12th September 2025

Issue 2

Weekly Newsletter

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

The Rosary Trust

THE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30 AM. UNTIL 4:00 PM. MONDAY - FRIDAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

This first full week back has been very busy at school. We have welcomed our new Reception class, and the children have settled in really well. Our clubs have started and the choir sounded wonderful.

On Wednesday, we celebrated our first whole-school Mass of the year, presided over by Fr Michael and commissioned our new chaplains.

Next week, we will hold our initial class information meetings. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible. If you are unable to attend we will share the information from the sessions with you afterwards, via email. During these sessions we will provide an overview of the children's curriculum for the year, details about any statutory tests (if applicable) as well as information about homework and planned trips.

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs - Head of School

Notices

Parent information Meetings

- **15/9/25 3.30pm Year 2, 4.00pm Reception**
- **16/9/25 3.30pm Year 6**
- **17/9/25 3.30pm Year 1 and Year 3, 4pm Year 5**
- **18/9/25 3.30pm Year 4**

Catholic life of the school

Please welcome our new chaplains for 2025-2026



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 respectful and courteous

when

I respect myself and know I deserve respect from others.

I treat everyone how I would like to be treated.

I use good manners.

I respect and follow school and classroom rules.

I speak politely to everyone.

I listen to others.

I praise others for their good conduct.

I respect and look after my own and other people's belongings.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:
new information will be presented in red

SEPTEMBER 2025	
Monday, 15th	Year 2 parent meeting @ 3.30pm Reception class parent meeting @ 4pm
Tuesday, 16th	Year 6 parent meeting @ 3.30pm
Wednesday, 17th	Year 6 Mass - 9.30am in the Church Year 1 parent meeting @ 3.30pm Year 3 parent meeting @ 3.30pm Year 5 parent meeting @ 4pm
Thursday, 18th	Year 4 parent meeting @ 3.30pm
Wednesday, 24th	Year 5 Mass - 9.30am in the Church Whole school flu vaccinations
OCTOBER 2025	
Wednesday, 1st	Year 4 Mass - 9.30am in the Church
Wednesday, 8th	Year 3 Mass - 9.30am in the Church
Wednesday, 15th	Year 2 Mass - 9.30am in the Church
Monday, 20th	Year 6 trip to Duxford (details coming soon)
Tuesday, 21st	Parents evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday, 22nd	Year 1 Mass - 9.30am in the Church
Thursday, 23rd	Parents evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Monday, 27th - Friday, 31st	Half-term
NOVEMBER 2025	
Monday, 3rd	Year 6 bikeability course 1, day 1
Tuesday, 4th	Year 6 bikeability course 1, day 2
Wednesday, 5th	Whole school Mass - 9.30am in the church
Monday, 10th	Great British Athletes visit (more details coming soon)

NOVEMBER CONT…	
Wednesday, 12th	Year 5 Mass - 9.30am in the church Year 6 bikeability course 2, day 1
Thursday, 13th	Year 6 bikeability course 2, day 2
Wednesday, 19th	Whole school Jubilee Mass - 9.30am in the church
Wednesday, 26th	Year 6 and Reception Mass - 9.30am in the church

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 5TH SEPTEMBER

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (26)	2nd (30)	1st (26)	2nd (28)

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 12th September 2025

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

Reception		
Year 1	Londi	Monica
Year 2	Gaia	Salvin
Year 3	Leila	Adam
Year 4	Marika	Fabian
Year 5	Richmond	Charlene
Year 6	Belle	Elijah

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 12th September 2025

Reception		
Year 1	Bella	Riley
Year 2	Tiggy	Kitt
Year 3	Rachel	Luca
Year 4	Toby	Sienna
Year 5	Ayden	Molly
Year 6	Jennifer	Harry

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 Daley.**

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

Friends Association News

The friends association AGM will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 30th September at 7pm.

We are urgently looking for a new Chair and Vice Chair for the Friends Association. Without these key roles, the association simply cannot continue—and that means our children will miss out on the incredible benefits your fundraising makes possible.

Last year alone, the Friends funded new laptops, books, extra-curricular activities, and additional IT resources. We also brought joy to the school with events like the Christmas Bazaar, school discos, and the Summer Festival. Without new leadership, these contributions and celebrations will sadly come to a halt.

If you've ever considered getting involved, now is the time. Whether you can offer a little or a lot, every bit of support counts. The Chair and Vice Chair roles can be shared - so if you're part of a dynamic duo or a small group, teaming up is a great way to lighten the load and make it fun. Roles can be held by mums/dads/grandparents, all are part of the OLI friends community.

Please join us at the AGM to learn more about what we've achieved and how you might be able to help going forward. Your energy, ideas, and enthusiasm could make all the difference.

Let's keep the magic going—for the children, for the school, and for our community.

Kind regards
The Friends Association

St. John Payne Open Evening



Families of prospective students are warmly invited to St. John Payne's open evening from 5.30 - 8.00 p.m. on 25th September 2025.

Tours of the school are available throughout September & October.

Please contact St. John Payne's school office to arrange.

New secondary admission round (Year 6 to 7 transfer September 2026)

The application period for admission to Year 7 in secondary schools for September 2026 is open from today until 31st October 2025.

