17th October 2025

Issue 7

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,

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity — we have received so many wonderful donations for the Little Edi Foundation.

This week, the ARK children enjoyed a special week of Harvest breakfasts, celebrating the produce traditionally harvested at this time of year. A special thank you to Mrs Adonia, our catering manager, for baking our delicious harvest treats.

Next week is Spooky Week and we have a special spooky lunch menu — an email will be sent to you at the beginning of next week.

The Friends Association has also arranged their first fundraiser of the academic year which is a Dare to Say Yes Day! Please note that children may choose up to four dares and must pay for each one. If children attend in non-uniform then shoes must still be flat and sensible for outdoor play. While we look forward to seeing the exciting snacks children choose for themselves, for the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, we must continue to enforce our no nuts rule.

Warmest wishes and God bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs - Head of School

Notices

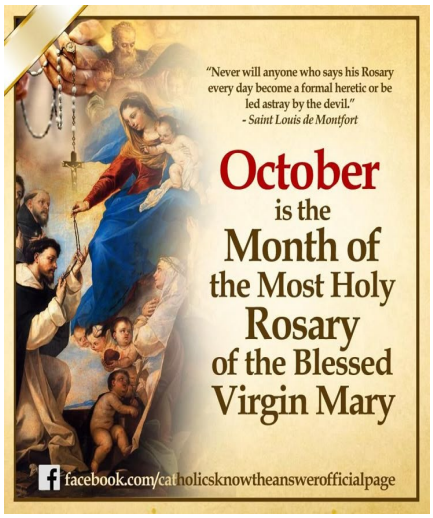
- **Once again our chaplaincy team would like to invite our community to participate in reciting 2 decades of the rosary together on Thursday 23rd of October at 2.45pm.**
- **The book fair is on from 17/10/25-22/10/25!**
- **Dare to say yes day is Friday.**
- **Parents evenings are Tuesday and Thursday.**

Catholic life of the school

Thank you for all your generous donations!



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

OCTOBER 2025	
Monday, 5th - Wednesday, 22nd	Harvest Foodbank collection for Little Edi - list below
Monday, 20th	Year 6 trip to Duxford Year 1 and 2 Harvest Assembly - 2.45pm in the School Hall
Tuesday, 21st	Individual school photos 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 Parents evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Friday, 24th	Friends Association Dare to say yes Day (see Friends Association information below)
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
Tuesday, 9th	Year 5 meeting re. Residential trip 2027 - 5.30pm in the school hall
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 17TH OCTOBER

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (108)	3rd (114)	4th (96)	2nd (104)

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 17th October 2025

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

Reception	Oscar	Ryan
Year 1	Sophia	Charlotte
Year 2	Nathalia	Odhran
Year 3	Jessica	Cameron
Year 4	Gabriel	Isabel
Year 5	Sienna	Oscar
Year 6	Johan	Charlie

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 17th October 2025

Reception	Rowan	Arthur
Year 1	Isla-Mae	Grace
Year 2	Olivia	Edward
Year 3	Alexa	Israel
Year 4	Graciella	Fabian
Year 5	Ciara	Richmond
Year 6	Sienna	Julian

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK





20.10.25 - 24.10.25

AFTER SCHOOL

Spooky week

Wednesday - Movie night with popcorn

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

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



SPORTING AT OLI





Football

On Tuesday, a group of Year 2 children proudly represented Our Lady Immaculate School in a football tournament held at Baddow High School. Mr Connor was extremely impressed with the children's excellent behaviour, team-work, and enthusiasm throughout the event. Our Lady Immaculate finished 5th out of 12 participating schools – a fantastic achievement!



Friends Association News

Christmas merchandise

The Christmas pictures drawn by the children would have gone home in their bags this week. To order Christmas merchandise please follow the link on the picture. Please complete by the 23rd October to ensure a proportion of this is given to the friends association.



Dare to say Yes day

Friday 24th October. The children can choose up to 4 dares and pay 50p per dare.

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

over 8,000 retailers will donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop.

please sign up by downloading the app - it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

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

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 20th October – 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 % **06.10.25 - 10.10.25**	**This week %** **13.10.25 - 17.10.25**
Foundation	98%	93.7%
Year 1	92.3%	92.3%
Year 2	99.3%	98.7%
Year 3	98.8%	100%
Year 4	98.1%	98.8%
Year 5	99.7%	97.8%
Year 6	92.5%	95.3%
Whole School Total	**97%**	**96.7%**

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.

Clubs

The clubs for the Autumn Term 2 will be:



Monday **Multi Sports 4 Schools - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm**

(03-11.25 - 15.12.25 = 7 sessions)

Basketball - years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(03-11.25 - 15.12.25 = 7 sessions)

already booked started in September

2 spaces available - please book through Mrs Williams

Tuesday **High 5's (Netball) - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm**

(04.11.25 - 16.12.25 = 7 sessions)

***Cheerleading - years 3 & 4 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm**

(25.11.25 - 27.01.26 = 8 sessions)

Football - years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(04.11.25 - 16.12.25 = 7 sessions)

already booked started in September

4 spaces available - please book through Mrs Williams

Wednesday

Chess - years 3, 4, 5 & 6

(05.11.25 - 17.12.25 = 7 sessions)

already booked started in September

Thursday

Football - years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(06.11.25 - 18.12.25 = 7 sessions)

already booked started in September

5 spaces available - please book through Mrs Williams



Friday ****Gymnastics - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm**

(05.12.25 - 06.02.26 = 7 weeks)

Dance - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

(10.10.25 - 02.12.25 = 8 sessions)

already booked started in October

**** Cheerleading starts on 25th November - competition at Boswells School on Wednesday, 28th January***

***** Gymnastics starts on 5th December - no session on Friday, 19th December.***

NB - clubs in green indicate clubs which will be open for bookings next week