23rd January 2026

Issue 18

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,

I am in a privileged position to be able to walk around the school and visit all the classes during the school day. It never ceases to amaze me how hard our staff work and how committed our children are to their learning.

One thing I have noticed recently is that many of our KS2 children do not have a suitable pencil for writing. While fashion pencils are very appealing, they are not always HB. Given the amount of writing children complete each day, these softer pencils often break more frequently, need constant sharpening, and soon become too short to write with. We really appreciate parents supporting the school by providing stationery in KS2, as this helps us stretch our budget further. HB pencils can be purchased relatively cheaply; for example, they are available on Amazon if you notice your child needs replacements.

Our children's wellbeing is very important to us at Our Lady Immaculate. To help us better understand what is working well and what more we can do, we would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete our parent wellbeing survey:

Parent Wellbeing Survey – Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School – Fill in form

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs -Headteacher

Notices

- **Reception and Year 6 will be attending mass together on Wednesday at 9.30am**
- **Year 3/4 cheerleading competition after school at Boswells on 28/1/26**
- **Perform drama workshop for EYFS/KS1 on Friday 30/1/26**

Catholic life of the school

Our Eco council looking after our environment and showing stewardship



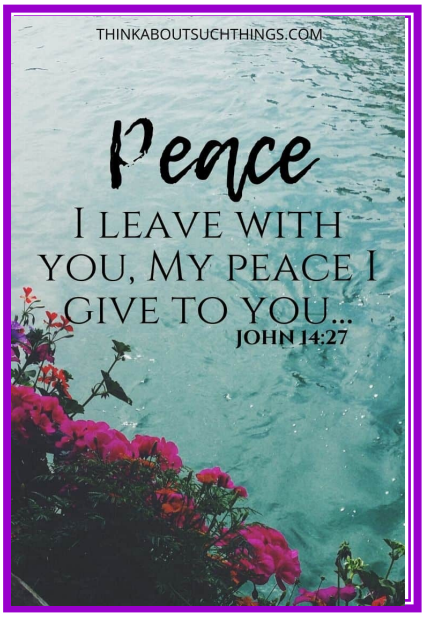


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Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources





DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:
new information will be presented in red

JANUARY 2026	
Wednesday, 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 23RD JANUARY

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
4th (269)	1st (286)	3rd (248)	2nd (246)

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 23rd January 2026

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

Reception	Arthur	Elsie-Rose
Year 1	Bella	Riley
Year 2	Helena	Aaliyah
Year 3	Israel	Truman
Year 4	Kingsley	Zuzanna
Year 5	Jocelyln	Leo
Year 6	William	Ciara

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 23rd January 2026

Reception	Onyi	Oscar
Year 1	Freya	Eliza
Year 2	Evie	Thiem
Year 3	Neve	Jumanna
Year 4	Eloise	Rosie
Year 5	Elsie	Hugh K
Year 6	Hartley	Matilda

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WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK





26.01.26 - 30.01.26

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday 28th January - Speed stacking from 3.30pm

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 26th January – 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

Attendance

Attendance Data:

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

	Last week % 12.01.26 - 16.01.26	This week % 19.01.26 - 23.01.26
Foundation	96%	94.3%
Year 1	94.8%	92.1%
Year 2	91.7%	95.9%
Year 3	94.8%	97.9%
Year 4	97.8%	96.9%
Year 5	95.2%	98.1%
Year 6	97.2%	98.8%
Whole School Total	**95.4%**	**96.3%**

Congratulations to years 3, 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.