5th June 2026

Issue 33

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 final half of this summer term.

Our value for this half term is Dignity. Pope Francis reminded us that, “Human dignity is the same for all human beings; when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own.” I believe that if we can instil nothing else in our children, it should be this simple truth. Being kind is the most important of all our golden rules; as a community, let us pray that we can embody this in all that we do.

This first week of term has set the tone for the rest — it has been busy. On Wednesday, Year 1 had a lovely visit to Colchester Zoo to learn more about endangered animals and where our food comes from. Year 3 visited New Hall School for a fitness event, and on Thursday we hosted the first-ever Rosary Trust poetry competition, attended by teams from all seven Trust schools. All the children were wonderful.

Our Lady Immaculate and St Thomas More’s Schools were joint overall winners!

Please do keep an eye on our diary dates for all the events we have coming up this term.

Warmest regards and God bless,

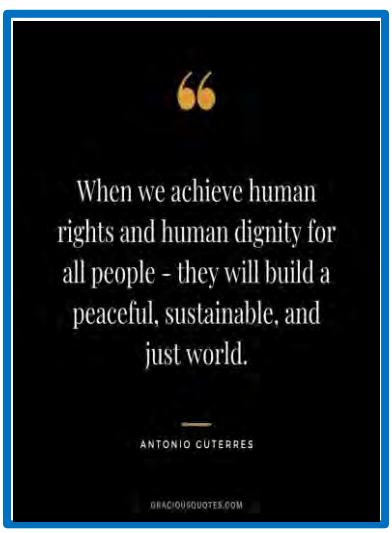
Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

Notices

- **Summer uniform to be worn from now on only, for more info please see** School Uniform – Our Lady Immaculate School
- **Year 3 assembly 2.45pm 8/6**
- **For details of all events see below**

Catholic life of the school





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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

JUNE 2026	
Monday, 8th	Year 3 class assembly – parents welcome District Sports – Athletics - 4pm CSAC (year 6 children contacted)
Tuesday, 9th	School class photographs Basketball competition – GBHS – 4pm (year 5 children contacted)
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
Thursday, 11th	Year 6 boys football team – Great Leighs v OLI collection at 2.45pm
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
Monday, 13th	Year 6 Production – dress rehearsal

JULY 2026 CONT…	
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

First Holy Communion

Congratulations and best wishes to Cameron, Molly and Jan who received the Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion last Sunday.







HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 15th MAY

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (506)	4th(509)	3rd(476)	2nd(453)

MERIT BADGE

WEEK ENDING 5th June 2026

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

Reception	Ava-Grace	Kara
Year 1	Chizi	Noelani
Year 2	Aaliyah	Kezia
Year 3	Angel	Cameron
Year 4	Zerah	Fabian
Year 5	Ysabella	Richmond
Year 6	Sienna	Harry

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 5th June 2026

Reception	Shalom	Lilia
Year 1	Isla-Mae	Israel
Year 2	Odhran	Thiem
Year 3	Daisy	Jan
Year 4	Joshua	Emily
Year 5	Agatha	Kaleb
Year 6	Julian	Matilda

MENU WEEK COMMENCING – 8th June – 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?

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

Netball - Tuesday, 2nd June

On Tuesday, our Year 6 netball team travelled to Widford Lodge for a friendly match. It was a very close and competitive game, with both teams playing brilliantly throughout. Despite a great effort from everyone, we unfortunately lost 10–6.

Elijah was voted both the Opposition's Player and the Players' Player for his outstanding performance, while Tommy was awarded Coach's Player. A huge well done to the whole team for showing determination, teamwork, and resilience. They never gave up and tried their very best from start to finish.



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

This will be Friday 19th June in school. Payment for present sales will go online soon the link will be sent out.

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 % 18.05.26 – 22.05.26	This week % 02.06.26 – 05.06.26
Reception	98.3%	97%
Year 1	98.6%	98.2%
Year 2	99.3%	98.3%
Year 3	94.5%	95.2%
Year 4	94.7%	99.2%
Year 5	87.2%	91%
Year 6	90.6%	96.1%
Whole School Total	94.6%	96.5%

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.