6th February 2026

Issue 20

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 approach the end of this half term, I would like to draw your attention to Safer Internet Day, which takes place this coming Tuesday. We will be discussing this important topic with the children in school, and I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you some resources you may find useful. Our children are growing up in an everchanging world where online social interaction is increasingly common. While this brings exciting new opportunities, it can also present risks. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer I have prepared with further information and helpful links. I hope you find it useful.

This week, Year 2 enjoyed their Roald Dahl Day, which inspired our catering team to celebrate with a special themed menu that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. I would like to thank the team for their hard work and the extra care they put into preparing the golden tickets and prizes.

On the sporting front, Year 4 performed brilliantly at the Chelmsford School Sports Partnership Superstars event, with Lucas achieving third place overall!

Warmest wishes and God bless,

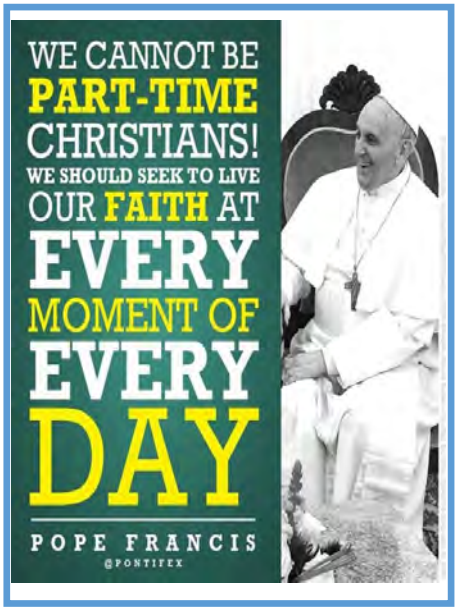
Mrs Sophie Gibbs -Headteacher

Notices

- **Parents evenings are this Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th - please speak to your child's class teacher if you have been unable to make an appointment.**
- **Please note all PE hoodies should be navy only.**

Catholic life of the school

The ways of God are perfect;
the word of the Lord, purest gold.
He indeed is the shield
of all who make him their refuge.
Psalm 17(18):31,47,50-51

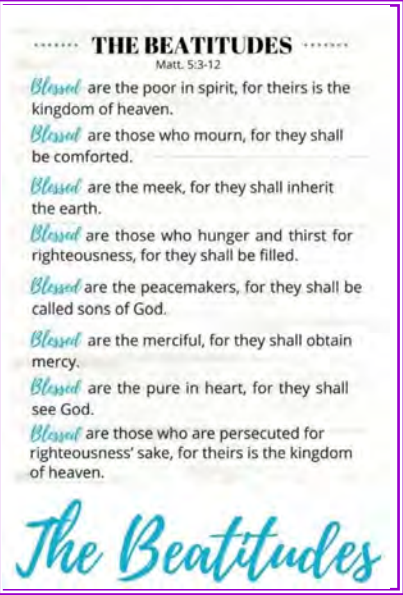


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Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources





DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:
new information will be presented in red

FEBRUARY 2026	
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
Monday, 23rd	Friends Association meeting - online
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
Friday, 13th	Friends Association Mother's Day gift sale
Monday, 16th	Reception class - Mother's Day Assembly - 9.15am (reception class parents welcome)
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 Year 4 St. George's Day assembly - 2.45pm (year 4 parents welcome)
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, 16th	Year 4 - History off the Page, day in the life of an ancient Egyptian
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	
Thursday, 2nd	Year 6 - The Rosary Trust retreat day to St. Joseph's, Harwich
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

ROALD DAHL LUNCH - 04.02.2026





HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 6TH FEBRUARY

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (302)	4th (322)	1st (288)	2nd (278)

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 6th February 2026

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

Reception	Ava-Grace	Michael
Year 1	Emma-Rose	Jayden
Year 2	Edward	Emily
Year 3	Adam	Rachel
Year 4	Isabel	Israel
Year 5	Kaleb	Esme
Year 6	Tommy	Jeffray

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 6th February 2026

Reception	Arthur	Ryan
Year 1	Inayaat	Monica
Year 2	Miriam	William
Year 3	Annie	Lewis
Year 4	Alexander	Emily
Year 5	Jocelyn	Ayden
Year 6	Lachlan	Keva

Friends Association News

Upcoming events

We will be running a sponsored reading for Lent challenge. More details to be sent out next week ahead of Lent starting in half term.

Many thanks

The Friends

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





09.02.26 - 13.02.26

AFTER SCHOOL

Wednesday 11th February - movie night from 3.30pm

YEAR 2 PE LESSON







MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 9th February – 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 % **26.01.26 - 30.01.26**	**This week %** **02.02.26 - 06.02.26**
Foundation	96%	98.3%
Year 1	93.4%	92.8%
Year 2	100%	96.7%
Year 3	96.4%	94.5%
Year 4	98.4%	98.1%
Year 5	95.9%	97.2%
Year 6	96.6%	95.9%
Whole School Total	**96.7%**	**96.2%**

Congratulations to reception, years 4 & 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.

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.

Clubs

The clubs for the Spring Term 2 will be:



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

(23.02.26 - 23.03.26 = 5 sessions)

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

(12.01.26 - 23.03.26 = 10 sessions)

Booking from January - March—SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

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

(24.02.26 - 24.03.26 = 5 sessions)

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

(13.01.26 - 24.03.26 = 10 sessions)

Booking from January - March—SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

Wednesday

Chess - years 3, 4, 5 & 6

(14.01.26 - 25.03.26 = 10 sessions)

Booking from January - March - FULLY BOOKED

Thursday

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

(15.01.26 - 26.03.26 = 10 sessions)

Booking from January - March—SPACES STILL AVAILABLE



Multi sports and High 5's will be available to book next week.

Spaces are still available for infant football, junior football and basketball, if you would like your child to join, please speak to Mrs Williams.