18th September 2026

Issue 3

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,

As the weather changes and the children have now been back together in school for over two weeks, it is normal at this time of year for seasonal coughs and colds to begin circulating. The DfE has produced some helpful guidance to help parents understand whether their child is too ill to attend school. Please watch their video Illness absence and staying healthy and refer to the attached guidance.

I would also like to remind you that coats and raincoats may be any plain colour, but should not be patterned or display large logos.

If your child missed their flu vaccination in school this week, please note that there are a number of catch-up clinics running across the county where children can receive their vaccine. For more information, please visit the Vaccination UK catch-up clinics webpage. Catch-up Clinics - Vaccination UK

I hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend.

Warmest regards and God bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

Notices

- 23/09 9.30 Year 5 mass
- 23/09 10am Girls football tournament at Great Baddow High School
- 23/09 1pm Boys football tournament at Great Baddow High School
- Thank you for all your kind toy donations to reception.

Catholic life of the school

A new school prayer

We would like a new school prayer that represents our community, so we are inviting all children to write a prayer.

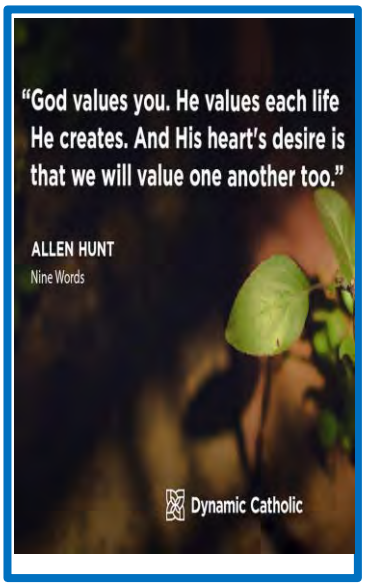
The winning prayer will be published in our newsletter and shared in assemblies and at special celebrations.

Your prayer should be no more than 150 words. We would prefer entries to be handwritten.

Fr Barto will help to select the winning prayer.

Entries must be given to your class teacher by Friday 2nd October.

Please ensure your full name is clearly written on your entry.

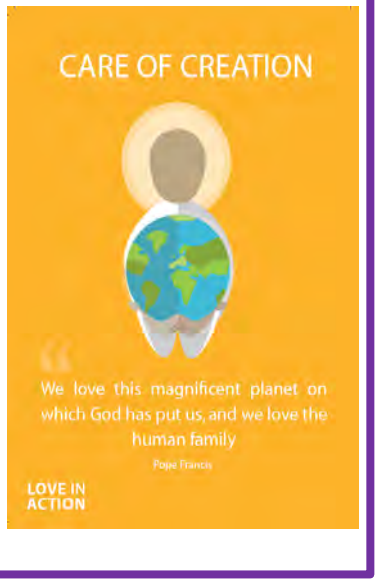


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Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources





DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:

New information will be presented in red

SEPTEMBER 2026	
Wednesday, 23rd	9.30am Year 5 mass 10am KS2 Girls football at Great Baddow High School 1pm KS2 Boys football Great Baddow High School
Tuesday, 29th	Parent Workshop-Ordinarily Available
Wednesday, 30th	9.30am Year 4 Mass 1.30pm Year 6 netball rally at St Anne's Preparatory School
OCTOBER 2026	
Monday, 5th	9.30am LKS2 tag rugby at Writtle College 1pm UKS2 tag rugby at Writtle College
Tuesday, 6th	Individual pupil photos
Wednesday, 7th	9.30am Year 3 mass
Tuesday, 13th	2.45pm Harvest Festival assembly Years 1 and 2 parents welcome to attend KS1 Boys and Girls football at Great Baddow High School
Wednesday, 14th	9.30am Year 2 mass
Thursday, 15th	Drama workshop for Reception, Year 1 and 2
Monday, 19th	3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents evening details to follow for all except Year 4
Tuesday, 20th	3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents evening for Year 4
Wednesday, 21st	9.30am Year 1 mass 3.30pm – 6.30pm Parents evening
Friday, 23rd	**INSET day – school closed to all pupils**

INDIVIDUAL/SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS

AJS Photographic will be visiting the school on Tuesday, 6th October to take children's individual photographs. All children will be photographed, however parents are under no obligation to purchase them.

