7th November 2025

Issue 9

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 has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. They all look very smart in their winter uniforms.

This week, Mrs Reilly and I had the pleasure of accompanying our chaplains on a retreat day, kindly arranged by the wonderful chaplaincy team at New Hall School. The day was filled with engaging activities, prayerful moments, and opportunities for reflection. We all had a wonderful time.

Following our All Saints Day Mass on Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome friends from New Hall, along with some sisters from a mission in Rwanda. These sisters run schools, orphanages, and refuges. We hope they will visit us again in the future so that we can help support their incredible work.

Well done to all the children for your brilliant fundraising efforts so far, ahead of our Great Athlete Visit on Monday!

I wish you all a peaceful Armistice Day.

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs - Acting Headteacher

Notices

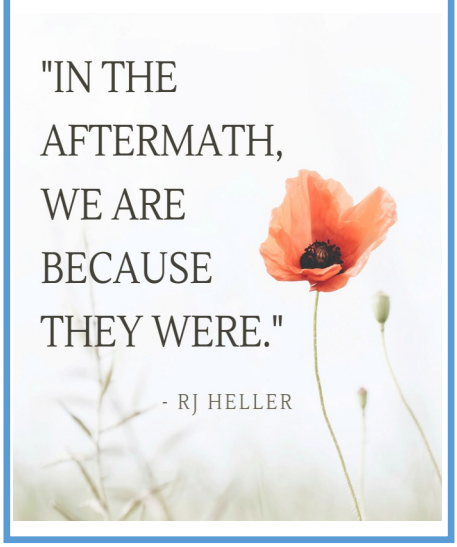
- **Great Athletes visit on Monday afternoon all children to wear PE kit.**
- **Year 5 remembrance assembly 2.45pm Weds 12th.**
- **Children in need Friday 14th non-uniform see below for full details.**

Catholic life of the school

Chaplains retreat



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 hopeful

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I believe and trust that God will not give up on me.

I am positive about the future.

I don't give up on myself.

I have hopes and dreams that we can all work for a better world.

I pray to God placing my life in his hands.

I know God has a plan for me.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:
new information will be presented in red

NOVEMBER 2025	
Monday, 10th	Great British Athletes visit - all years to wear PE kit to school
Wednesday, 12th	Year 4 Mass - 9.30am in the church Bikeability course 2, day 1 Year 5 Remembrance Assembly @ 2.45pm in the school hall
Thursday, 13th	Bikeability course 2, day 2
Friday, 14th	Non-uniform day - Children in Need (see below) Friends Association - Family Disco - 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday, 19th	Whole school Jubilee Mass - 9.30am in the church
Friday, 21st	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 26th	Year 6 and Reception Mass - 9.30am in the church
Sunday, 30th	Friends Association Festive family fun day
DECEMBER 2025	
Monday, 1st	Year 6 visiting Chelmsford Museum (WWII)
Wednesday, 3rd	Year 5 Mass - 9.30am in the church
Friday, 5th	Friends Association - Christmas wreath making
Monday, 8th	Feast Day Mass at 2pm to celebrate 180th anniversary of the school
Tuesday, 9th	EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance @ 9.30am (**Reception and Year 1 parents only)** Year 5 meeting re. Residential trip 2027 - 5.30pm in the school hall
Thursday, 11th	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance @ 2.30pm (**Year 2 parents only**)
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

FEBRUARY 2026	
Tuesday, 3rd	Year 6 visiting Chelmsford Museum (Electrical Engineers) Year 4 Superstars
Tuesday, 10th	Parents evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Thursday, 12th	Parents evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Monday, 16th - Friday, 20th	Half-term
MARCH 2026	
Thursday, 5th	Year 6 visiting Pizza Express
Wednesday, 18th	Year 6 trip to Down House
Monday, 30th March	Last day of Spring term
APRIL 2026	
Monday, 13th	First day of Summer term
Wednesday, 22nd	Year 3 trip to Colchester Museum
Tuesday, 28th	Reception trip to Hyde Hall Year 2 - 3 Tees sports
MAY 2026	
Monday, 25th - Friday, 29th	Half-term
JUNE 2026	
Monday, 1st	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 3rd	Year 1 trip to Colchester Zoo Year 3 - Fitness 3s
Monday, 15th - Wednesday, 17th	Year 6 Residential trip to Bawdsey Manor
Tuesday, 23rd	Year 5 - Food and Farming Day at Writtle College
Thursday, 25th	Reception trip to Chelmsford Museum
Monday, 29th	Year 2 - Mini Games
JULY 2026	
Friday, 3rd	Year 6 trip to Adventure Island
Friday, 17th	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.15PM - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Monday, 20th	INSET DAY

