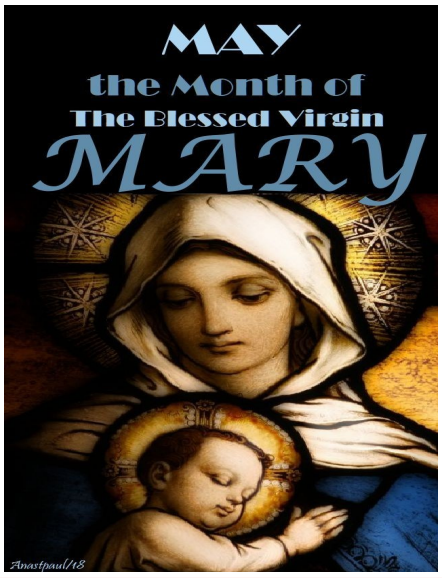
Finally, please be reminded that trainers should only be worn on PE days, at all other times children need to wear sensible flat black school shoes. Girls may wear white sandals during the summer term. As the weather warms up, please do ensure your child comes to school with a hat, which can be purchased from the school office and also that you have applied sun cream in the morning before school.

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, 7th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 8th	VE Day celebration - wear an item of red (hairband, red ribbon, socks)
Wednesday, 14th	Year 3 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 15th	Reception trip to Hyde Hall
Friday, 16th	May Procession @ 2.30pm
Wednesday, 21st	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)
Monday, 26th - Friday, 30th	Half-term
JUNE 2025	
Wednesday, 4th	Year 5 Mass @ 9.30am Year 6 visiting Chelmsford Museum (WW1) - details coming soon
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) - details coming soon
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 2nd May 2025

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

Foundation	Isla-Mae	Bella
Year 1	Edward	Isla
Year 2	Cameron	Hannah
Year 3	Riona	Amari
Year 4	Ronnie	Sienna
Year 5	Tommy	Lachlan
Year 6	Lillie-Mae	David C

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 2nd May 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (401)	3rd (371)	1st (381)	2nd (354)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 2nd May 2025

Foundation	Riley	Ezra
Year 1	Salvin	Clara
Year 2	Theodora	Michelle
Year 3	Gabriel	Brooke
Year 4	Ayden	Emma
Year 5	Panbhu	Anna
Year 6	Nell	Natalia

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Friends Association News

Upcoming events

We hope the children enjoy the ice cream sale after school, all money goes towards the laptop fundraising. We will be having further sales on some Fridays after school so keep an eye out for updates.

The talent show will be back by popular demand on Saturday 21st June, so save the date. The summer festival will be on Saturday 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 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 Association

LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST

https://www.justgiving.com/page/nicola-taplin-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015

Hi my name is Kimberley and I am 9 years old. I love being able to help other people and this is why I have chosen to have almost 16 inches of my hair cut off and want to donate it to the little princess trust to help other children. The money raised is to help with the cost of making my hair into a wig/wigs.

Please help me reach my goal.

Thank you for taking the time to read my page.



OPENING OF THE PRAYER GARDEN











WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

28.04.25 - 02.05.25

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday **Lego MADNESS from 3.30pm**




SPORTING AT OLI




On Monday, 28th April, the High 5's team played in a tournament winning 3 of the 4 matches and drawing the other game. An amazing achievement as they won their pool and have reached the final which is to be played on Tuesday, 20th May.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 6th May – 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 % 22.04.25 - 25.04.25	This week % 28.04.25 - 02.05.25
Foundation	91.5%	95.7%
Year 1	93.8%	98.7%
Year 2	95%	97.3%
Year 3	97.7%	97.2%
Year 4	97.7%	100%
Year 5	92.4%	95.2%
Year 6	96.1%	99.4%
Whole School Total	**94.9%**	**97.6%**

Congratulations to Years 1, 2, 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.

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

