‘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
Tel: 01245 353755

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big well done to all our Year 6 pupils who have completed their SATs tests in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Maths this week. Thank you also to Miss Schultz, Mrs Sharp, Mr Owens and all the staff who helped prepare the children.

Another well done to our Year 3/4 cricketers who took part in the Rapid Fire Cricket Tournament on Tuesday. Our A team were the overall winners and all the children represented us brilliantly. Thank you to Mrs Daley, Mrs Grey and Mr Connor and all the parents who helped with transport.

Our Reception children enjoyed a wonderful visit to RHS Hyde Hall Gardens on Thursday. The children learnt about how plants grow and how to look after them.

Our girls football were also in action this week away to St Pius. A highly competitive game with St. Pius winning 2-1.

Congratulations to those pupils who celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend at Our Lady Immaculate and Holy Name. If your child is celebrating the sacrament in the coming weeks please do share a photo with us.

Thank you to all those who joined us for our May Procession today. It was a lovely event and a wonderful opportunity for us to share our beautiful new Prayer Garden with the community.

We are looking forward to our Cultural Afternoon next Wednesday, a big thank to you to all those who have volunteered to help us. It is also our Family Day on Friday. This is a chance for us to all to come together and share the children’s achievements so far this year. We will also hold our annual Sports Day. I look forward to seeing you there.

In this last week of term we will be learning to grow in the Virtue of Kindness.

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

Our Virtue

Virtues to Live by

I am Kind

when

I look for ways to help others by following the example of Jesus

I show kindness to any person or animal I see

I look for ways to care for God’s creation

I share what I have with other people

I am kind to myself

Congratulations!

Congratulations and best wishes to Toby, Lucas, Amari, Alexander and Anne who received the Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion last Sunday.



WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

19.05.25 - 23.05.25

BREAKFAST

All week	**Biscuits**
Wednesday	**Culture Day - French breakfast (pain au chocolat or croissant)**

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday	**Biscuit decorating, Hama beans and friendship bracelets from 3.30pm**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: **new information will be presented in red**

MAY 2025	
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)
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

JULY 2025 cont...	
Tuesday, 8th	Year 6 trip to Adventure Island
Friday, 18th	LAST DAY OF TERM (NO ARK AFTER SCHOOL CLUB) - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.15PM)
Monday, 21st	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 22nd	INSET DAY

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 16th May 2025

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

Foundation	Mugunthan	Indigo
Year 1	Aaliyah	Kitt
Year 2	Annie	Peter
Year 3	Brooke	Francine
Year 4	Peter	Ciara
Year 5	Matilda	Santiago
Year 6	Aurora	Florence C

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 16th May 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (424)	3rd (390)	1st (405)	1st (379)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 16th May 2025

Foundation	Henry	Sophia
Year 1	Thiem	Maja
Year 2	Richmond	Claudia
Year 3	Lucas	Jessica
Year 4	Jaelan	Ronnie
Year 5	Jeffray	Isabella
Year 6	Oliver	Sofia I

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Friends Association News

Upcoming events

We're delighted to announce that, due to popular demand, the Talent Show is making a return! Join us at 5:00pm on Saturday, 21st June for what promises to be a fantastic evening. The entry form was sent via email from the school this week or email Friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk.

The £1 entry fee should be placed in an envelope clearly marked *"Talent Show Fee"*, along with your child's name and year group. Please ask your child to hand it in at the school office no later than **Thursday, 22nd May**.

Further information about rehearsals and ticket purchases will be shared soon. We can't wait to see the incredible talent your children will bring to the stage—it's always a joy to see them perform for friends and family!

The summer festival will be on Saturday 5th July, again save the date. We will also be having a break the rules day and Father's 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, 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

Midday Assistant

Our Lady Immaculate School is looking to recruit a 1 year Fixed term Midday Assistant Maternity Cover. The position is for a total of 1.5 hours a day on Monday to Friday from 11:55pm to 1:.25pm, term time only, there can be flexibility on working days if a suitable applicant can not commit to 5 days per week. The hourly rate is: £12.45 plus holiday pay.

The successful candidate will be part of a small friendly team. They should be able to engage with children, deal with any issues in a calm and positive way and ensure that lunchtimes are safe and happy.

For further information and an application form please contact Lindsey Murgatroyd admin@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk or 01245 353755. No previous experience required as training will be given.



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.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PARKING

Church Car Park and Staff Car Park (in front of school)

Please remember that there is NO PARKING behind the church when dropping off or collecting your child. The car park is for Church use only.

Please also note that you are not to park in the staff car park (in front of the school) for drop off for the Ark. This applies to both before and after school.



Sporting achievements

Congratulations to Elijah in year 5 for participating in a gymnastics tournament last weekend. Elijah delivered fantastic performances across 4 disciplines getting 3 golds and a silver and earning a place at the regional competition this July!



Reception trip to Hyde Hall - Thursday, 16th May 2025

On Thursday, the Reception children enjoyed an informative day at the beautiful RHS Hyde Hall gardens. Our garden ranger taught the children about local plants, wildlife and habitats. The children had fun making nests, planting seeds and exploring the gardens.







SPORTING AT OLI

Football

On Thursday, 15th May, the girls football team played a match against St. Pius X. A highly competitive game resulted in St. Pius winning 2-1.



Rapid Fire Cricket tournament

Children from years 3 and 4 took part in the Rapid Fire Cricket tournament on Tuesday, 13th May at Writtle Cricket club. An excellent performance by all. Team A being the overall winners of the afternoon. Congratulations to all who took part.





MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 2nd June – 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

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

Attendance Data:

94% and below | **94% - 96.9%** | **97% and above**

	Last week % 06.05.25 - 09.05.25	**This week % 12.05.25 - 16.05.25**
Foundation	92%	94.5%
Year 1	93.3%	100%
Year 2	95.6%	95.7%
Year 3	97.4%	95.6%
Year 4	97.9%	99.4%
Year 5	92.4%	96.6%
Year 6	99%	99.4%
Whole School Total	**95.4%**	**96.9%**

Congratulations to Years 1, 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.