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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 am delighted to update you on staffing for the next academic year. Sadly, this means saying goodbye and good luck to some very valued members of staff.

Miss Schultz has decided to take what we hope will not be too long a break from classroom teaching. Mrs Williams (Office Administrator) is leaving to pursue a new role in a different sector, and Miss Zielinski is leaving us to enjoy her very well-deserved retirement. We wish them all the very best for the future; they will be greatly missed.

However, I am sure you will want to join me in welcoming and congratulating Mr Hughes, who is joining our teaching team, and Mrs Andres, who is joining our office team.

Reception: Mrs Kelly

Year 1: Mrs Southwell (Monday and Tuesday), Miss Worth (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

Year 2: Miss Hitchen

Year 3: Mrs Kew

Year 4: Mrs Haughton

Year 5: Mrs Rajeev

Year 6: Mrs Chuck, Deputy Headteacher (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday); Mr Hughes (Thursday and Friday)

Warmest regards and God bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

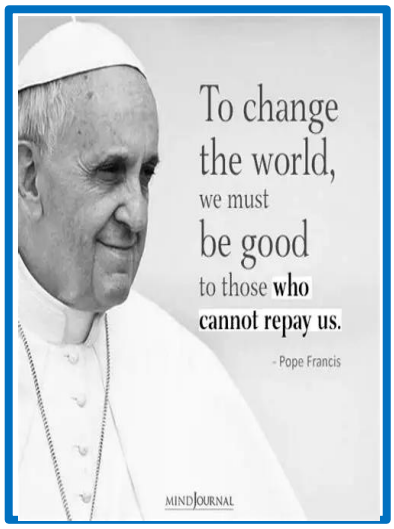
### Notices

- **Girls football match after school 6/7**
- **Rocksteady concert 7/7**
- **Meet your new teacher 9/7**
- **Year 6 Chelmsford museum visit 10/7**

### Catholic life of the school



Year 5's Jewish Living Experience at SJP




### TEN TEN

Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources



### Our Values



# DATES TO REMEMBER

**Please note:**

**New information will be presented in red**

| **JULY 2026** | |
|---|---|
| Saturday, 4th | Friends Association Summer Festival |
| Wednesday, 8th | Reception trip to Chelmsford Market<br>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 – 6pm in the school hall |
| Wednesday, 15th | Year 6 – Colour Run from 3.30pm onwards |
| Thursday, 16th | Year 6 Leavers Mass – 6pm in the Church |
| Friday, 17th | Crazy Hair Day<br>LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.15PM - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB |
| Monday, 20th | INSET DAY |
| **SEPTEMBER 2026** | |
| Tuesday, 1st | INSET DAY |
| Wednesday, 2nd | INSET DAY |
| Thursday, 3rd | First day back at school<br>Reception class parent teacher meetings |
| Friday, 4th | Reception class parent teacher meetings |
| Wednesday, 16th | Whole school flu vaccinations |

## Congratulations



Congratulations to Truman in year 3. Last weekend he competed in the Chelmsford division of the Essex Junior Association Under 9 Chess tournament where he finished in 3rd place.

# HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 3rd JULY

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

| BECKET | CAMPION | FISHER | MORE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd(568) | 2nd(565) | 2nd(537) | 1st(513) |

## MERIT BADGE

**WEEK ENDING 3rd July June 2026**

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Reception** | Ennis | Henry |
| **Year 1** | Thalia | Riley |
| **Year 2** | Edward | Nathalia |
| **Year 3** | Peter | Leila |
| **Year 4** | Khai | Kingsley |
| **Year 5** | Pola | Esme |
| **Year 6** | Elijah | Belle |

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

**WEEK ENDING 3rd July 2026**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Reception** | Aria-Jayne | Elijah |
| **Year 1** | Soujoud | Libby |
| **Year 2** | Oliver B | Maja |
| **Year 3** | TJ | Kaitlyn |
| **Year 4** | Joshua | Brooke |
| **Year 5** | Hugh T-C | Agatha |
| **Year 6** | Charlotte | Ciara |



# Year 2 Mini Games – Monday, 29th June

On Monday morning, Year 2 travelled to the Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre to take part in the Mini Games.

Children from schools across Essex entered the Mini Games art competition, and we are delighted to share that Kiyomi was the winner. Her design has been printed on all of the Mini Games certificates that will be awarded to participating children over the coming weeks.

The children also achieved some fantastic sporting results. Odhran secured third place in the boys' competition, while Kitt finished in second place. In the girls' competition, Olivia achieved second place and Clara was crowned overall winner, taking first place.

With six schools competing and more than 250 children taking part, OLI achieved an outstanding first place overall! Miss Hitchen was incredibly proud of all the children for their effort and determination throughout the day.












# Year 6 Rosary Trust Day – Thursday, 2nd July










## MENU WEEK COMMENCING – 6th July – 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.**

## 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."***

# Friends Association News

**Summer festival - Saturday 4th July, 3–5pm**

Tickets and wristbands for bouncy castles can also be bought via this link. Wrist bands will be £10 and include 5 tickets for games.

Online raffle tickets are now on sale online, with prizes including an iPad and much more. Tickets can be bought in advance and also on the day.

https://pta.events/6vartfqw

Many thanks for your continued support

The Friends

# Attendance Data

| 94% and below | 94% - 96.9% | 97% and above |
|---|---|---|
| | Last week %<br>22.06.26-26.06.26 | This week %<br>29.06.26-03.07.26 |
| Reception | 94.7% | 95.7% |
| Year 1 | 89.6% | 96.4% |
| Year 2 | 93.7% | 98.7% |
| Year 3 | 91.9% | 99.7% |
| Year 4 | 96.5% | 98.4% |
| Year 5 | 94.4% | 95.3% |
| Year 6 | | 94.7% |
| Whole School Total | 93.5% | 97% |

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.

# OLI SUMMER FESTIVAL

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

## SATURDAY 4TH JULY

## 3PM – 5PM

## ON THE OLI SCHOOL FIELD































**ENTRY**
**£1.00**
STANDARD

**INFLATABLES WRISTBAND**
**£10**
INCLUDES 5 GAMES TOKENS

**ADDITIONAL TOKENS**
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
ON THE DAY!

**BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE!**
https://pta.events/festival
Get your entry tickets and inflatable wristbands online and skip the queue on the day!

GREAT FOOD · AMAZING PRIZES · GOOD TIMES · GREAT COMMUNITY