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Issue 22

Weekly Newsletter

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

The Rosary Trust

THE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30AM UNTIL 4:PM MONDAY - FRIDAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our value for this half term is community and participation. We will be looking out for children who offer to help others, use their manners, demonstrate teamwork, think of others, pray for others, and make people feel welcome. This aligns well with our Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

We know that many of our children actively participate in helping their community outside of school through volunteering, fundraising and looking after the environment. If you are able to share any examples of this with us, it would be wonderful to recognise them in our newsletter.

For almsgiving, many of the children have already begun the Friends Association Reading Challenge. This will raise much-needed funds to support our school budget. This term, the Friends are purchasing new books for KS2.

On Tuesday 24th March, we will be taking part in our CAFOD Big Lent Walk in Central Park, Chelmsford, raising money to help communities around the world stamp out poverty. Details of how to donate can be found below.

There is a lot happening this half term, so please don't forget to check our diary dates below.

Warmest wishes and God bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs - Headteacher

Notices

- SEND local area roadshow for parents in Chelmsford 11/3/26 for details please visit Local Offer Roadshow, Mid Essex | Essex Local Offer
- Year 3 mixed football match at CVHS 2/3/26
- OLI v Little Waltham football match 6/3/26

Catholic life of the school



Thought for the weekend!

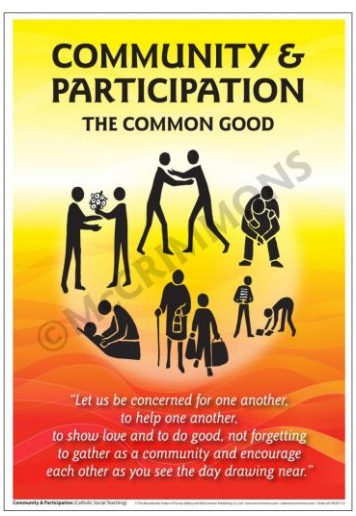


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Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources



Our Virtues



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:

New information will be presented in red

MARCH 2026	
Wednesday, 4th	Year 2 Mass - 9.30am in the church
Thursday, 5th	World Book Day
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
Tuesday, 24th	CAFOD Big Lent Walk – 1.30pm
Wednesday, 25th	Year 5 Mass - 9.30am in the church
Thursday, 26th	Easter Service in Church – 2pm
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

JUNE 2026 cont…	
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

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 27TH FEBRUARY

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

BECKET	BECKET	FISHER	BECKET
3rd (338)	2nd(359)	1st (325)	3rd (306)

MERIT BADGE

WEEK ENDING 27th February 2026

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

Reception	Ryan	William
Year 1	Leo	Mugunthan
Year 2	Thiem	Tiggy
Year 3	Jumanna	Kaitlyn
Year 4	David	Raine-Esme
Year 5	Ayden	Emma
Year 6	Daniel	Kimberley

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 27th February 2026

Reception	Kara	Jack
Year 1	Monica	Sophia
Year 2	Maja	Adaora
Year 3	Neve	Kwabena
Year 4	Nahson	Zuzanna
Year 5	Agatha	Hugh T-C
Year 6	Johan	Anna

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any paret have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding Officer: **Mrs Gibbs** or the Deputy Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Daley.

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers to seek further advice.

"Safeguarding is thinking the unthinkable and then figuring out how to reduce the probability of the unthinkable happening."

Child Protection & Safeguarding

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK



02.03.26 – 06.03.26

After School

Wednesday, 4th March – Hama beads from 3.30pm



Friends Association News

Lent sponsored reading

This Lent, our pupils are setting out on an inspiring and exciting journey - a commitment to read every single day for 40 days!

Lent is a special time in our Catholic school calendar, when we reflect, grow, and challenge ourselves to become the best versions of who we can be. Instead of giving something up, our pupils are taking something amazing on - building on a daily habit of reading that will open doors to imagination, knowledge, confidence, and lifelong learning.

From thrilling adventures and magical worlds to fascinating facts and inspiring stories, our children will be turning pages every day throughout Lent. We are asking our wonderful community to cheer them on by sponsoring their dedication and determination.

Every donation will help us transform our school in ways that continue to benefit every child. The most avid readers will also have a chance to win afternoon tea with Mrs Gibbs to celebrate the end of lent.

By sponsoring our challenge, you are not just donating — you are helping to spark imaginations, nurture faith through perseverance and commitment, and create readers for life.

Let's make this Lent a journey filled with stories, discovery, and achievement. Thank you for supporting our pupils as they read their way through Lent — one page at a time!

Please donate and share the link with your family and friends.
https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/olireadforlent

OLI's Got Talent is BACK! Talent Show:

There is an issue with the entry form for the talent show. If you have been able to fill your details in then don't worry, we have them.

For anyone else who still wants to enter and haven't been able to use the form please sit tight! We will aim to have it back up and running by lunchtime Monday and we will extend deadline for entry to Tuesday evening.

OLI's Got Talent returns to the school hall on **Friday 20th March**, and we want performers from **all year groups** to take part.

Singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, plate spinners — whatever your talent, this is your moment to shine! Enter as a solo act or team up with friends for a group performance. Our judges will be ready (don't worry — no Simon Cowells here!), and trophies will be awarded to the most show-stopping acts of the night.

Mandatory rehearsal: Thursday 19th March (after school)
Live show: Friday 20th March, 6:00pm – approx. 8:30pm, school hall

Don't miss your chance to take the stage — sign up now!
Application form: https://form.jotform.com/260394464834060

Mother's Day sale
Friday 13th March, more details and ordering link to follow soon.

Many thanks
The Friends Association

OLI Friends Association

MENU WEEK COMMENCING – 2nd March – Week 2

Please refer to the menus on the website so the children are aware of the daily options so they know what to choose when asked by their teacher. Please use the online payment system to pay for all dinners (Years 3 to 6) dinners need to be paid for in advance.

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 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 1st 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 Data

94% and below	**94% - 96.9%**	**97% and above**
	Last week % 09.02.96 – 13.02.26	This week % 23.02.26 – 27.02.26
Reception	90.7%	88.3%
Year 1	91.3%	91.8%
Year 2	92.3%	96.3%
Year 3	97%	94.5%
Year 4	93.1%	98.1%
Year 5	96.6%	95.6%
Year 6	99.4%	93.4%
Whole School Total	94.4%	94.1%

Congratulations to Year 4 for being 97% and above. 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.

STAMPING OUT POVERTY ON

THE BIG LENT WALK

Scan this QR to support the challenge

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