If any parent wishes to have siblings photographs, please send a letter/email for the attention of Mrs Wright clearly stating your wishes by **Friday, 2nd October**. Verbal messages from children will **NOT** be accepted nor will letters/emails be accepted after this date.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Wright in the office via:
parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 18th September

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (24)	2nd (23)	3rd (19)	4th (13)

MERIT BADGE

WEEK ENDING 18th September 2026

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

Reception		
Year 1	Ava-Grace	Arthur
Year 2	Monica	Israel
Year 3	Olivia	Helena
Year 4	Naia	Ethan
Year 5	Fabian	Zuzanna
Year 6	Sonia	Hugh K

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 18th September 2026

Reception		
Year 1	Kara	Jack
Year 2	Emma	Henry
Year 3	Evie	Thiem
Year 4	Tadhg	Daisy
Year 5	Addyson	Xander
Year 6	Buddy	Sienna

MENU WEEK COMMENCING – 21st September – 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.



A Little Cup of Kindness – Ciara's Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are incredibly proud of our own past pupil, **11-year-old Ciara Harrison**, who is putting our school values into action by organising her very own **Macmillan Coffee Morning next Sunday the 20th September in the Church Hall.**

Ciara will be there from **10am until approximately 2pm**, covering both the **10am and 12pm Masses**, serving tea, coffee, cake and juice, alongside her beautiful **handmade breast cancer awareness bracelets**, which she has lovingly made over the summer to sell in aid of Macmillan.

Inspired by her aunt's courageous battle with breast cancer over the last year, Ciara wanted to do something positive to help others affected by cancer.

We would love to see our school community come along, support Ciara and help her make a difference. It is a wonderful example of the compassion, kindness and community spirit we hope to inspire in our children.

Year 6 Autumn Term Prefect

HEAD GIRL	HEAD BOY
Pola	Oscar
Deputy Head Girl	**Deputy Head Boy**
Esme	Chibiufem

	HOUSE CAPTAINS		
FISHER	**BECKET**	**CAMPION**	**MORE**
Emma	Agatha	Hugh K	Avery
Sonia	Molly	Leo	Sienna

GATE PREFECTS	PE PREFECTS	CLASSROOM PREFECTS	COMPUTER LEADERS
Tyler	Ayden	Matheo	Emma
Agatha	Richmond	Ciara	Buddy
Jaelan	Jocelyn		
Sonia	Filip		
LITURGICAL SINGING	**LANYARD PREFECT**	**MOBILE PHONE**	**COMMUNICATION BOOK**
Peter	Sienna	Charlotte	Heavenly
Charlene		(Deputy) Emma	
	ASSEMBLY PREFECTS		
Ronnie	Sophia	Adhvik	Elsie

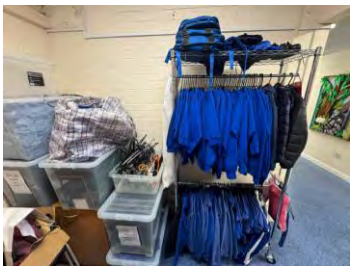
Friends Association News

OLI Friends association AGM
Tuesday 6th October 7pm in the School hall

Everyone is welcome to join us for the AGM where we will discuss the last years fundraising, and some planned events for the upcoming term. If you would like to join the team in any capacity or would like to give suggestions or hear about the fundraising, then please join us.

Pre-loved uniform sale
We have a large amount of uniform available for sale via the front office. aww ha
amount of the smaller sizes in particular. We just ask for a small donation to the
With regards

The Friends Association



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 % 07.09.26 – 11.09.26	This week % 14.09.26 – 18.09.26
Reception		
Year 1	94.1%	90.3%
Year 2	99.3%	95.0%
Year 3	98.7%	94.4%
Year 4	98.6%	93.3%
Year 5	97.2%	99.1%
Year 6	95.8%	98.8%
Whole School Total	97.3%	94.4%

Congratulations to years 5 & 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.