15th May 2026

Issue 31

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,

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 6, who have completed their SATs this week, and thank you to Miss Schultz, Mr Owens and Mr Hughes, who have supported them in their preparation alongside you all.

I know the children would also like to thank our Friends Association for the lovely breakfast they enjoyed at school this week, as well as the Saint Vincent de Paul Society for their generous gift of ice lollies to celebrate their achievements.

Yesterday afternoon, we celebrated our May procession with Fr Michael. I would like to extend special thanks to parishioners Claire Fairlamb and Mary Heseltine, who volunteered their time to help Reception make the floral offerings and the crown for Mary and also to Mrs Murgatroyd for purchasing the additional flowers needed.

I hope you were all able to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord this Thursday. The children have all been learning about this so please do take the opportunity to discuss it with them.

There is lots happening next week, so please do check the diary below for all the details.

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

Notices

- Sports day Friday 22/5
- Cultural day 21/5
- **Please ensure we have an emergency contact on file for your child, there have been occasions when we have been unable to contact parents.**

Catholic life of the school



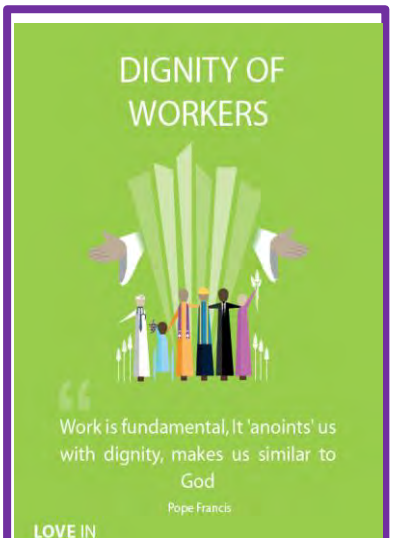


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DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:

New information will be presented in red

MAY 2026	
Monday, 18th	Friends Association meeting – 7.30pm via Zoom
Tuesday, 19th	School netball team - Bee Netball Finals
Wednesday, 20th	Year 5 Mass – 9.30am in the Church St. John Payne visiting Our Lady Immaculate to see the year 6 pupils going to SJP in September
Thursday, 21st	World Culture Day – 1.30pm
Friday, 22nd	Sports Day
Monday, 25th - Friday, 29th	Half-term
JUNE 2026	
Monday, 1st	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 3rd	Year 1 trip to Colchester Zoo Year 3 - Fitness 3s Year 4 Mass – 9.30am in the Church
Tuesday, 9th	School class photographs
Wednesday, 10th	Year 3 Mass – 9.30am in the Church Year 6 – Cricket event at Writtle Cricket Club 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
Wednesday, 17th	Year 2 Mass – 9.30am in the Church
Thursday, 18th	Choir – Junior Music Festival – all day rehearsal and performance at 7pm at the Civic Theatre
Tuesday, 23rd	Year 2 – visiting Wagamama Year 5 - Food and Farming Day at Writtle College
Wednesday, 24th	Year 1 Mass – 9.30am in the Church Dentist visit for year 3 and Reception
Thursday, 25th	Reception trip to Chelmsford Museum
Monday, 29th	Year 2 - Mini Games
JULY 2026	
Wednesday, 1st	Reception and Year 6 Mass – 9.30am in the Church
Thursday, 2nd	Year 6 - The Rosary Trust retreat day to St. Joseph's, Harwich
Friday, 3rd	Year 6 trip to Adventure Island Year 5 – Taster Day at St. John Payne

JULY 2026 cont…	
Saturday, 4th	Friends Association Summer Festival
Wednesday, 8th	Year 5 Mass – 9.30am in the Church
Thursday, 9th	Transition afternoon – 1.30pm – 2.45pm
Tuesday, 14th	Year 6 Production – details coming soon
Thursday, 16th	Year 6 Leavers Mass – 6pm in the Church
Friday, 17th	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.15PM - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Monday, 20th	INSET DAY

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 15th MAY

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (487)	2nd (493)	2nd (459)	1st (435)

MERIT BADGE

WEEK ENDING 15th May 2026

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

Reception	Sienna	Poppy
Year 1	Emma Rose	Grace
Year 2	Kitt	William
Year 3	TJ	Meerhan
Year 4	Graciella	Ella
Year 5	Elsie	Buddy
Year 6	Daniel	Jennifer

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 15th May 2026

Reception	Ennis	Henry
Year 1	Emma H	Bella
Year 2	Evie	Ike
Year 3	Claudia	Alex
Year 4	Khai	Zerah
Year 5	Pola	Leo
Year 6	Russell	Keva

MENU WEEK COMMENCING – 18th May– 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

Friends Association News

Fundraising so far this year:



Meeting

You're warmly invited to join our Friends Association meeting on Monday 18th May, 7:30 - 8.15pm via Zoom:

Zoom link: https://rbs.zoom.us/j/4020031713

This will be an important meeting where we'll be voting on roles and also discussing upcoming plans for fundraising and events. Your input and participation really matter, and it would be great to have as many people there as possible so we can make decisions together and keep building momentum.

Sports day

The friends will be selling ice creams at the sports day on 22nd May**.**

Summer festival - Saturday 4th July 3-5pm

We are looking for any donations for prizes for the raffle. If your workplace is able to support then please contact one of the friends or email friends.ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

We will be sending out further information regarding the festival after the friends meeting. Join us at the meeting if you would like to be involved.

Other requests

The friends have a shed in the playground where all of our equipment/stock is stored. This is starting to fall down so we need to replace this at some point in the near future. If anyone is able to help with clearance of rubbish or support/advice to purchase a shed then please get in contact with the friends.

Many thanks for your continued support

The Friends

First Holy Communion

Congratulations and best wishes to Luca, Adam and Richmond who received the Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion last Sunday.





Gaelic Football

Some students from OLI took part in the St. Cedds Gaelic Football launch day at St. John Payne Catholic School. The launch day was a great success.

If you are curious and would like to try Gaelic football, please go along to St. John Payne Catholic School for the next session on Sunday, 31st May from 9.45am–11.00am. No experience is necessary and everyone is welcome.



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

Year 2 trip to Osea Beach – 14th May 2026













Attendance Data

94% and below	94% - 96.9%	97% and above
	Last week % 05.05.26 – 08.05.26	This week % 11.05.26 – 15.05.26
Reception	96.3%	93.3%
Year 1	97.8%	97.9%
Year 2	98.3%	97.3%
Year 3	98.4%	95.5%
Year 4	98.4%	97.2%
Year 5	95.7%	97.5%
Year 6	99.2%	98.8%
Whole School Total	97.7%	96.8%

Congratulations to Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 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.