1st May 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,

Thank you so much to our wonderful Year 5 class for their triumphant retelling of the Easter story last week. Special thanks also go to Mrs Rajeev, Mrs Warner, Mrs Harding-Smith and Mr Owens. I know that many of you, like myself, thoroughly enjoyed the performance. I would also like to thank our special guests, Fr Damien and Mr Coen, Headteacher of St John Payne, who I know were both highly impressed by the performance.

This week has been another busy, fun-filled week at school, with Reception enjoying a visit to RHS Garden Hyde Hall, Year 2 participating in the 3-Tees cricket at New Hall School, and our amazing netball team in action once again. In addition, the girls' football team played at Great Leighs.

Year 6 have completed their mock SATs this week, and across the school children are working hard to prepare for SATs, the phonics screening and the multiplication check. All your support at home really does help. I hope all the children and their families enjoy a well-earned extra day's rest on Monday.

Warmest wishes and God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

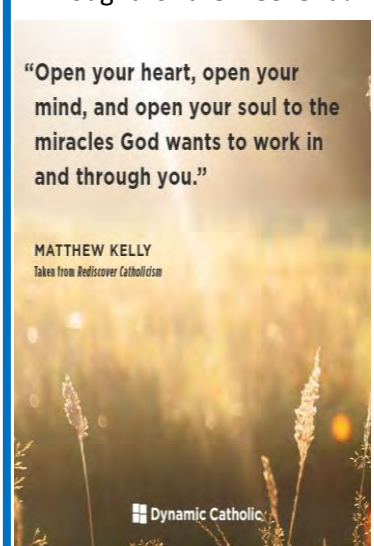
Notices

- **Year 5 trip to the Science Museum 5/5**
- **Year 6 rounders team at Boswells 3.30pm-5.30pm 5/5**
- **Please ensure children's uniform is labelled with their names we have a large quantity of lost property with no names!**

Catholic life of the school



Thought for the weekend!

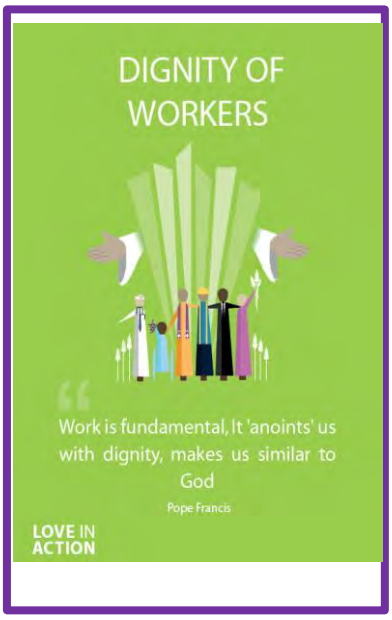


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Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources





DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:

New information will be presented in red

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 Choir – rehearsal for Junior Music Festival 12.45pm – 3pm @ Mildmay School
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
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
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
Saturday, 4th	Friends Association Summer Festival
Friday, 17th	LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.15PM - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Monday, 20th	INSET DAY

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 1ST MAY

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (453)	3rd (456)	2nd (424)	4th (398)

MERIT BADGE

WEEK ENDING 1st May 2026

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

Reception	Alaiyah	Lara
Year 1	Ezra	Orla
Year 2	Clara	Godswill
Year 3	Jessica	Kobi
Year 4	Ella	Amari
Year 5	Agatha	Filip
Year 6	Jennifer	Johan

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 1st May 2026

Reception	Teniola	Ava-Grace
Year 1	Soujoud	Monaè
Year 2	Kezia	Isla
Year 3	Ethan	Rachel
Year 4	Graciella	Anna
Year 5	Oscar	Esme
Year 6	Hanna	Elijah

Friends Association News

The friends association have raised the following for the year so far:

- Autumn disco - £582
- Festive day - £2,298
- Break the rules day - £345
- Lent reading - £410
- Preloved clothing - £280

Christmas gift sale - £582
Christmas wreath making - £161
Spring disco - £735
Talent show - £500

Thank you for your continued support

Summer Festival

This will be on Sat 4th July.

We are looking for raffle prizes and a sponsor for the grand draw. If anyone or their work places are able to offer any prizes/ sponsorship then please contact one of your Friends Association reps or email friends@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

Many thanks The Friends

MENU WEEK COMMENCING – 5th May– 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**

Sporting activities at OLI

Bee Netball Match - Tuesday, 28th April

On Tuesday, our Year 6 netball team travelled to Great Leighs for the final game of the league. They continued their impressive winning streak, securing a fantastic 11–3 victory! The team showed great skill, teamwork and determination throughout.



Girls football match – Thursday, 30th April

On Thursday, our girls' football team travelled to Great Leighs. They played brilliantly and showed great teamwork even though they lost the match.



Year 2 – 3-Tees

On Tuesday, Year 2 visited New Hall School to take part in an exciting 3 Tees cricket event, where 28 teams competed! The children were superb - everyone took part with enthusiasm and represented our school brilliantly. It was a fantastic day of sport and teamwork for all!



Year 5 – RE Art work









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 % 20.04.26 – 24.04.26	This week % 27.04.26 – 01.05.26
Reception	92.7%	98%
Year 1	97.5%	90.4%
Year 2	98%	99.3%
Year 3	97.7%	98.7%
Year 4	98.7%	96.1%
Year 5	98.1%	95.3%
Year 6	92.8%	100%
Whole School Total	96.5%	96.9%

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.