24th October 2025

Issue 8

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,

As we come to the end of a very busy and jam-packed first half term, it is wonderful to see how well the children have settled into the routines and life of their new classes. From our new Reception children, who have impressed us all with their confidence and lovely manners, to our Year 6 pupils, who have embraced their additional leadership responsibilities across the school with commitment and diligence — we are incredibly proud of them all.

Thank you to all the parents who made purchases from the book fair. If you haven't yet been able to pay, please visit travellingbooks.co.uk/pay.

If you are planning to purchase new school uniform over the half-term break, please see the attached updated uniform policy.

I wish you all a lovely and restful half term. We return to school on Monday 3rd November, and children must be wearing winter uniform.

Warmest wishes and God bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs - Acting Headteacher

Notices

- **First Year 6 bikeability sessions are on 3/11 and 4/11**
- **Chaplains' retreat day to New Hall 4/11**
- **All Saints whole school mass at 9.30am 5/11**

Catholic life of the school

Rosary Recital



Thought for the weekend!

Rest is so necessary for the health of our minds and bodies, and often so difficult to achieve due to the many demands placed on us. But rest is also essential for our spiritual health, so that we can hear God's voice and understand what he asks of us.

Pope Francis

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, 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 Chaplaincy Team Retreat Day at New Hall
Wednesday, 5th	Whole school Mass - 9.30am in the church
Monday, 10th	Great British Athletes visit
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
Friday, 21st	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 26th	Year 6 and Reception Mass - 9.30am in the church
DECEMBER 2025	
Monday, 1st	Year 6 visiting Chelmsford Museum (WWII)
Friday, 5th	Friends Association - Christmas wreath making
Sunday, 7th	Friends Association Festive family fun day
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

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 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, 17th	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.15PM - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Monday, 20th	INSET DAY

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 24TH OCTOBER

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (123)	2nd (125)	3rd (103)	3rd (111)

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 24th October 2025

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

Reception	Eliana	Lucja
Year 1	Libby	Monica
Year 2	Olaedo	Adaora
Year 3	Tadhg	Angel
Year 4	Graciella	Sienna
Year 5	Ayden	Sonia
Year 6	Joselyn	Daniel

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 24th October 2025

Reception	William	Alaiyah
Year 1	Emma H	Indigo
Year 2	Salvin	Helena
Year 3	Alex	Hannah
Year 4	Lucas	Raine-Esme
Year 5	Emma	Agatha
Year 6	Isabella	Matilda

PE LESSONS - AUTUMN TERM 2

Reception - Wednesdays

Year 1 - Mondays (multi sports 4 schools - outdoors) and Wednesdays (dance - indoors)

Year 2 - Tuesdays (fitness - outdoors) and Wednesdays (dance - indoors)

Year 3 - Fridays (swimming)

Year 4 - Wednesdays (ball skills - outdoors) and Fridays (dance - indoors)

Year 5 - Tuesdays (football - outdoors) and Thursdays (gymnastics - indoors)

Year 6 - Mondays (dance - indoors) and Tuesdays (netball - outdoors)

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

Christmas merchandise

This has reopened until 30th October, so please place orders for the artwork. All purchases made make money for the school.

Christmas events

Further details will be sent out after half term regarding the Christmas wreath making and Festive fun day.

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, 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

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK





03.11.25 - 07.11.25

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday 5th November - Lego Madness

Biscuits decorated during spooky week



MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 3rd November – 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 % 13.10.25 - 17.10.25	This week % 20.10.25 - 24.10.25
Foundation	93.7%	93%
Year 1	92.3%	96.3%
Year 2	98.7%	96.3%
Year 3	100%	99.4%
Year 4	98.8%	98.1%
Year 5	97.8%	99.4%
Year 6	95.3%	93.8%
Whole School Total	**96.7%**	**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.