9th January 2026

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# 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 enter a new calendar year and a new era for Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School, the school community and governors have revisited our mission statement. We are excited to share that it has been updated to reflect how we, as a team, view our mission.

**Our new mission statement**

*At Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School, we will inspire our community to achieve personal excellence for themselves and the Glory of Christ.*

In line with our new RE curriculum we will also be moving away from our virtues and introducing our core school values which are: care for creation, preferential option for the poor, solidarity and peace, community and participation, dignity of workers and dignity. From next week our merit badges awards will be linked to our values.

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

*Mrs Sophie Gibbs -Headteacher*

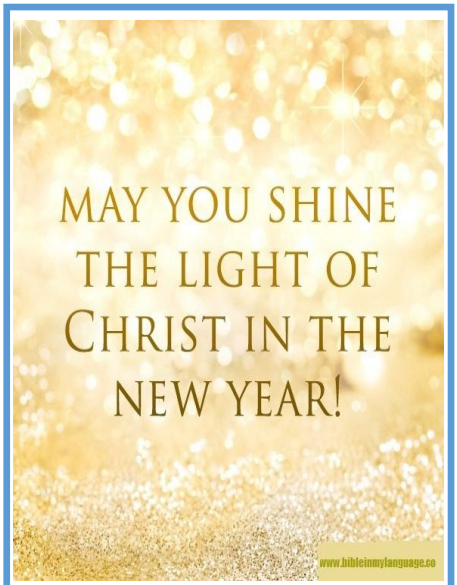
## Notices

- **Please ensure children come to school appropriately dressed for the weather.**
- **Welcome Fr Barto to our parish who has joined us as parish priest this week.**

## Catholic life of the school

**The Chaplains prayed for the traditional blessing on our school at the start of the year.**






TEN TEN

Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources



Virtues to Live by

**I have faith**

**when**

I know God loves me and I trust God to take care of me.

I ask God to guide me in my life.

I spend time with God in moments of quiet and in prayer.

I share my beliefs in God with others.

My words and actions show my faith in God's love.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

**Please note:**
**new information will be presented in red**

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| **JANUARY 2026** | |
| 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)<br>Year 4 Superstars |
| Wednesday, 4th | Year 5 Mass - 9.30am in the church |
| Tuesday, 10th | Parents evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm |
| 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<br>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<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 |

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 9TH JANUARY

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

| BECKET | CAMPION | FISHER | MORE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd (237) | 3rd (248) | 1st (214) | 4th (209) |

## MERIT BADGES

**WEEK ENDING 9th January 2026**

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Reception** | Malaika | Lucja |
| **Year 1** | Thalia | Indigo |
| **Year 2** | Gaia | Ike |
| **Year 3** | Lewis | Antoni |
| **Year 4** | Emily | Toby |
| **Year 5** | Jaelan | Ciara |
| **Year 6** | Kimberley | Daniel |

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

**WEEK ENDING 9th January 2026**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Reception** | Lara | Elijah |
| **Year 1** | Samuel | Charlotte |
| **Year 2** | Tiggy | Kitt |
| **Year 3** | Jessica | Cameron |
| **Year 4** | Fabian | Prisca |
| **Year 5** | Sophia | Matheo |
| **Year 6** | Joselyn | Panbhu |




## YEAR 6 PREFECTS

**Autumn Term**




**HEAD BOY**

Jeffray

**DEPUTY HEAD BOY**

Tommy

**HEAD GIRL**

Hanna

**DEPUTY HEAD GIRL**

Charlotte

**House Captains**

| | |
|---|---|
| Fisher | Harry, Anna |
| Beckett | Jack, Sienna |
| Campion | Hartley, Joselyn |
| More | Russell, Alexander |

**PE Leaders**

Panbhu, Paul, Johan

**Lanyard Prefect**

Keva

**Mobile Phone Prefect**

Charlie

**Assembly Prefects**

Kimberley, Elijah, Florence, Max

**Gate prefects**

Jennifer, Ciara, Isabella, Julian

**Communication Book**

Lachlan

**Hymn Practice Leaders**

Eloise, Matilda

**Classroom Prefects**

William, Adnan

**Chaplaincy Leaders**

Elijah, Eloise, Keva, Paul, Ciara, Russell

**Computing Leaders**

Belle, Daniel

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kallie in Year 4 for her wonderful performance in *Aladdin* at the Civic Theatre. Kallie had a fantastic opportunity to appear on stage on numerous days throughout December, showcasing her talent and confidence. Well done, Kallie!





## MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 12th January – 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 %**<br>**15.12.25 - 18.12.25** | **This week %**<br>**06.01.26 - 09.01.26** |
| Foundation | 96.1% | 97.5% |
| Year 1 | 91.4% | 99.1% |
| Year 2 | 97.4% | 96.6% |
| Year 3 | 96.6% | 95.1% |
| Year 4 | 94.4% | 99.2% |
| Year 5 | 96.8% | 97.6% |
| Year 6 | 95.3% | 99.6% |
| **Whole School Total** | **95.4%** | **97.8%** |

Congratulations to Reception, years 1, 4, 5 & 6 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.