28th November 2025

Issue 12

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,

On Tuesday, a team attended the All In Sports event at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre, where they enjoyed a range of activities including trampolining and archery. The team showed excellent spirit and Mrs Daley would like to give a special mention to Alex in Year 6 for being a fantastic support to the younger pupils. Thank you to Mrs Daley, Mrs Lockett-Burt and all the parents and carers who helped with transport - without your support, these wonderful opportunities would not be possible.

Our School Council has been busy and has requested Christmas cookies for dessert at this year's Christmas dinner. On a festive note, all the children are now rehearsing for our upcoming Christmas performances. Dates are listed below, and we look forward to sharing these special moments with you. Please also show your support for the Friends Association by attending their Christmas Fayre on Sunday. Next week, we will be introducing our new Virtue of Hope as the season of Advent begins.

Finally, a reminder to all parents to take care of our school reading books and ensure they are returned. Over the past three years, we have made a significant investment in our new reading scheme, which has helped us deliver consistently excellent attainment for pupils. However, when books are not returned, it impacts the children as we do not have enough for their reading groups.

Warmest regards and God Bless

Mrs Sophie Gibbs - Acting Headteacher

Notices

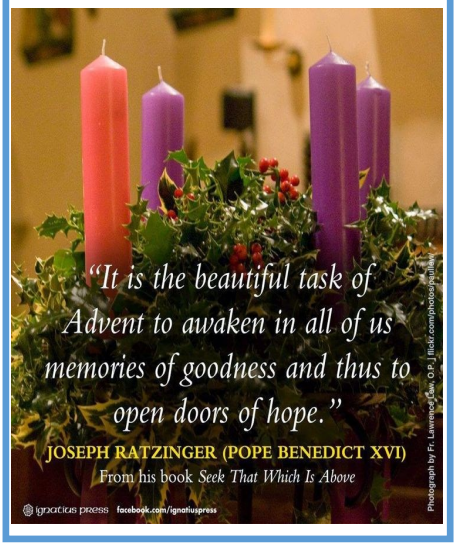
- **Year 6 trip to Chelmsford museum 1/12/25**
- **Christmas dance festival at Great Baddow High school on 2/12**
- **Only PE kit as per our uniform policy to be worn to school.**

Catholic life of the school

This advent the children will making prayer cards for the St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Hampers.



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

when

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	
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
Wednesday, 10th	Year 3 Mass - 9.30am in the Church 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
Wednesday, 7th	Whole school Epiphany Mass - 9am in the church
Wednesday, 14th	Year 2 Mass - 9.30am in the church
Wednesday, 21st	Year 1 Mass - 9.30am in the church
Wednesday, 28th	Reception and Year 6 Mass - 9.30am in the church
FEBRUARY 2026	
Monday, 2nd	Year 2 - Roald Dahl Day
Tuesday, 3rd	Year 6 visiting Chelmsford Museum (Electrical Engineers) Year 4 Superstars
Wednesday, 4th	Year 5 Mass - 9.30am in the church
Tuesday, 10th	Parents evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

FEB 2026 cont...	
Wednesday, 11th	Year 4 Mass - 9.30am in the church
Thursday, 12th	Parents evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Monday, 16th - Friday, 20th	Half-term
MARCH 2026	
Wednesday, 18th	Year 6 trip to Down House
Friday, 27th	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 - 3Tees 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 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 21ST NOVEMBER

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
4th (170)	1st (177)	3rd (144)	2nd (159)

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 28th November 2025

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

Reception	Lily	Sienna
Year 1	Inayaat	Noelani
Year 2	Isla	Clara
Year 3	Daisy	Jumanna
Year 4	Ella	Fabian
Year 5	Ciara	Hugh K
Year 6	Florence	Hartley

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 28th November 2025

Reception	Sandhra	Elsie-Rose
Year 1	Bjorn	Mugunthan
Year 2	Finley	Aaliyah
Year 3	Tadhg	Kaitlyn
Year 4	Anna	Francine
Year 5	Jaelan	Ysabella
Year 6	Jennifer	Alex

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 1st December – 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:

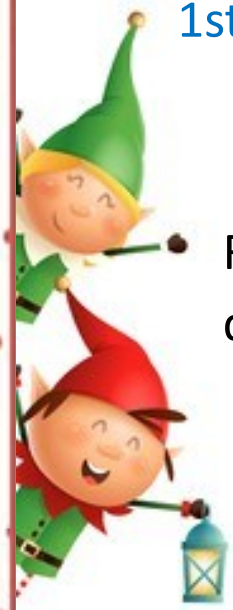


- Income Support / Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have 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

Activities in The Ark

1st Dec - 5th Dec North pole themed breakfast



1st Dec - 19th Dec

Find the Elf competition at 8.15am daily with prizes

1st Dec - 19th

Christmas Tree colouring competition





15th Dec - 17th Dec

Christmas cupcake decorating with Mrs Gibbs



18th December

Festival movie night



Friends Association News

Christmas events

Festive family fun day Sunday 30th November

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday for the festive fun day at school from 10am-1pm.

Tickets can still be bought online in advance https://bit.ly/OLIxmasfun25

If you haven't already please bring your grand drawer tickets on the day to be in it to win it.

Wreath Making evening

We will be holding a wreath making event in the church hall on Friday 5th December 7-9pm. Tickets are £25 each and bring you're favourite drink and snacks. It should be a fun evening for getting into the Christmas spirit.

https://bit.ly/OLIwreath



Christmas gift sale Friday 12th December

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

OLI Friends Association

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.

All in Event - Tuesday, 25th November











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



Attendance

Attendance Data:

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

	Last week % **17.11.25 - 20.11.25**	**This week %** **23.11.25 - 28.11.25**
Foundation	91.3%	97%
Year 1	95%	98.7%
Year 2	98.3%	98.7%
Year 3	97%	97.3%
Year 4	95.7%	91.6%
Year 5	97.6%	97.7%
Year 6	91.3%	93.3%
Whole School Total	**95.1%**	**96.3%**

Congratulations to years 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.

Clubs

The clubs for the Spring Term 1 will be:



Monday **Multi Sports 4 Schools - years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm**

(12.01.26 - 09.02.26 = 5 sessions)

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

(12.01.26 - 23.03.26 = 10 sessions)

Booking for January - March

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

(13.01.26 - 10.02.26 = 5 sessions)

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

(13.01.26 - 24.03.26 = 10 sessions)

Booking for January - March

Wednesday

Chess - years 3, 4, 5 & 6

(14.01.26 - 25.03.26 = 10 sessions)

Booking for January - March



Thursday

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

(15.01.26 - 26.03.26 = 10 sessions)

Booking for January - March

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

(09.01.26 - 06.02.26 = 5 weeks)

Bookings for clubs will be released week of 1st December 2025