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 7TH NOVEMBER

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (140)	1st (144)	3rd (116)	1st (130)

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 7th November 2025

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

Reception	Alice	Henry
Year 1	Samuel	Isla-Mae
Year 2	Kitt	Evie
Year 3	Richmond	Olivia
Year 4	Alexander	David
Year 5	Emma	Hugh T-C
Year 6	Jennifer	Tommy

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 7th November 2025

Reception	Jaxon	Lucja
Year 1	Noelani	Kaylyn
Year 2	Ike	Gaia
Year 3	Antoni	Theodora
Year 4	Philip	Nahson
Year 5	Buddy	Elsie
Year 6	Ciara	Kimberley

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our Parish Christmas Fayre, which raises funds for the upkeep of our Parish, takes place in our school hall on Sunday, 23rd November from 10am until 2pm. There will be lots of lovely Christmas things to buy, freshly baked cakes, delicious bacon rolls & refreshments, toys, toiletries, books, bric a brac, jewellery and much more. Fun for all the family. Please do come along and support your parish!

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

Family Disco

Friday, 14th November 17:30 - 19:30 in the school Hall. Tickets are £2 and under 2 year olds are free and all children need to be accompanied by an adult. There will be hot dogs, a bar, tuck shop and light wands for sale. Please join us for an evening of fun and dancing!

Link for tickets: http://bit.ly/OLIdisconov

Christmas events

Festive family fun day

This is the re-branded Christmas Bazaar. It will have all the fun and games, refreshments, grand drawer and raffle, and not forgetting a visit from Father Christmas.

This will be on Sunday 30th November from 10am in the School. Further details will be sent out. We will be asking for donations for hampers, sweets and soft toys. So, if you would like to start collecting then will advise when we will collect these.

Wreath Making evening

We will be holding a wreath making event in the church hall on Friday 5th December in the evening, every-one will be welcome and it will be £25, further details will follow for booking nearer the time. So please keep this date free for a fun evening ahead.

Christmas gift sale

Children will be able to purchase Christmas gifts in school for their loved ones, date to be confirmed and published soon.

Say yes day

Thank you for your support on the 'say yes day' at the end of last half term, this raised £340 for the school and the children really enjoyed the freedom!

Many thanks

The Friends Association

OLI Friends Association

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK





10.11.25 - 14.11.25

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday 12th November - Speed stacking




SPORTING AT OLI




Badminton

On Wednesday afternoon, Anna, Belle, Max, and Jeffray took part in a badminton competition held at St John Payne. All four played brilliantly and gave it their all - especially the girls, who impressively took on the challenge despite never having played badminton before! They demonstrated great enthusiasm and teamwork, serving as excellent role models for our school.



CHAPLAINCY RETREAT DAY PHOTOS





MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 10th November – 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 % 20.10.25 - 24.10.25	This week % 03.11.25 - 07.11.25
Foundation	93%	97%
Year 1	96.3%	94%
Year 2	96.3%	98.7%
Year 3	99.4%	97.8%
Year 4	98.1%	97.5%
Year 5	99.4%	98.4%
Year 6	93.8%	94.4%
Whole School Total	**96.7%**	**96.8%**

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.



This Children In Need, the children will be getting their dancing shoes on, warming up and preparing to move like a pro. Helping to raise money for fellow children all over the UK. It's a 10 from us!

Strictly pros Luba, Michelle, Nancy and Neil have created a brand new cha cha cha routine to 'What Makes You Beautiful' especially for BBC Children in Need

Each day for **5 days** the children will watch a video, presented by Neil, Nancy, Michelle and Luba! They will learn **five dazzling dance moves** per video-**25 moves** by Friday 14th November!

On Friday, each class will put the moves together for a **routine worthy of the Glitterball**! **Friday** will be a **non-uniform day**, children are asked to come in wearing **sports** clothes and **trainers** on the day. **Glitter themed** clothes, face paint, tattoos, hair accessories are also welcome!

Sponsorship - please use our **Just Giving Page** to sponsor your child and help raise money for children all over the UK.
https://www.justgiving.com/page/olichildrenineed?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL



Join Us For A Memorable Night

OLI FAMILY DISCO

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

1730-1930

OLI SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS £3 PER PERSON (UNDER 2'S FREE BUT REQUIRE A TICKET)

ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT