‘With God all things are possible’

The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

20th June 2025 **Issue 34**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week I had the privilege of accompanying our Year 6 on their residential. It was a wonderful experience, we were blessed with good weather. The children experienced lots of new and exciting activities such as archery, canoeing, ziplining and the giant swing. They also enjoyed evening fun around the campfire. The children were a credit to you and great ambassadors of our school, receiving praise from instructors and making Miss Schultz, Miss Hitchen and myself proud.

On Thursday our school choir rehearsed and then performed at the Chelmsford Junior Music Festival. They sang a variety of familiar and new show songs. It is an incredible opportunity for our choir, which is open free of charge to all Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils every Thursday morning from 8.30am, to experience performing with other schools in a professional working theatre. Thank you to Mrs Harding-Smith for all her hard work preparing the children.

As the warm summer weather is set to continue please ensure that the children come to school wearing a sun hat with sun cream applied. Please also ensure the children have a full named water bottle in school. Boys do not need wear ties next week.

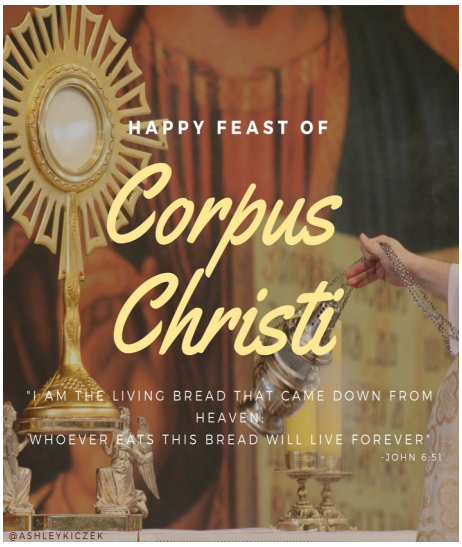
As we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi a solemnity where we reflect on the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we are reminded that He died for us but He continues to nourish and guide us. As we continue to grow in our Virtue of Honesty we will be asking the children again to reflect on how they can be true disciples.

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 Honest

when

I tell the truth.

I can be trusted.

I am honest about my words and actions.

I make promises I can keep.

My actions match my words.

I am true to myself and follow what I know to be right.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

JUNE 2025	
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 Year 4 - History off the Page - Egyptian Day
Friday, 27th	Essex Fire visiting year 6
Monday, 30th	Year 2 Mini Games
JULY 2025	
Tuesday, 1st	Year 6 visiting Chelmsford Museum (WW2)
Wednesday, 2nd	Year 1 Mass @ 9.30am
Thursday, 3rd	Year 5 taster day at St. John Payne (details coming soon)
Saturday, 5th	Friends' Summer festival
Tuesday, 8th	Year 6 trip to Adventure Island
Wednesday, 9th	Transition afternoon (meeting their new teachers) - 1.30pm - 3pm
Thursday, 10th	Year 6 End of Year Show - 6pm in the school hall
Friday, 11th	Year 6 water fight (during the school day)
Tuesday, 15th	Year 6 disco (during the school day)
Thursday, 17th	Year 6 Leavers' Mass - 6pm in the Church
Friday, 18th	Year 6 - signing shirts LAST DAY OF TERM (NO ARK AFTER SCHOOL CLUB) - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.15PM)
Monday, 21st	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 22nd	INSET DAY
SEPTEMBER 2025	
Monday, 1st	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 2nd	First day of Autumn term

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 20th June 2025

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

Foundation	Orla	Jayden
Year 1	Kiyomi	Helena
Year 2	Theodora	Jessica
Year 3	Emily	Joshua
Year 4	Nico	Pola
Year 5	Elijah	Belle
Year 6	Nell	Victor

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 20th June 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (475)	3rd (438)	2nd (471)	2nd (435)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 20th June 2025

Foundation	Soujoud	Grace
Year 1	Hector	Nathalia
Year 2	Enzo	Peter
Year 3	Fabian	Mia
Year 4	Oscar	Sonia
Year 5	Panbhu	Kimberley
Year 6	Kushal	Sofia O'S

HEALTHY SCHOOL POLICY—SNACKS AND PACKED LUNCH

REMINDER - If your child brings a packed lunch with them, please remember that, no cans or glass bottles are allowed and we also request that parents avoid giving children crisps or chocolate in line with our Healthy School Policy. Nuts (including in biscuits etc,) are not permitted in school as some of our children suffer from anaphylaxis, which is a serious allergy to nuts.



