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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 would like to share with you all that, from September, we will have a new Deputy Headteacher joining us. Mrs Yve Chuck is joining us from St Bede's Catholic Primary School in Chadwell Heath, where she is currently Assistant Headteacher. She is very excited to be joining us and I know everyone will make her feel very welcome.

This week, many of our children completed assessments. In Year 1, there was the Phonics Screening Check, and in Year 4, the Multiplication Check. As always, our wonderful children worked hard, and the progress they have all made this year is incredible. I am sure, like me, you will want to thank all our dedicated and hardworking staff who support them.

There was lots of sporting action again this week, which is shared below. We also enjoyed a lovely assembly from Year 3 on Monday all about the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. Thank you to Mrs Kew, Mrs Waring and Mrs Sharp for their work in preparing the children.

Year 5 and Reception also learned more about road safety from the Essex Road Safety Team. On that note, I would like to remind parents and carers that they should not be parking on the kerb along New London Road, in the staff or church car parks during pick-up and drop-off times.

Warmest regards and God bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

Notices

- **Year 6 residential 15th-17th June.**
- **Year 4 History alive day 16/6**
- **Junior Music Festival 18/6**

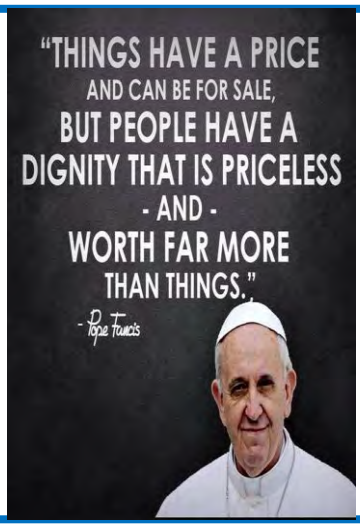
Catholic life of the school





Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ





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Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources



Our Values



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:

New information will be presented in red

JUNE 2026	
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
Friday, 19th	Father's Day Gift Sale
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 Gotta Dance performance at Chelmsford Civic Theatre New Reception class intake meeting @ 3.45pm
Thursday, 25th	Reception trip to Chelmsford Museum
Friday, 26th	Year 3 Going Forth Mass @ 2pm (details coming soon) Year 5 visiting SJP for Jewish Living Experience
Monday, 29th	Year 2 - Mini Games
JULY 2026	
Wednesday, 1st	Non-uniform day – bring a bottle Reception and Year 6 Mass – 9.30am in the Church SJP science teachers visiting years 4 & 5
Thursday, 2nd	Year 6 - The Rosary Trust retreat day to St. Thomas Mores, Colchester
Friday, 3rd	Year 6 trip to Adventure Island Year 5 – Taster Day at St. John Payne
Saturday, 4th	Friends Association Summer Festival
Wednesday, 8th	Reception trip to Chelmsford Market Year 5 Mass – 9.30am in the Church
Thursday, 9th	Transition afternoon – 1.30pm – 2.45pm
Friday, 10th	Year 6 to Chelmsford Museum (am)
Monday, 13th	Year 6 Production – dress rehearsal
Tuesday, 14th	Year 6 Production – details coming soon
Thursday, 16th	Year 6 Leavers Mass – 6pm in the Church
Friday, 17th	Crazy Hair Day 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
2nd(522)	3rd(524)	1st(493)	4th(465)

MERIT BADGE

WEEK ENDING 12th June 2026

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

Reception	Teniola	Arthur
Year 1	Noelani	Freya
Year 2	Helena	Hector
Year 3	Alex	Neve
Year 4	Anna	Amari
Year 5	Emma	Matheo
Year 6	Panbhu	Tommy

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 12th June 2026

Reception	Alaiyah	Awura
Year 1	All of year 1	
Year 2	Kiyomi	Finley
Year 3	Meeran	Theodora
Year 4	Prisca	Raine-Esme
Year 5	Molly	Ciara
Year 6	Anna	Charlie

First Holy Communion

Congratulations and best wishes to Rachel who received the Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion.



Year 4 Poetry Competition

Some children from year 4 took part in a poetry competition with the other schools in the Rosary Trust last Thursday, 4th June.





Congratulations!

We are delighted to share that Truman finished in 3rd place in the Under-8 category at the Essex Mega Final of the 2026 Delancey UK Chess Challenge on 31 May 2026.

A wonderful achievement, well done Truman!



MENU WEEK COMMENCING – 15th June – 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?

From September 2026, **all pupils** whose parents are in receipt of Universal Credit are entitled to Free School Meals.

If you earn less than £7,400 a year you will also be eligible for Pupil Premium.

If you think you are entitled to this, please contact the School Office.





Sporting activities at OLI

District Sports - Monday, 8th June

On Monday, a group of Year 6 pupils took part in the District Sports event at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre. Despite having to compete in rainy conditions, the children showed great determination and enthusiasm throughout the day. It was an enjoyable and successful event, with all participants representing the school exceptionally well.

Basketball – Tuesday, 9th June



A truly fantastic effort from the Year 5 basketball team on Tuesday. Competing in a group of three teams, they secured a win against Mildmay and earned a draw against New Hall. They narrowly missed out on a top-three medal position by just one goal.

In the 4th-place play-off group, the team continued their impressive form, defeating both Westlands and St. Andrews to finish 4th overall in the competition.

Congratulations to all 14 players involved who represented the school with great enthusiasm, teamwork and determination. Every player played an important part in the team's success, and they should all be very proud of their achievements.



Reception class – Balance Bikes – Thursday, 11th June

Reception class took part in a balance bike session run by Chelmsford Sports Partnership.

Boys Football match – Great Leighs v OLI



The year 6 boys team played a match against Great Leigh's. We started well, taking the lead, but conceded soon after. Despite dominating the first half, the score remained 1-1 with a great individual goal by Jack. The second half was very similar with OLI playing great football but just not being able to score against a very strong goalkeeper. Great Leigh's scored against the run of play to make it 2-1. Tommy managed to get an equaliser for the team. OLI pushed for a winner, but again the keeper made some great saves and with seconds remaining, Great Leigh's scored a 3rd to win the game. Whilst the boys were gutted to lose, they should take heart from a good display, and the fact they came up against an inspired goalkeeper!

Friends Association News

Fundraising so far this year:

Currently we are raising funds for the agreed contribution towards IT for the school.



Father's Day gift sale 🎁 Father's Day Gift Sale – Friday 19th June 🎁

Children will have the opportunity to buy a special gift for the dads, grandads, uncles, carers, and other important men in their lives at our school Father's Day Gift Sale.

⭐ £3 per gift

⭐ Children can buy multiple gifts

⭐ Lots of lovely items to choose from

To help us plan, please pre-purchase tickets where possible:

https://pta.events/olifathersday2026

Every purchase helps support the school, funding resources such as iPads, laptops, our new piano, and other valuable equipment.

Thank you for your support! 💙

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. We will be looking for volunteers to assist prior to the event and during the event. We will also be asking for donations for hampers, teddies for the teddy tombola and sweets. We will have a bring a bottle for dress down day on Wed 1st July

More details including ticket sales will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Many thanks for your continued support

The Friends

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 % 02.06.26 – 05.06.26	This week % 08.06.26 – 12.06.26
Reception	97%	95.7%
Year 1	98.2%	94.6%
Year 2	98.3%	99.3%
Year 3	95.2%	96.5%
Year 4	99.2%	96.8%
Year 5	91%	98.1%
Year 6	96.1%	97.2%
Whole School Total	96.5%	96.9%

Congratulations to Reception, years 1, 2 & 4 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.