19th September 2025

Issue 3

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,

It was wonderful to see so many of you attending our Parent Information Sessions this week. However, please don't worry if you missed any of them — the information discussed will be emailed to you shortly.

This week, I had the pleasure of watching some of our Bronze Sports Ambassadors in training leading activities with the younger children. They all looked like they were having great fun and I know the ambassadors are very excited to be running their first-ever Teddy Olympics next week.

Today, our Infant children enjoyed drama workshops with Drama4All. They had a brilliant time as you can see from the pictures below.

Please make a note in your diary for the Friends AGM on 30th September — I hope to see many of you there. This is an important meeting where a new committee will be elected. The Friends do invaluable work fundraising for our children and organising events that bring families together and help build connections. New faces are always welcome and I look forward to working with you.

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs - Head of School

Notices

- **Year 1 Teddy Olympics on Monday please ensure children are in their PE kits!**
- **Whole school flu immunisations on Wednesday please do complete your permissions forms online.**

Catholic life of the school

Please welcome our new mini vinnies 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	
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)
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

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.

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 19TH SEPTEMBER

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (39)	2nd (43)	1st (41)	3rd (39)

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 19th September 2025

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

Reception	Elsie-Rose	Sienna
Year 1	Sophia	Henry
Year 2	Kezia	Finley
Year 3	Hannah	Kaitlyn
Year 4	Kingsley	Francine
Year 5	Sophia	Ronnie
Year 6	Ciara	Charlotte

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 19th September 2025

Reception	Lilia	Jack
Year 1	Emma	Indigo
Year 2	Thiem	Evie
Year 3	Lewis	Olivia
Year 4	Toby	Zerah
Year 5	Filip	Charlotte
Year 6	Alexander	Keva

OLI SCHOOL TOURS - PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

We are holding our school tours for the Reception 2026 intake parents on ~~Monday, 20th October at 1.45pm~~ (*full*), 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

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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

Friends AGM

Please join us for the friends AGM on Tuesday 30th September, 7pm school Hall.

Please see attached an overview of some of the key roles within the friends association. Also listed below are the main responsibilities of chair and vice chair. Please do take a look and if there is a role that you'd like to know more about please speak to any of our committee members.

Fancy stepping into a leadership role with the Friends Association? We're currently looking for both a Chair and Vice-Chair— these roles can be shared, so you don't have to take it on solo!

Here's what the Chair role involves:

- Lead the committee and keep things running smoothly
- Chair meetings once a term and set the agenda
- Be the main link between the school and the Friends team
- Help plan and oversee events, making sure they're fun and well-organised
- Delegate tasks and support other volunteers
- Keep things on track for the AGM and other key dates
- Celebrate wins and keep the team motivated!

The Vice-Chair supports the Chair and can also lead events independently or co-run larger ones. It's a great way to get involved with flexibility and teamwork.

And you won't be doing it alone—the committee is full of friendly, experienced volunteers who are ready to support you every step of the way.

Message me if you're curious, interested, or just want to chat through what's involved. We'd love to welcome you aboard!

Many thanks

The Friends Association







PHOTOS FROM DRAMA4ALL WORKSHOP







WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK





22.09.25 - 26.09.25

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday

Hama beads 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 - 22nd September – Week 1

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 % 09.09.25 - 12.09.25	This week % 09.09.25 - 12.09.25
Foundation	100%	95.3%
Year 1	90.3%	95%
Year 2	98.7%	99%
Year 3	97.4%	97.5%
Year 4	99.1%	99.4%
Year 5	100%	98.1%
Year 6	96.3%	88.1%
Whole School Total	**97.4%**	**96%**

Congratulations to 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.