3rd October 2025

Issue 5

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 some of our sports teams were in action again. Our boys football team played a friendly match against St Helen's Junior School, which they won 4-3 and our netball team attended their first tournament at St Anne's school and came 3rd overall.

The Hola Hoop competition in the ARK this week was very much enjoyed by the children. There are lots of fun activities still to come this term so do check out our notices. This Thursday Mr Owens will be running a scratch club from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

On Monday some of our Key stage 2 children will be attending a Tag rugby tournament good luck OLI!

We have a very special visitor coming to school next week. The Right Reverend Bishop Alan Williams is coming into school on Wednesday 8th October. He will be visiting classes and meeting with our chaplaincy team for tea.

Finally, a very big thank you to all those who attended our Friends association AGM this week. Enormous thanks to our outgoing chairperson Mrs Charles-Foster and vice chairperson Mrs Losa for all their hard work and dedication. We have a new Chairperson, but there are still vacant roles that need filling. If you think you could help please do contact the Friends.

Warmest wishes and God bless

Mrs Sophie Gibbs - Head of School

Notices

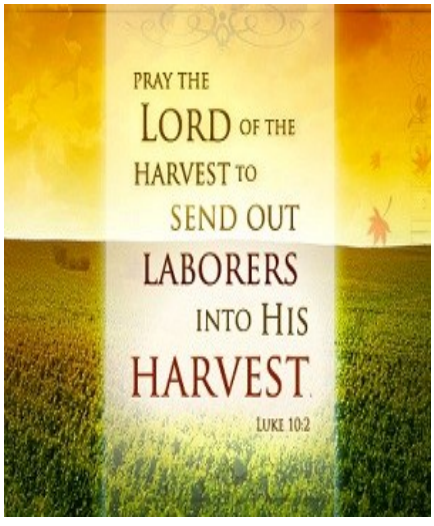
- **Please note only small stud earrings are allowed to be worn to school and these must be removed for P.E.**
- **We are consulting on our uniform policy it is attached below. If you have any points you would like to raise please either send an email titled uniform policy to parents@ or post them in the suggestion box in the office by Friday 10th of October.**

Catholic life of the school

Naia in Year 3 organised a cake sale to raise money for the Big cat Sanctuary. Well done Naia.



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 thankful

when

I can say thank you to God.

I take time to appreciate the awe and wonder in God's creation.

I show God I am thankful to Him by cherishing the gifts of His creation.

I am thankful for all the gifts in me and around me.

I count my blessings every day and remember to praise God for them.

I know that all I have is a gift from God.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:
new information will be presented in red

OCTOBER 2025	
Monday, 5th - Wednesday, 22nd	Harvest Foodbank collection for Little Edi - list below
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	Individual school photos - please see below 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 Carol Service @ 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 3RD OCTOBER

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (68)	2nd (82)	4th (69)	1st (73)

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 3rd October 2025

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

Reception	Elijah	Alice
Year 1	Chizi	Bella
Year 2	Emily	Maja
Year 3	Neve	Jan
Year 4	Brooke	Emily
Year 5	Ysabella	Matheo
Year 6	Panbhu	Isabella

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 3rd October 2025

Reception	Teniola	Ennis
Year 1	Inayatt	Thalia
Year 2	Hector	Isla
Year 3	Kobi	Annie
Year 4	Ella	Savio
Year 5	Jocelyn	Peter
Year 6	Anna	Eloise

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Happy Days Creations will be visiting the school on Tuesday, 21st October to take children's individual photographs. All the children will be photographed, however, parents are under no obligation to purchase them.

If any parent wishes to have sibling photographs, **please send a letter/email for the attention of Mrs Wright** clearly stating your wishes by Friday, 17th October. Verbal messages from children will not be accepted nor will any letters be accepted after this date. **Without the written request siblings will not have their photos taken together**.

If you have any queries please email Mrs Wright in the office via: parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

October: Month of the Holy Rosary

Hail Mary Prayer Illustration Competition

Hail Mary Prayer Focus

Throughout October, we will be honouring Our Lady through the Holy Rosary. Each classroom will be using the Rosary to find out about the prayers and reflections associated with the beads.

Creative Challenge

We invite students to illustrate the Hail Mary prayer - with images that reflects its meaning, beauty, and importance.

There will be a prize for the winner, and their illustrated prayer will be displayed in all classrooms!