This also applies for your child's snack.

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS

parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk Please use the parent email address to leave messages about a child's absence or pick up arrangements. Child absences must be reported by 9 a.m. on the first day, and changes to pick up can be emailed until **2 p.m. on the day**. – You must ring the school thereafter.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ABSENCE NOTES AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS VIA THE ADMIN@ EMAIL ADDRESS NOR VIA SCHOOLCOMMS – THANK YOU.

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

23.06.25 - 27.06.25

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday **Outdoor activities (if it is too hot, this will change to speed stacking)**

LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST



My name is Jessica Williams and I am having my hair cut for a charity called The Little Princess Trust. They will use my hair to make a wig for children who have cancer. Each wig costs about £500 to make, so I am raising money to send with my hair donation. If you are willing to donate a little money to make the wig, please click on this link. Thank you so much. Jess x

https://www.justgiving.com/page/jess-williams-8?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=018

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 23rd 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

Our Lady Immaculate fully complies with information legislation. For the full details on how we use your personal information please see our privacy notices which are located on our school website (www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.uk) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy

Friends Association News

Upcoming events

Talent show - Saturday

Tickets are still available and can be bought up to 3pm tomorrow. Come and support your children and their friends!

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/oli-school-friends-association

Summer Festival – 5th July

Grand draw tickets should be coming home with the children today.

For the raffle- We will be making themed hamper donations and would really appreciate any donations. See the below themes for suggested item for your year group:

Foundation. **Little Artist** – Crayons, coloring books, child-safe paints, stickers.

Year 1. **Storytime Magic** – Picture books, cozy socks, bookmarks, cuddly toy.

Year 2. **Garden & outdoor play* – Child-sized tools, seed packets, watering cans, outdoor toys, bubbles, chalk, skipping ropes.

Year 3. **Craft & Create** – DIY kits, patterned paper, beads, glue sticks.

Year 4. **Summer Fun** – Sunglasses, sunscreen, beach toys, lemonade/bubble tea mix, sweatbands, free-bie, beach ball, insulated bottle

Year 5. **Science Explorers** – Simple experiment kits, magnifying glasses, fun fact books.

Year 6. **Movie Night In** – Popcorn, cozy blanket, fun DVDs, cinema snacks.

We will also be looking for teddy donations for the teddy tombola and sweet donations. The trolley will be out next week for any donations



Friends Association News cont…

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

News from the ARK

Bookings can be made up until 10pm the night before. Please note that the Ark will no longer be providing a drink and a biscuit to children attending the externally provided clubs due to rising costs. However, they are welcome to bring their own snack and refill their water bottles.

Morning Sessions:	7:30am until 8:30am
Afternoon Sessions:	3:15pm until 4:15pm
	4:15pm until 5:15pm
	5:15pm until 6:15pm

Friday closes at 5.15pm



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.



PHOTOS FROM THE YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO BAWDSEY MANOR









JUNIOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Thursday, 17 children from the choir performed at the Civic Theatre.



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

Child Protection & Safeguarding

Attendance

Attendance Data:

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

	Last week % 09.06.25 - 13.06.25	This week % 16.06.25 - 20.06.25
Foundation	94.5%	93.4%
Year 1	98.7%	97.7%
Year 2	99.3%	97.3%
Year 3	95.6%	95.9%
Year 4	95%	98.%
Year 5	92.8%	94.7%
Year 6	95.9%	93.8%
Whole School Total	**95.9%**	**95.9%**

Congratulations to Years 1, 2 and 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.