17th April 2026

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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,

Welcome back to the Summer Term! This is a very busy term for us all, with tests, trips, assemblies and spiritual activities so please make sure that you check the diary dates at the bottom of this newsletter.

Our Catholic Social Teaching value for this half term is 'Dignity of the Worker'. This teaches our children the importance and value of work as a life lesson, encouraging them to use their God-given talents to benefit their community. Please do discuss this with your child. Mrs Kelly will be leading assemblies on Tuesdays based on our value for the term.

Just a heads-up, that we will be holding our Cultural Day on Thursday 21st May. Mrs Kelly has sent a letter out to you. If you are able to volunteer to share your cultural heritage—including all of the British Isles—please do let Mrs Kelly know.

Finally, congratulations and a big THANK YOU to Mrs Wright, who you all know as the welcoming face of our school office, greeting everyone each day from 7.30am. This Thursday marked an incredible 30 years since Mrs Wright started working at OLI.

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

Notices

- Yr 5/6 Girls football at Little Waltham 20/4
- Dental Screening for selected children in Reception or year 1 21/4
- Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle 22/4
- **All hair bands, bows and braids and beads must be black or blue**

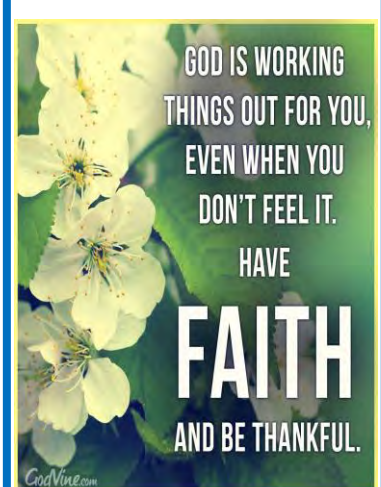
Catholic life of the school

Lachlan in Year 6 recently completed his first park run in aid of Fairleigh Hospice, he raised more than £3500. Living out our value of community and participation!

Well done Lachlan!



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

APRIL 2026	
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
Friday, 15th	May Procession – 2.30pm staring in the school hall – parents welcome
Wednesday, 20th	Year 5 Mass – 9.30am in the Church
Thursday, 21st	World Culture Day – 1.30pm
Friday, 22nd	Sports Day – details coming soon
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

JULY 2026 cont…	
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 17TH APRIL

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (411)	2nd (427)	1st (389)	4th (371)

MERIT BADGE

WEEK ENDING 17th April 2026

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

Reception	Ryan	Lilila
Year 1	Israel	Libby
Year 2	Kiyomi	Maja
Year 3	Alex	Theodora
Year 4	Joshua	Marika
Year 5	Elsie	Jocelyn
Year 6	Jack	Alex

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 17th April 2026

Reception	Kara	Onyi
Year 1	Ezra	Freya
Year 2	Serin	Emily
Year 3	Jan	Naia
Year 4	Sienna	Anna
Year 5	Jaelan	Chibuifem
Year 6	William	Panbhu





Sporting activities at OLI



Bee Netball Tournament - Tuesday, 14th April

On Tuesday, our Year 6 netball team travelled on the SJP minibus to GBHS to take part in the Bee Netball Level 2 Qualifier Event. The team played brilliantly, winning all five of their matches with some fantastic scores: 7–0 against Lawford Mead A, 8–0 against Kings Road, 4–0 against Hatfield Peverel, 1–0 against Broomfield A, and an impressive 10–0 victory against Cathedral B.

Special mentions were given to Charlotte and Elijah (Players' Players), Matilda and Tommy (Coaches' Players), and Keva (Manager's Player). Well done to the team for their outstanding effort!



Friends Association News

Disco tonight!

There will be tickets available on the door this evening.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



WHAT'S ON AT THE ARK



20.04.26 – 24.04.26



AFTER SCHOOL

Bingo – if good weather, this will be postponed – Wednesday, 22nd April

Year 6 Prefects – 2025-2026

Summer term

Head boy	Head girl
Elijah	Isabella

Deputy head boy	Deputy head girl
Lachlan	Jennifer

House Captains

Fisher (blue):	Florence	Matilda
Beckett (red):	Johan	Hanna
Campion (yellow):	Tommy	Ciara
More (green):	Julian	Belle

Gate prefects	Paul	Charlie	Jack	Hartley
PE prefects	William	Adnan	Joselyn	Anna
Assembly prefects	Panbhu	Daniel	Sienna	Keva
Classroom prefect	Joselyn	Alexander		
Computing leaders	Jeffray	Max		
Hymn Practice leaders	Charlotte	Kimberley		
Lanyard Prefect	Eloise			
Mobile phone prefect	Harry			
Communication book	Russell			



MENU WEEK COMMENCING – 20th April – 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

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 % 23.03.26 – 27.03.26	This week % 13.04.26 – 17.04.26
Reception	95.7%	91.3%
Year 1	95.4%	94.3%
Year 2	87.9%	96.7%
Year 3	94.4%	96.1%
Year 4	96.4%	98.1%
Year 5	95.3%	96.9%
Year 6	96.5%	92.5%
Whole School Total	94.5%	95.1%

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.