30th January 2026

Issue 19

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,

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of the first month of 2026 and we only have two weeks of this half term left.

This week our Year 3 and 4 cheerleaders competed at their first ever Cheer competition at Boswells. Thank you to Miss Schultz for all her hard work in preparing the team and to Miss Hitchen and all the parents and carers who ensured the team could attend.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a drama workshop with perform all about toy shops. There is lots happening in school next week so please check the notices below and our diary dates.

Our children's wellbeing is very important to us at Our Lady Immaculate our survey is still open to respond to until this coming Monday.

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

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs -Headteacher

Notices

- **Year 2 Roald Dahl day 2/2/26**
- **Year 6 Trip to Chelmsford Museum 3/2/26**
- **Year 4 superstars event 3/2/26**
- **Girls football match away to Danbury 6/2/26**

Catholic life of the school

Our chaplains have been busy auditing our prayer tables this was the best one according to them!





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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

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
Wednesday, 25th	Year 3 Mass - 9.30am in the church
MARCH 2026	
Wednesday, 4th	Year 2 Mass - 9.30am in the church
Wednesday, 11th	Reception class and Year 6 Mass - 9.30am in the church
Monday, 16th	Reception class - Mother's Day Assembly - 9.15am
Tuesday, 17th	Year 2 - Infant Music Festival (9.15am - 12pm)
Wednesday, 18th	Year 6 trip to Down House Year 1 Mass - 9.30am in the church
Friday, 20th	Friends Association Talent Show
Wednesday, 25th	Year 5 Mass - 9.30am in the church
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 30TH JANUARY

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (285)	1st (306)	1st (268)	3rd (260)

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 30th January 2026

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

Reception	Jaxon	Teniola
Year 1	Soujoud	Thalia
Year 2	Nathalia	Ayla
Year 3	Claudia	Jan
Year 4	Francine	Lucas
Year 5	Chibuifem	Charlene
Year 6	Charlie	Charlotte

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 30th January 2026

Reception	Sienna	Poppy
Year 1	Londi	Chizi
Year 2	Odhran	Kiyomi
Year 3	Layla	Kobi
Year 4	Marika	Aisling
Year 5	Ysabella	Charlotte
Year 6	Belle	Jennifer




SPORTING AT OLI




Cheerleading

On Wednesday 27th January, some children from Years 3 and 4 performed at Boswells School in a cheer-leading competition. We were incredibly proud of their fantastic performance, and everyone had a very enjoyable time.



Friends Association News

Talent Show

We are pleased to announce that due to popular demand, the talent show is back on Friday, 20th March! Full details to follow but save the date and let the children know so they can get practicing!

Many thanks

The Friends

OLI Friends Association

HEALTHY SCHOOL POLICY—SNACKS AND PACKED LUNCH

If your child brings a packed lunch with them, please remember that, as per the school's prospectus, this should only be brought in a sandwich box (no plastic bags) and clearly marked with the child's name. No cans or glass bottles are allowed and we also request that parents avoid giving children crisps or chocolate in line with our Healthy School Policy. Nuts (including in biscuits etc,) are not permitted in school as some of our children suffer from anaphylaxis, which is a serious allergy to nuts.

This also applies for your child's breaktime snack.



WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK

02.02.26 - 06.02.26

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday 4th February - Speed stacking from 3.30pm

delayed from last week

Photos from the Ark - fancy dress and hama beads











MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 2nd February – 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 % 19.01.26 - 23.01.26	This week % 26.01.26 - 30.01.26
Foundation	94.3%	96%
Year 1	92.1%	93.4%
Year 2	95.9%	100%
Year 3	97.9%	96.4%
Year 4	96.9%	98.4%
Year 5	98.1%	95.9%
Year 6	98.8%	96.6%
Whole School Total	**96.3%**	**96.7%**

Congratulations to years 2 & 4 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.