‘With God all things are possible’

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

23rd May 2025 **Issue 31**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to Father Martin and Mrs Harding-Smith for making our first May Day Procession, last Friday, so beautiful.

We have been growing in the Virtue of Kindness this week. Our children are always demonstrating how kind they can be and I know it was difficult for staff to chose the Merit Badge winners this week.

Our final week of this very short half term was another exciting and busy week. Thank you to Mrs Kelly and all our amazing volunteers and staff who made our first Cultural Day on Wednesday such a success. It was a fascinating, vibrant and colourful day. It demonstrated what an incredible community we are, with parents giving up their time and children preparing resources and cooking up a storm. We really are blessed.

Both our girls and boys’ football teams were in action again this week. Thank you to all the parents who provided transport to and from Little Waltham.

Year 6 were visited by the Essex Fire Service who talked to them about fire safety.

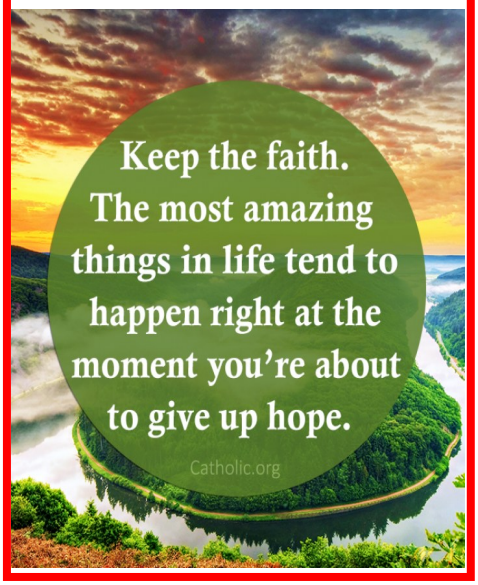
Thank you so much for joining us today for our Sports and Family Day. We hope you all enjoyed it. Thank you to Mrs Daley and all the staff who made it such a fantastic day.

When we return after the Half-Term break for the final part of this term, the children need to be wearing school summer uniform. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 2nd June and I wish you all a lovely week.

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

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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 (NO ARK AFTER SCHOOL CLUB) - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.15PM)
Monday, 21st	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 22nd	INSET DAY

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 23rd May 2025

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

Foundation	Henry	Sophia
Year 1	Serin Teresa	Kitt
Year 2	Naia	Jan
Year 3	Zerah	Savio
Year 4	Leo	Pola
Year 5	Joselyn	Charlie
Year 6	Akosua	Maria

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 23rd May 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (440)	2nd (408)	1st (429)	4th (392)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 23rd May 2025

Foundation	Riley	Inayaat
Year 1	Finley	Gaia
Year 2	Lewis	Antonis
Year 3	Aisling	Amari
Year 4	Filip	Heavenly
Year 5	Johan	Ciara
Year 6	Liam	Sofia O'S

Congratulations!

Congratulations and best wishes to Jessica who received the Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, 11th May at Holy Name.



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MAY PROCESSION













CULTURE DAY 2025

















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. 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.

Other news

The ice cream sales made £89 last week. A total of £172 profit over the two sales.

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.

We hope you have a lovely half term break

Many thanks

The Friends

OLI Friends Association

ASSEMBLY MONDAY, 19TH MAY

Assembly on Monday was taken by Mr Reagan Schriber of New Hall School






SPORTING AT OLI




Football

On Thursday, 22nd May, both the girls' and boys' football teams played against Little Waltham Primary School. The girls winning their match 5-2 and the boys winning 2-1. Well done to everyone involved!

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.

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.

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 - 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

Attendance

Attendance Data:

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

	Last week % 12.05.25 - 16.05.25	This week % 19.05.25 - 23.05.25
Foundation	94.5%	94.5%
Year 1	100%	92%
Year 2	95.7%	100%
Year 3	95.6%	91.3%
Year 4	99.4%	98.8%
Year 5	96.6%	94.8%
Year 6	99.4%	96.6%
Whole School Total	**96.9%**	**95.4%**

Congratulations to Years 2 & 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.