16th January 2026

Issue 17

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,

This term, all our children will begin learning about Jesus' journey from Galilee to Jerusalem in preparation for Lent. As all of our classes are now following the new RE curriculum, To Know You More Clearly, please talk to your children about what this topic (or branch, as we call it) will involve.

Please note that Mrs Williams has emailed a letter regarding this half term's parents' evenings. If you require any further information or support in making an appointment, please contact her directly.

We have received a number of complaints about parents parking and blocking access to the gate on New Writtle Street. Please remember to park considerately.

Finally, I hope all our First Holy Communion candidates enjoy their first session this Saturday.

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs -Headteacher

Notices

- **Unless the conditions are icy children are to wear school shoes to school, boots are only allowed in icy conditions.**
- **Please do not park in the school car park for drop off or pick up, this includes for the ARK.**

Catholic life of the school

FROM GALILEE TO JERUSALEM



What do you think this branch will be about?



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Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources





DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:
new information will be presented in red

JANUARY 2026	
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
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	
Tuesday, 17th	Year 2 - Infant Music Festival (9.15am - 12pm)
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

JUNE 2026 cont…	
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 16TH JANUARY

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
4th (253)	2nd (266)	3rd (231)	1st (228)

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 16th January 2026

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

Reception	Shalom	Elijah
Year 1	Leo	Emma H
Year 2	Kezia	Oliver W
Year 3	Dhiya	Kwabena
Year 4	Philip	Anna
Year 5	Pola	Oscar
Year 6	Keva	Max

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 16th January 2026

Reception	Alice	Lily
Year 1	Londi	Israel
Year 2	Godswill	Clara
Year 3	Luca	Theodora
Year 4	Sienna	Joshua
Year 5	Ronnie	Emma
Year 6	Isabella	Elijah

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK





19.01.26 - 23.01.26

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday 21st January - Hama beads / beading from 3.30pm

Friends Association News

The Friends were really successful with fundraising last term. We were able to purchase new ipads, one for each class to support their learning. We also bought a new piano as the last one that the school had had for years finally broke. The piano is an integral part of the school, being used for assemblies, piano lessons and for the school productions.

Thank you all again for your support.

We are discussing fundraising ideas for this term and will update with further details as soon as we have them.

Thank you
The Friends

OLI Friends Association

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 19th January – 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 % 06.01.26 - 09.01.26	This week % 12.01.26 - 16.01.26
Foundation	97.5%	96%
Year 1	99.1%	94.8%
Year 2	96.6%	91.7%
Year 3	95.1%	94.8%
Year 4	99.2%	97.8%
Year 5	97.6%	95.2%
Year 6	99.6%	97.2%
Whole School Total	**97.8%**	**95.4%**

Congratulations to years 4 & 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.

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