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Issue 10

# 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,

What a busy week we've had at Our Lady Immaculate!
On Monday, we welcomed Team GB athlete Alice Sharpe into school for a fun-filled afternoon of circuit training. The children had a fantastic time and raised an incredible £2195.50, which means we can invest in new sporting equipment. Thank you for all your generous sponsorship and to Miss Hitchen for organising this event!

Today, we were dancing again for Children in Need, and lots of fun was had by everyone. Once again, we have lived out our virtue of charity, as we have so far raised an amazing £244. Thank you to Mrs Kelly for organising, there is still time to donate at Our Lady Immaculate Primary School is fundraising for BBC Children in Need .

On Tuesday, we joined the nation in observing the two-minute silence, and on Wednesday, Year 5 delivered a moving assembly for Remembrance. Thank you to Mrs Rajeev and all the children involved.

I look forward to seeing many of you this evening at the Friends' Association disco!

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

*Mrs Sophie Gibbs - Acting Headteacher*

## Notices

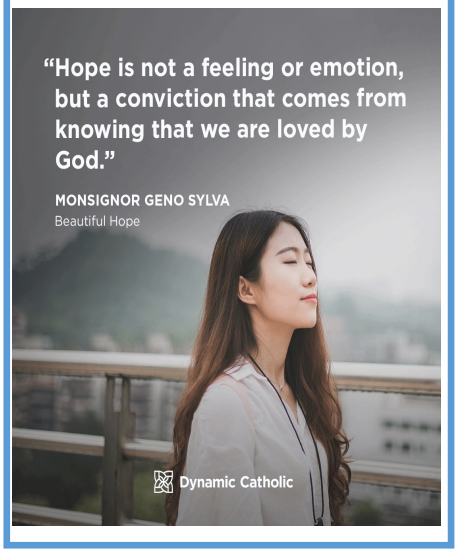
- **Jubilee whole school mass on Wednesday.**
- **Non-pupil day on Friday 21st.**
- **Parish bazaar is on Sunday 23rd.**

## Catholic life of the school

Children in need 2025



## 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**

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| **NOVEMBER 2025** | |
| 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)**<br>Year 5 meeting re. Residential trip 2027 - 5.30pm in the school hall |
| Wednesday, 10th | Year 3 Mass - 9.30am in the Church<br>Children's Christmas Dinner Day |
| Thursday, 11th | EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performance @ 2.30pm (**Year 2 parents only**) |
| Friday, 12th | Friends Association Christmas gift sale |
| 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** | |
| Monday, 2nd | Year 2 - Roald Dahl Day |
| Tuesday, 3rd | Year 6 visiting Chelmsford Museum (Electrical Engineers)<br>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 |

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| **MARCH 2026** | |
| 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<br>Year 2 - 3 Tees sports |
| **MAY 2026** | |
| Thursday, 14th | Year 2 trip to Osea View Beach |
| Monday, 25th - Friday, 29th | Half-term |
| **JUNE 2026** | |
| Monday, 1st | INSET DAY |
| Wednesday, 3rd | Year 1 trip to Colchester Zoo<br>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 |

# WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK





17.11.25 - 21.11.25

## AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday 19th November - Hama beads & loom bands



Art work from the Ark this week

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 14TH NOVEMBER

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

| BECKET | CAMPION | FISHER | MORE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st (157) | 2nd (160) | 3rd (130) | 4th (143) |

## MERIT BADGES

**WEEK ENDING 14th November 2025**

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

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| **Reception** | Poppy | Awura |
| **Year 1** | Eliza | Jayden |
| **Year 2** | Thiem | Tiggy |
| **Year 3** | Truman | Rachel |
| **Year 4** | Amari | Jessica |
| **Year 5** | Agatha | Hugh K |
| **Year 6** | Keva | Harry |

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

**WEEK ENDING 14th November 2025**

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|---|---|---|
| **Reception** | Arthur | Ava-Grace |
| **Year 1** | Bella | Soujoud |
| **Year 2** | Emily | Oliver W |
| **Year 3** | Leila | Adam |
| **Year 4** | Lucas | Toby |
| **Year 5** | Charlene | Leo |
| **Year 6** | Belle | William |

**Bluebell from Essex Therapy Dogs visited the school this week**





**Year 5 Remembrance Assembly**



**CHILDREN IN NEED**

Today, the children enjoyed taking part in Children In Need. In the morning, they created Pudsey crafts and took part in the Joe Wicks Live assembly. In the afternoon, the children performed the final Strictly dance, completing the 25 Step Challenge in style. Thank you to everyone who has donated. If you would like to sponsor your child, please click on this link: https://www.justgiving.com/page/olichildrenineed?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL






# Friends Association News

**Family Disco**

Tickets will still be available on the door. Tonight, 17:30-19:30. £2 a ticket.

We are really looking forward to an evening filled with of fun and dancing.

**Christmas events**

**Festive family fun day Sunday 30th November**

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.

Please can we have donations for hampers. The trolley will be left in the playground from next week so you can drop off any donation.

Suggested hamper themes for each year group to buy:

Foundation: Christmas craft kits & supplies

Year 1: cosy night in (books, herbal teas, eye mask, fluffy socks, tea lights, etc)

Year 2: me time (bath bombs, hand & body cream, novelty hairband, scented lip balm scented candle, novelty sponge

Year 3: art supplies (watercolours, paint, brushes, paint trays, scrap books)

Year 4: Christmas baking (baking kits, sprinkles/syrups, dry ingredients, biscuit cutters / rolling pin, aprons etc)

Year 5: film night (popcorn, snacks, hot chocolate, marshmallows, etc)

Year 6: Christmas party (snacks, bottles, decorations, family games)

We will also need sweets/chocolate (no nuts) and any soft toy donations. Please leave in the trolley on the playground.

**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 Friday 12th Dec**

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

Many thanks

The Friends Association

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## MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 17th November – 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

## 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




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.

# Attendance

Attendance Data:

**94% and below** | **94% - 96.9%** | **97% and above**

| | Last week %<br>03.11.25 - 07.11.25 | This week %<br>10.11.25 - 14.11.25 |
|---|---|---|
| Foundation | 97% | 96.3% |
| Year 1 | 94% | 97% |
| Year 2 | 98.7% | 98.7% |
| Year 3 | 97.8% | 97.9% |
| Year 4 | 97.5% | 95.9% |
| Year 5 | 98.4% | 97.4% |
| Year 6 | 94.4% | 95.1% |
| **Whole School Total** | **96.8%** | **96.9%** |

Congratulations to years 1, 2, 3 & 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.

## Attendance

We know that these things are unavoidable, but please do ensure that your child is in school whenever they can be. Lost learning has a big impact on children's future learning.

Please be aware that the school is **strictly unable to sanction any holidays** taken during term time.

