10th October 2025

Issue 6

# 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 it was an honour to welcome the Right Reverend Bishop Alan Williams into school. Bishop Alan toured the school meeting pupils in their classes and looking at their work. He then met with our chaplaincy team for tea and cakes and a question and answer session which was greatly enjoyed by all. The Bishop commented that he very much enjoyed his visit and on how well behaved our children are.

Children from Key stage 2 also participated in Tag Rugby this week. Thank you to Miss Hitchen who has been busy behind the scenes organising all of these exciting sporting opportunities for the children and to all the staff and parents who help with transport and supervision so we can participate.

Next week the ARK will be having a special Harvest Breakfast to celebrate the bounty of the harvest. Please do keep your generous donations to the Little Edi foundation coming.

Warmest wishes and kind regards,

*Mrs Sophie Gibbs - Head of School*

## Notices

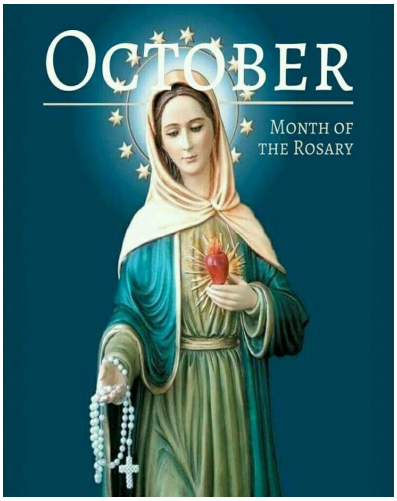
- **Once again our chaplaincy team would like to invite our community to participate in reciting 2 decades of the rosary together on Thursday 23rd of October at 2.45pm.**
- **The book fayre returns on Friday 17th of October more details to follow.**
- **Parents evening booking will soon be open.**

## Catholic life of the school

Bishop Alan meeting the chaplains



## Thought for the weekend!




TEN TEN

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**

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|---|---|
| **OCTOBER 2025** | |
| Monday, 5th - Wednesday, 22nd | Harvest Foodbank collection for Little Edi - list below |
| Wednesday, 15th | Year 2 Mass - 9.30am in the Church |
| Monday, 20th | Year 6 trip to Duxford<br>Year 1 and 2 Harvest Assembly - 2.45pm in the School Hall |
| Tuesday, 21st | Individual school photos - please see below<br>Parents evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm |
| Wednesday, 22nd | Year 1 Mass - 9.30am in the Church |
| Thursday, 23rd | Parents invited to recite 2 decades of the Rosary - 2.45pm in school hall<br>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<br>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 10TH OCTOBER

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

| BECKET | CAMPION | FISHER | MORE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd (85) | 1st (101) | 2nd (86) | 2nd (90) |

# MERIT BADGES

**WEEK ENDING 10th October 2025**

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Reception** | Lara | Henry |
| **Year 1** | Israel | Kaylyn |
| **Year 2** | Serin | Ayla |
| **Year 3** | TJ | Molly |
| **Year 4** | Riona | Prisca |
| **Year 5** | Esme | Filip |
| **Year 6** | Hartley | Lachlan |

# LEARNER OF THE WEEK

**WEEK ENDING 10th October 2025**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Reception** | Lily | Poppy |
| **Year 1** | Orla | Jayden |
| **Year 2** | Oliver B | Clara |
| **Year 3** | Ethan | Dhiya |
| **Year 4** | Aisling | Jessica |
| **Year 5** | Ysabella | Nico |
| **Year 6** | Paul | Max |

# 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

# WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK





## 13.10.25 - 17.10.25

## BREAKFAST

## Harvest Week

## AFTER SCHOOL

## Hama beads from 3.30pm on Wednesday

## Coming up this term in the Ark

## Spooky week; Movie night;

## Dance mania with Mrs Daley;

**Harvest Food 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 until **Wednesday 22nd October**. Please bring items to your classroom, **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

THE little Edi FOUNDATION

# Friends Association News

**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

## 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




# SPORTING AT OLI




## Tag Rugby

On Monday, pupils from Years 3 and 4 attended a Tag Rugby competition held at Writtle College Sports Fields in the morning, followed by Years 5 and 6 competing in the afternoon. All children who took part represented the school brilliantly, showing great sportsmanship, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout the day. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Lachlan (year 6) who took part in the Angling Competition at Olivers Lake on Saturday, 4th October. He was delighted to win 1st place after he caught a 17lb 7oz ghost carp fish. He is pleased to report that no fish were harmed and all returned to the water!





## MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 13th October – 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 %**<br>**29.09.25 - 03.10.25** | **This week %**<br>**06.10.25 - 10.10.25** |
| Foundation | 93.3% | 98% |
| Year 1 | 96% | 92.3% |
| Year 2 | 99.7% | 99.3% |
| Year 3 | 97.2% | 98.8% |
| Year 4 | 98.1% | 98.1% |
| Year 5 | 99.7% | 99.7% |
| Year 6 | 91.9% | 92.5% |
| **Whole School Total** | **96.6%** | **97%** |

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.