13th March 2026

Issue 24

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,

This week, it was lovely to attend the cross-country event at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Stadium. The children were great representatives and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Miss Trinnaman and Mrs Kyriacou for supporting the event, and to all the parents and carers who provided transport.

Also on Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 netball teams were in action against St Anne's. Thank you to Miss Hitchen for preparing and training the team.

Today, all the children took part in an Irish dancing workshop with Cecily from the McGhan Lees Dancing School. The children very much enjoyed this. Cecily will be offering Irish dancing after school soon—please look out for further details in your emails.

Finally, I look forward to seeing parents from the Reception Class at the Mother's Day assembly on Monday.

I wish all the mothers, grandmothers, aunties, godmothers and the incredible, inspirational women in our children's lives a very happy Mother's Day.

Warmest wishes and God bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

Notices

- Yr 6 boys football against St Anne's 16/3
- Infant music festival 17/3 (am) and Rocksteady concert 17/3 (pm)
- Gymnastics competition 17/3
- Yr 6 trip to Down Hall 18/3
- Reconciliation with Fr for eligible pupils 11am 20/3

Catholic life of the school

Radiant light by Elizabeth Wang recreated by Year 5





Thought for the weekend!



TEN TEN

Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources



Our Virtues



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:

New information will be presented in red

MARCH 2026	
Monday, 16th	Reception class - Mother's Day Assembly - 9.15am (reception class parents welcome)
Tuesday, 17th	Year 2 - Infant Music Festival (9.15am-12pm) Rocksteady concert (parents have been contacted)
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, 15th	Year 3 Mass – 9.30am in the Church
Friday, 17th	Friends Association school disco
Tuesday, 21st	Dental screening (information has already been shared with selected parents)
Wednesday, 22nd	Year 4 Mass – 9.30am in the Church 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
Wednesday, 29th	Year 2 Mass – 9.30am in the Church
MAY 2026	
Tuesday, 5th	Year 5 trip to the Science Museum
Wednesday, 6th	Reception and Year 6 Mass – 9.30am in the Church
Wednesday, 13th	Year 1 Mass – 9.30am in the Church
Thursday, 14th	Year 2 trip to Osea View Beach
Wednesday, 20th	Year 5 Mass – 9.30am in the Church
Monday, 25th - Friday, 29th	Half-term

JUNE 2026	
Monday, 1st	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 3rd	Year 1 trip to Colchester Zoo Year 3 - Fitness 3s
Wednesday, 10th	Reception class – Road Safety meeting at 2pm
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

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 13TH MARCH

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

BECKET	BECKET	FISHER	BECKET
1st (375)	2nd (391)	3rd (353)	2nd (339)

MERIT BADGE

WEEK ENDING 13th March 2026

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

Reception	Alice	Elsie-Rose
Year 1	Sophia	Riley
Year 2	Odhran	Olaedo
Year 3	Ethan	Luca
Year 4	Aisling	Anna
Year 5	Ysabella	Avery
Year 6	Adnan	Elijah

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 13th March 2026

Reception	Henry	Ennis
Year 1	Orla	Freya
Year 2	Aaliyah	Ayla
Year 3	Cameron	Daisy
Year 4	Prisca	Francine
Year 5	Sienna	Buddy
Year 6	Kimberley	Jack

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!

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
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OLI talent show- ticket sales
We are really looking forward to the talent show next Friday after school. We have had a record number of entries so it is going to be an evening not to be missed! Anyone is welcome to come along and cheer on their friends and family members, just remember children need to be accompanied by an adult. There will be a bar and tuck shop to help with the evenings fun filled entertainment.

Get your tickets here, adults are £6 and children £3:

https://pta.events/talent26oli

Many thanks
The Friends Association

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."

WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK



16.03.26 – 20.03.26

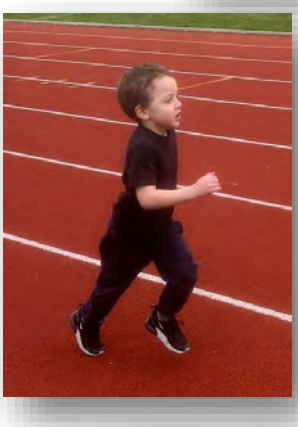
AFTER SCHOOL

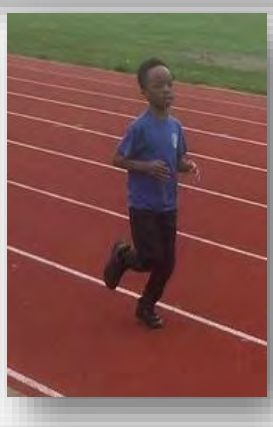


Tuesday, 17th March – St. Patrick's Day inspired after school club

Sporting activities at OLI
Cross Country event – Tuesday, 10th March













Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sienna in year 6 who has been awarded a 5 year art scholarship at St. Mary's Senior School for Girls in Colchester.



Sporting activities at OLI



High 5's (netball)

On Tuesday, we hosted St Anne's for an exciting afternoon of netball matches. The Year 6 team played their first league game of the season and put in a fantastic performance, winning 8–4. The team worked hard throughout the match and showed great determination and teamwork. Manager's Player of the Match went to Keva, who listened carefully to all of Mrs Watson's tips and applied them brilliantly during the game. Opposition's Player of the Match and Players' Player of the Match were both awarded to Tommy for his outstanding performance on court.



The Year 5 team also played their first friendly match and made a brilliant start, securing an impressive 9–0 win. The team worked extremely well together, supporting each other throughout the game and demonstrating a very strong defence. Player of the Match was awarded to Hugh for his fantastic efforts during the game. Well done to everyone involved!



A special thank you goes to Mrs Watson for all of her hard work preparing and supporting the teams.

CHESS

Kingsley in year 4 and Julian in year 6 took part in the 10th Brentwood Junior Chess Tournament on Sunday, 8th March. Inspired by their involvement in the school chess club run by Mr R. White, they each completed eight games throughout the day and were awarded medals for their effort and achievements. Well done to both boys!



MENU WEEK COMMENCING – 16th March – Week 1

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 % 02.03.26 – 06.03.26	This week % 09.03.26 – 13.03.26
Reception	93.4%	96.2%
Year 1	97.9%	93.9%
Year 2	99%	97.3%
Year 3	92.8%	93.5%
Year 4	97.5%	93.1%
Year 5	99.1%	97.5%
Year 6	99.4%	98.4%
Whole School Total	97%	95.7%

Congratulations to Years 2, 5 & 6 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.

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THE BIG LENT WALK

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