‘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,

As we rapidly approach the final week of this academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what an absolute pleasure it has been working with you all. Our children continue to be incredible ambassadors of the virtues and values that we uphold at Our Lady Immaculate. As a staff, we are truly grateful for the ongoing support of all our families and the wider community.

This week has been a busy one for our Year 6 pupils. We had a fantastic day at Adventure Island on Tuesday and yesterday was an emotional one as we enjoyed their end-of-year production. The children were outstanding. A big thank you goes to Miss Schultz for all of her hard work in preparing them. Today, they celebrated with a water fight and pizza which was kindly provided by our wonderful Friends Association.

On that note, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Friends Association and to everyone who has supported them by helping out at and attending events. They have raised an incredible amount of money this year to support our school. As a result, we have been able to purchase 32 new laptops which pupils will begin using in September!

As the hot weather is expected to continue into next week, boys are not required to wear ties to school. Please ensure your child brings plenty of water and wears a hat and sun cream each day.

Next week, we will be making our Jubilee Pledges on Tuesday. The Year 6 Leavers’ Mass will take place on Thursday at 6pm, and the Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly will be held at 9:05am on Friday. Please note that only Year 6 parents are invited to attend this assembly.

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 Serving

when

I think of the needs of others and how I can help.

I am willing to give my time to serve others.

I know there are different ways to serve.

I bring joy to myself and others.

I discover my own gifts.

I am enthusiastic when I help.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

JULY 2025	
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

Sporting achievements

Congratulations to Elijah in year 5, having qualified at his previous competition, Elijah attended the regionals in Ipswich last Sunday for the boys level 3, 10/11 year old category. He took it in his stride and placed in all 4 disciplines taking home 3 gold medals and a silver medal. Well done to Elijah for such an amazing achievement.



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.

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 11th June 2025

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

Foundation	Kaylyn	Thalia
Year 1	Salvin	Serin Teresa
Year 2	Olivia	Lewis
Year 3	Aisling	Marika
Year 4	Ciara	Leo
Year 5	Emilia	Julian
Year 6	Lillie-Mae	Liam

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 11th June 2025

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (514)	2nd (469)	1st (509)	3rd (470)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 11th June 2025

Foundation	Monica	Eliza
Year 1	Oliver B	Adaora
Year 2	Richmond	Alexa
Year 3	Gabriel	Aidan
Year 4	Mia	Sophia
Year 5	Paul	Hanna
Year 6	Florence J	Aurora

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



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

Thank You for an Incredible Summer Festival! The Friends Association would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Festival over the weekend. From parents and carers to staff and volunteers - your energy, enthusiasm, and generosity helped us raise approximately £3,000!

Thanks to this mammoth effort, we're absolutely thrilled to share that we've approved funding for 32 brand new laptops and a charging trolley, all set to be up and running for pupils by the start of the new academic year in September. What a brilliant way to round off the year!

We've had a fantastic year of fundraising activities and are proud to have introduced a number of positive changes - from moving payments and ticketing online to setting up ongoing fundraising initiatives that tick along quietly in the background. These updates have helped make things simpler and more consistent for volunteers and families alike.

A special shoutout goes to our treasurers, Kirsty and Agi, whose dedication keeps everything running smoothly. We're so pleased they are keen to continue in their roles, alongside Pepita as secretary - always keeping our forms and licenses in perfect order, ready for each and every event!

As we wrap up the school year, both Roberta and I will be stepping down from our roles as chair and vice chair. It's been a true honour to be part of such a supportive and passionate community, and we're proud of the progress we've made together.

The Friends are now looking for new volunteers to join the committee and help shape its next chapter. We'll still be around to lend a hand - but it's time to welcome new voices, fresh energy, and inspiring ideas to carry the momentum forward.

Without someone to take up the reins, these laptops may be the last thing the Friends can fund. If you've ever thought "maybe I could…" or "I wonder what's involved…" - please reach out!

No experience needed. Just bring some enthusiasm, a sense of humour, and a little time to help make great things happen.

I'd be happy to answer any questions or chat about what the role involves.

With many thanks,
Karen
on behalf of the Friends Association

OLI Friends Association

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

14.07.25 - 18.07.25

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday **Bingo from 3.30pm**

THE ARK

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 14th July – 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 % **30.06.25 - 04.07.25**	**This week %** **07.07.25 - 11.07.25**
Foundation	94.5%	95.2%
Year 1	98%	93.7%
Year 2	96.7%	98%
Year 3	98.1%	96.1%
Year 4	97.5%	100%
Year 5	97.5%	99.1%
Year 6	96.3%	97.5%
Whole School Total	**97%**	**97.1%**

Congratulations to Years 2, 4, 5 & 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.