9th October 2026

Issue 6

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,

Just a reminder that, as the weather gets cooler, please ensure your child comes to school with a jumper/cardigan and/or coat, all clearly labelled with their name.

Thank you for your generous donations to our Harvest Festival food collection for the Little Edi Foundation. Your support is greatly appreciated, and donations are still very welcome.

We are also celebrating the Month of the Rosary in school. Please find below a helpful link with ideas for how you can celebrate this special month as a family at home:

Celebrating the Month of the Rosary as a Family – Into the Deep

Lastly, this week I had the pleasure of attending our Friends Association Annual General Meeting, and I wanted to share a reflection from one of the current committee members

"As a working parent, I rarely did the school run, so I found helping out at events was a great way to meet people and make friends within the school community."

There are so many benefits to volunteering and lots of exciting events coming up. If you are able to lend a hand, even for just an hour, your support would be greatly appreciated. We would love to see more parents and carers get involved in helping to strengthen our wonderful school community.

Warmest regards and God bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

- **Notices**

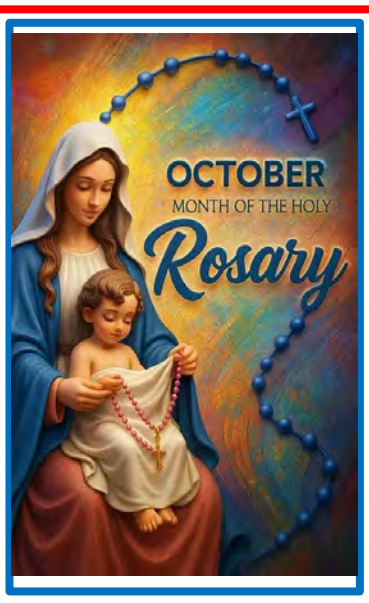
- **12/10 3.30pm Boys and Girls football teams matches at Great Baddow High School**
- **13/10 2.45pm Year 1 and 2 Harvest festival assembly**
- **15/10 EYFS and KS1 Drama workshops**

Catholic life of the school

Across the school at the start of the academic year, all the children focus on creation and covenant in RE. Please see some of the extraordinary homework produced in Year 6 by Agatha and Sienna.





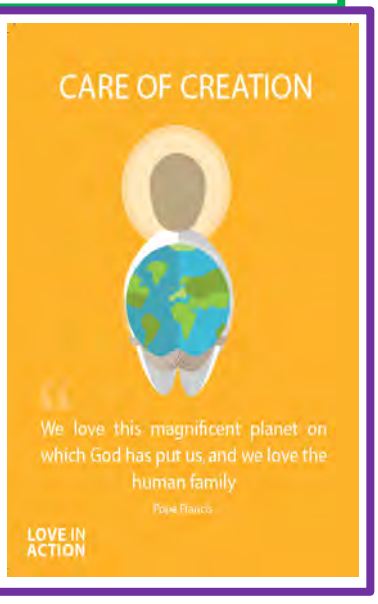


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Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources





DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:

New information will be presented in red

OCTOBER 2026	
Monday, 12th	KS1 boys football competition (selected pupils)
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
Thursday, 22nd	Friends Association - Dare to say yes day (info below)
Friday, 23rd	**INSET day – school closed to all pupils**
NOVEMBER 2026	
Wednesday, 4th	All Saints Mass at 9.30am
Friday, 6th	Fancy dress family disco 5.30 – 7.30pm school hall (ticket event)
Wednesday, 11th	Year 5 Remembrance Day assembly 2.45pm
Friday, 13th	Children in Need day – 26 Step Dance Challenge CAFOD – Bright Clothes Day £1 donation
Monday, 23rd	Year 6 Bikeability (selected pupils)
Tuesday, 24th	Year 6 Bikeability (selected pupils)
Wednesday, 25th	Wreath making 7-9pm school hall **(SOLD OUT)**
DECEMBER 2026	
Sunday, 6th	OLI Christmas fun day and festive fun run 10am – 1pm (info below)
Wednesday, 2nd	Christmas Panto – Aladdin (in school, pupils only)
Friday, 11th	Elfridges Christmas Gift sale - pre purchase only, cashless event!

MENU WEEK COMMENCING – 12th October – 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.

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 9th October 2026

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (70)	3rd (64)	2nd (69)	4th (53)

MERIT BADGE

WEEK ENDING 9th October 2026

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

Reception	Rahael	Pearl
Year 1	Lucja	Shalam
Year 2	Riley	Noelani
Year 3	Kiyomi	Gaia
Year 4	Truman	Annie
Year 5	Philip	Eloise
Year 6	Sienna	Pola

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 9th October 2026

Reception	Chantel	Michael
Year 1	Michael	Lara
Year 2	Orla	Mugunthan
Year 3	Clara	Odhran
Year 4	Theodora	Hannah
Year 5	Anna	Aidan
Year 6	Adhvik	Oscar

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."

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.

Friends Association News

OLI Friends – Upcoming Events are LIVE! 🎉

Tickets are now available to pre-purchase on our website. Most events will now be cashless and pre-paid, helping us reduce banking fees so more money goes back to the school. 💚

Coming up:

1. 🤪 Dare to Say Yes Day – £2 per pupil for up to 4 dares
2. 🕺 Fancy Dress Family Disco –£3 per person
3. 🎄 Wreath Making - Sold out!
4. 🎅 Christmas Family Fun Day & Fun Run - Grotto, crafts, tombolas and more
5. 🎁 Elfridges Gift Sale – Pre-purchase gifts for family, friends, teachers or pets

Book here: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/oli-school-friends-association/index.cfm

If you can have an estate agent board put up for the Christmas event, please complete the form below. Every board put up raises money for the friends association.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7zNkmw-ebSp4CrwSISjuKYs-x0qRkyGHDxVwrceezt3wsuA/viewform

We will be sending out the AGM report via WhatsApp with our fundraising updates. But, here are links for easy ways to help us raise more money for the school-

Preloved uniform - available from the office for a small donation

Clothes bank- recycle unwanted clothes in the container in the playground.

Workplace donations- check if your employer supports charities- opt for OLI friends association.

Easy fundraising - earn as you shop www.easyfundraising.org.uk and enter to support 'Our lady immaculate school-Chelmsford'

Parents lottery- a prize drawer every Friday, with the chance to win £25,000 and other prizes. www.theparentslottery.org

My name tags- www.mynametags.com. The school earns 24% for every purchase. Enter the schools fundraising number at checkout 50375

Stikins- www.stikins.co.uk. The school earns 30% for every purchase. Enter the schools fundraising number at checkout 36076

Holiday club commission- we earn when clubs such as barracuda's are booked- ask the friends for further info

This year's big fundraising goal: replacing the much-loved school field hut, which is now beyond repair. Every ticket, donation and bit of support helps us get closer.

Thank you for supporting OLI Friends 💚

OLI Friends Association

Attendance Data

94% and below	94% - 96.9%	97% and above
	Last week % 28.09.26 – 02.10.26	This week % 05.10.26 – 09.10.26
Reception	89.7%	94.3%
Year 1	96.0%	93.3%
Year 2	99.3%	96.9%
Year 3	94.7%	94.7%
Year 4	91.0%	89.9%
Year 5	98.8%	98.7%
Year 6	94.4%	94.8%
Whole School Total	95.0%	94.7%

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.