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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,

I can hardly believe we are at the end of the spring term already! Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We are truly fortunate to have such supportive parents who are always willing to help with trips, transport to and from sporting events, donations, and much more.

This term has been a celebration of the many talents within our school — from sporting fixtures to Irish dancing and, of course, our wonderful Friends association talent show. I look forward to seeing what next term has in store for us all.

Over the Easter break, I would like to encourage you to take a look at, and respond to, the Essex Safer Speeds Strategy. Their aim is to reduce speeds in order to improve road safety and protect our environment.

Essex Safer Speeds Strategy - Essex County Council - Citizen Space

I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

Notices

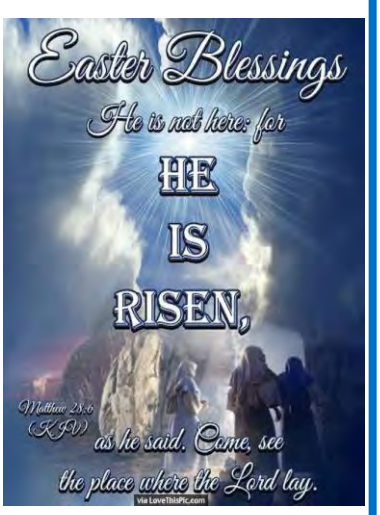
- We return for the summer term on Monday 13th of April.
- Bee Netball competition 14/4/26
- For details of Easter masses at OLI please see Newsletter 29th March 2026 | Chelmsford Catholic

Catholic life of the school

BIG LENT WALK 2026



Thought for the weekend!



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Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter
Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources



Our Virtues



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:

New information will be presented in red

APRIL 2026	
Monday, 13th	First day of Summer term
Wednesday, 15th	Year 3 Mass – 9.30am in the Church Reception and Year 6 – height and weight checks
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)
Friday, 24th	Easter production in the church @ 2pm
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 2 – visiting Wagamama 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





Sporting activities at OLI



Tag Rugby tournament
On Monday, six children from year 2 took part in a tag rugby competition at Writtle Sports Field. The team played brilliantly, finishing in 3rd place. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Annie in year 3 spent 2 hours building this Lego set without any help over the weekend. Amazing work Annie!



Photos from the Ark – Easter colouring competition



Easter egg colouring competition – the winners were: Hector in Year 2 and Alexa in year 3.

Friends Association News

Lent sponsored reading challenge

Not long now until Easter and the end of Lent.

Please show your support to raise money for the school in the Lent sponsored read.

Please can the children bring their reading record sheet back in after Easter and the winners will be determined.

Please donate and share the link with your family and friends.

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/olireadforlent

Talent show

Well done to all the children who participated in the talent show last Friday. They were all so talented and so brave to get up on stage in front of everyone. It was a fantastic evening, so thank you for all your continued support. The evening also raised over £500 profit.

School Disco

The family school disco is on Friday 17th April, the first weekend in after the Easter holidays. Keep the date free! We will be selling tickets soon and will send out the link to the WhatsApp groups.

Summer uniform sale

The summer uniform has been sorted and will be available in reception for a small donation to the friends association

Many thanks
The Friends Association



MENU WEEK COMMENCING – 13th April – Week 3

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

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."

Attendance Data

94% and below	94% - 96.9%	97% and above
	Last week % 16.03.26 – 20.03.26	This week % 23.03.26 – 27.03.26
Reception	97.9%	95.7%
Year 1	92.2%	95.4%
Year 2	96%	87.9%
Year 3	95.2%	94.4%
Year 4	95.9%	96.4%
Year 5	95.6%	95.3%
Year 6	97.5%	96.5%
Whole School Total	95.8%	94.5%

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.