26th September 2025

Issue 4

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 week, I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 6 girls' football team to the Chelmsford School Sport Partnership football tournament. It was the first time the team had played together and they were the only team present without any players who play for a club outside of school. The girls performed brilliantly and were a real credit to us - we can't wait to see how they get on in the league this year. Miss Hitchen accompanied the boys, who also performed well.

On Tuesday, Dr Emma Gibbons, Director of Music at Chelmsford Cathedral, visited us to speak to the children about the opportunity to join the choir. The children asked some insightful questions, including, "What was the hardest thing to learn?" One of our pupils who joined the choir last year replied, "Latin." Mrs Williams has emailed all the relevant information to KS2 parents about how to join.

Our own school choir is also sounding fantastic! Just a reminder - it's open to all pupils in Years 4, 5, and 6. It is completely free and takes place at 8:30am on Thursdays. There are lots of exciting opportunities to perform with the choir, including at the Chelmsford Music Festival which is held annually at the Civic Theatre.

Warmest regards and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs - Head of School

Notices

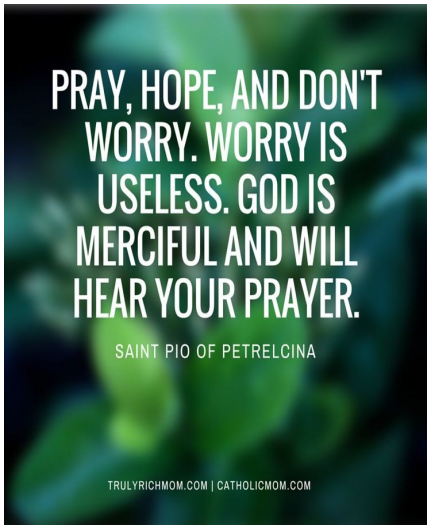
- **Yr 5/6 Football friendly after school on Monday. Netball rally at St Anne's on Wednesday.**
- **SMART WATCHES - we are in the process of reviewing our policies around these. Whilst we encourage our pupils to wear watches I would kindly ask you not to send your child in with a Smart watch as these can be very distracting in lessons.**

Catholic life of the school

Year 5 have been studying the artwork of Leon Sitarchuk as they learn about Exodus. Please see this lovely example by Charlene.



Thought for the weekend!



TEN TEN

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

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
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
DECEMBER 2025	
Monday, 8th	Feast Day Mass at 2pm to celebrate 180th anniversary of the school
Wednesday, 17th	Junior Music Festival @ 2pm in the Church
Friday, 19th	Last day of term - no after school Ark - school closes at 3.15pm
JANUARY 2026	
Monday, 5th	INSET DAY
Tuesday, 6th	First day back of Spring term

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 26TH SEPTEMBER

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (54)	1st (66)	3rd (56)	2nd (56)

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 26th September 2025

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

Reception	Aria-Jayne	Ava-Grace
Year 1	Eliza	Ezra
Year 2	Aaliyah	Oliver
Year 3	Theodora	Israel
Year 4	Anna	Joshua
Year 5	Heavenly	Peter
Year 6	Florence	Jeffray

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 26th September 2025

Reception	Jaxon	Awura
Year 1	Bella	Freya
Year 2	Kiyomi	Stephen
Year 3	Daisy	Kwabena
Year 4	Marika	Kallie
Year 5	Mia	Avery
Year 6	Hanna	Daniel

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~~ (*full*) 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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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

Special Day Menu - 02.10.2025

Sausage Roll in a Crispy Puff Pastry



Baked Beans, Sweetcorn & Cucumber

Option 2



Cheese or Ham in a Soft Roll

Baked Beans, Sweetcorn & Cucumber

Ice Cream with Sprinkles and Marshmallows







Allergy free ice cream for special diet requirements

Fruit, yogurt, milk plain pasta available

Friends Association News

Friends AGM

Please join us for the friends AGM on Tuesday at 7pm in the school Hall. We will be discussing the previous year and year ahead.

We need a new chair and vice chair along with some other roles. Please see attached an overview of some of the key roles and 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. Each role can be shared to lighten the load.

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.

Uniform



Pre loved uniform will be in the foyer after school, for a suggested £1 donation to the friends association.

Name tags

My Name Tags - www.mynametags.com Enter the schools fundraising number at checkout – 50375 The school earns 24% for each purchase.

Stikins - www.stikins.co.uk Enter the schools fundraising number at checkout – 36076. The school earns 30% for each purchase.

Many thanks
The Friends Association



OLI Friends Association




SPORTING AT OLI




Football

On Thursday, 25th September, the boys and girls football teams played in a tournament at Great Baddow High School.




WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK




29.09.25 - 03.10.25

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday

Hula Hoop 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 - 29th September – Week 2

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 % **15.09.25 - 19.09.25**	**This week %** **22.09.25 - 26.09.25**
Foundation	95.3%	99%
Year 1	95%	94.3%
Year 2	99%	99%
Year 3	97.5%	97.2%
Year 4	99.4%	97.2%
Year 5	98.1%	98.1%
Year 6	88.1%	95%
Whole School Total	**96%**	**97.1%**

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.

Roles within the Friends Association



Chair—I co-ordinate to make sure everything runs smoothly and on time for events.

I act as the key contact between the school and the Friends.

Vice-Chair—I help to share the load, supporting the Chair in whatever needs to be done.

This can be running an event independently or helping on those big events where it needs many co-ordinators





Treasurer—I provide the financial support and help to forecast the events so that we can support the school with much needed funds at the right time.

This includes, preparing the Annual accounts, Support on Fundraising and floats and banking of events.

Secretary—I cover meeting minutes and licenses for each event. This ensures the Friends are covered from a both a Legal and Health and Safety perspective.

I also prepare the newsletter so that we regularly communicate with parents.





Stock Co-ordinator– I manage the stock levels on food and drink for each event. We don't want any wastage and need to keep our costs low. It takes about an hour after each event to do, and the good thing is I can do it when it suits me.

Event Co-ordinator—We put together a schedule and take ownership for one event, ie the School Disco. It doesn't take too much time and helps spread the load. There can be many more than one of us, so that we all do one event each.





Photographer & Videographer—I film and photograph the events, then edit so that there is a lasting memory for the children. Its mainly Xmas, Easter and the end of Year 6 leaving show. I need to be available for the events, but can work independently in time which suits me.

Volunteers—running stalls at events, preparing and selling tickets. Giving a little or lots of time really helps out. Most jobs can be done when it suits you....but there is also an opportunity to make new friends too!