From this date, parents/carers of current Year 6 Essex resident children will be able to make their applications using our website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. Last year, 99% of Essex parents applied online.

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK





08.09.25 - 12.09.25

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday

Speed stacking competition from 3.30pm

Coming up this half-term in the Ark

Spooky week; Movie night;

Scratch night with Mr Owens;

Dance mania with Mrs Daley;

Harvest breakfast

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 15th September – 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

YEAR 6 PREFECTS

Autumn Term

HEAD BOY

Daniel

HEAD GIRL

Belle

DEPUTY HEAD BOY

Jack

DEPUTY HEAD GIRL

Joselyn

HOUSE CAPTAINS



Fisher	Panbhu	Florence
Beckett	Max	Kimberley
Campion	Paul	Keva
More	Jeffray	Eloise



GATE PREFECTS

Tommy

Elijah

Sienna

Emilia

LANYARD PRFECT

Hanna

CHAPLAINCY LEADERS

Elijah

Eloise

Keva

Paul

Ciara

Russell

PE LEADERS

Harry

Charlie

CLASSROOM PREFECTS

Julian

William

ASSEMBLY PREFECTS

Isabella

Jennifer

Johan

Alexander

HYMN PRACTICE LEADERS

Ciara

Anna

COMPUTING LEADERS

Lachlan

Russell



MOBILE PHONE PREFECT

Matilda

COMMUNICATION BOOK

Charlotte



OLI SCHOOL TOURS - PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

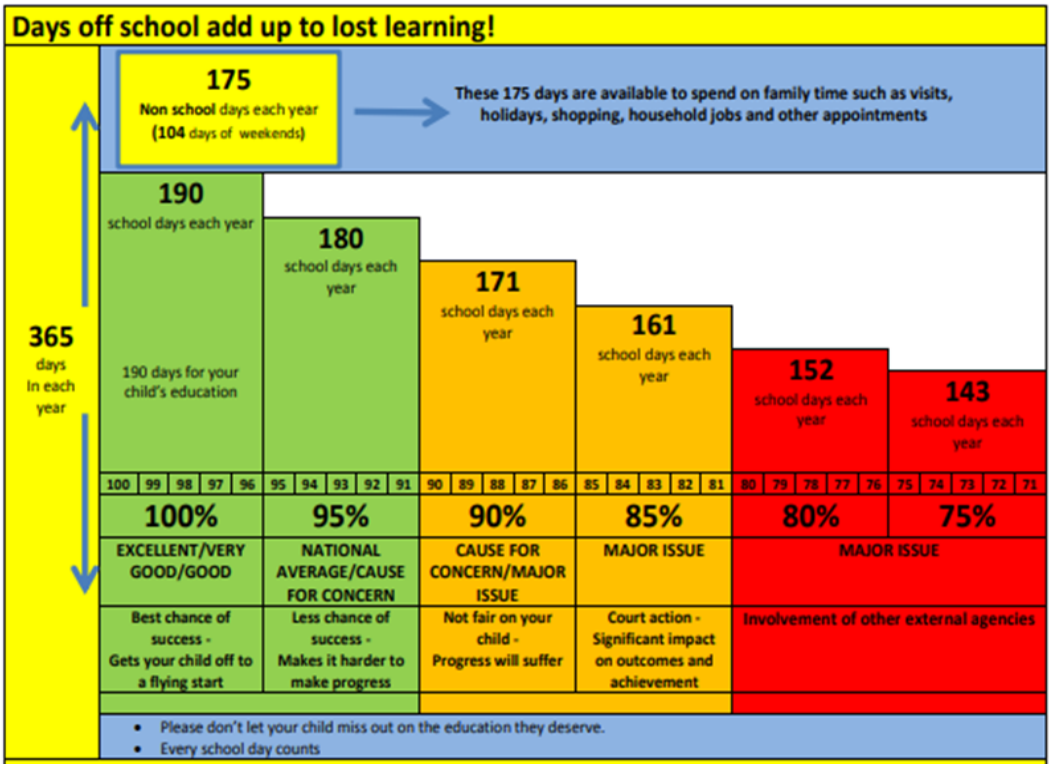
We are holding our school tours for the Reception 2026 intake parents on Monday, 20th October at 1.45pm, Thursday, 6th November at 10am and Tuesday, 18th November at 1.45pm. Places are limited so please pass this information onto anyone who may be interested in attending. Please ask them to telephone the school office on 01245 353755 to book the tour.

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Attendance

We know that these things are unavoidable, but please do ensure that your child is in school whenever they can be. Lost learning has a big impact on children's future learning.

Please be aware that the school is **strictly unable to sanction any holidays** taken during term time.



Attendance

Attendance Data:

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

	Last week % 02.09.25 - 05.09.25	This week % 09.09.25 - 12.09.25
Foundation		100%
Year 1	91.7%	90.3%
Year 2	95.4%	98.7%
Year 3	94.4%	97.4%
Year 4	100%	99.1%
Year 5	99.2%	100%
Year 6	96.5%	96.3%
Whole School Total	**96.3%**	**97.4%**

Congratulations to Reception, years 2, 3, 4 & 5 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.

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.org) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy Notices' or call 01245 353 755 if you are unable to access the internet.

Our Lady Immaculate Friends Association

AGM

Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

Tue 30th Sept @
In the school hall



Parentkind
Member Association