Please ask your class teacher for a copy of the prayer poster. Prayer poster to handed in by **Monday 20th October.**

Mrs Kelly



WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK





06.10.25 - 10.10.25

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday

Speed stacking competition from 3.30pm

Thursday

Scratch night with Mr Owens from 3.30pm

Coming up this term in the Ark

Spooky week; Movie night;

Dance mania with Mrs Daley;

Harvest Food Collection

Harvest Festival Collection

Supporting the Little Edi Foundation

This half term our school is proud to support the **Little Edi Foundation**, a local charity helping families in need.

What to Donate:

We welcome donations of **non-perishable food items**, toiletries, and household essentials. Suggested items include:

Long life milk	Teabags	Coffee	Squash
Tinned fruit	Rice pudding	Ketchup	Tinned tomatoes
Baked beans	Tinned spaghetti	Pasta	Rice
Spaghetti	Tinned peas	Tinned carrots	Tinned potatoes
Sweetcorn	Tuna	Weetabix	Rice Krispies
Pasta sauce	Biscuits	Jam	Soup
Corned beef	Tinned ham		

Anything else you think a family would like that can be stored

Collection Dates:

Donations will be accepted **from Monday to Wednesday 22nd October**. Please bring items to your class-room, **1 House Point will be awarded** for each item donated.

Let's Make a Difference Together

Your generosity will help bring comfort and support to families in our community this autumn.

Many thanks,

Mrs Kelly

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

Friends Association News

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on Tuesday this week. We discussed the fundraising events that took place last year and this years upcoming events.

We are pleased to announce the new Chair of the Friends Association is Hannah Kelly, she has children in year 4 and 2.

The Chair's report and end of year summary will be posted on the OLI school website.

https://www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.uk/oli-friends/

Weekly parents lottery

Please sign up to the weekly lottery run through Parenkind for your chance to win great prizes and also help the school raise funds for the new laptops this year. It's really easy to sign up 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

Corporate Donations

Don't forget, your company may be able to match our fundraising efforts, or they may have charitable donation schemes.

Uniform

Preloved uniform is in the school office for a suggested donation of £1 per item.

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

The boys' football team played St Helens of Brentwood on Monday, 29th September. They ended the first half 3-1 down, with a goal from Tommy. In a fantastic second half performance, 2 goals from Jack and a winning goal from Tommy, turned the game around to a 4-3 win. Man of the match was awarded to Harry. Great performances by all who played.



Netball

On Wednesday, our netball team took part in a rally at St Annes and achieved an excellent 3rd place finish out of 5 teams. The team played four matches in total: they lost 0–3 to Widford, secured a 4–0 win against Beaulieu, won 3–1 against St Annes 2, and were narrowly defeated 1–2 by St Annes 1. All players demonstrated great teamwork and determination throughout the competition. Congratulations to Tommy, who was awarded Players' Player, and to Lachlan, who received Coach's Player.



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 5th October – 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 % 22.09.25 - 26.09.25	This week % 29.09.25 - 03.10.25
Foundation	99%	93.3%
Year 1	94.3%	96%
Year 2	99%	99.7%
Year 3	97.2%	97.2%
Year 4	97.2%	98.1%
Year 5	98.1%	99.7%
Year 6	95%	91.9%
Whole School Total	**97.1%**	**96.6%**

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.

PROPOSED UNIFORM POLICY

General: School backpack	Blue or black headbands or ribbons
Girls	**Boys**
Autumn & Spring Term *Navy blue blazer and badge (optional) Plain coloured coat White blouse or shirt **School tie (EYFS/KS1 – elasticated) Grey pinafore, grey skirt or grey long trousers Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school crest White socks or grey or black tights Black shoes (of an approved style)	**Autumn & Spring Term** *Navy blue blazer and badge (optional) Plain coloured coat White shirt **School tie (EYFS/KS1 – elasticated) Grey long trousers Royal blue sweatshirt with school crest Grey/black socks Black shoes (of an approved style)
Summer Term Blue and white checked dress or playsuit (not navy) **School baseball cap White socks Shoes as above or navy/white sandals not EYFS *Summer dresses to be worn with socks only*	**Summer Term** Short sleeved white shirt with school tie or a white polo shirt Grey shorts **School baseball cap Shoes as above
P.E. Royal blue zipped hoodie, joggers or leggings White or blue t-shirts plain or logo Navy blue or black shorts Trainers	**P.E** Royal blue zipped hoodie & joggers White or blue t-shirts plain or logo Navy blue or black shorts Trainers
NB: Named scarves, gloves and hats for winter use **Waterproof boots – wet weather** **Ankle boots are only permitted when pavements are icy** *available from uniform provider MAPAC **only available from the school office	