16th October 2026

Issue 7

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 penultimate week of this half term draws to a close and it feels as though autumn has finally arrived, we would like to thank you all for your incredible generosity in donating so much to this year's Harvest Festival food collection for the Little Edi Foundation. We have been truly overwhelmed by your kindness and inspired by the support shown, particularly as we continue to navigate the challenges of the current cost of living crisis.

I am sure that our Key Stage 1 parents thoroughly enjoyed the wonderful Harvest Assembly this week. My sincere thanks go to Miss Hitchen, Miss Worth, Mrs Southwell, and all the staff who worked so hard to prepare the children so well.

For more details about the many exciting events that have been taking place in school, please visit our website. You will also find updated information about our curriculum there. Our Lady Immaculate School

Finally, please see the details below for an upcoming online course run by Kids Inspire. At a time when children's mental health is at the forefront of many parents' minds, this course may provide valuable insights and support. Select tickets – Looking beyond behaviour: Helping children regulate stress, anxiety and overwhelm – Zoom

Warmest regards and God bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

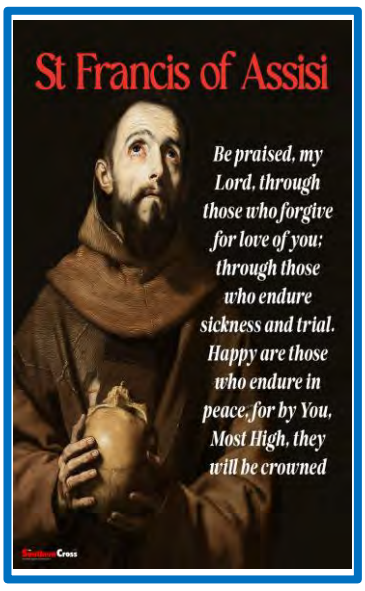
- **Notices**

- **19/10/26 and 21/10/26 parents evening-if you have not booked an appointment please do so asap.**
- **22/10/26 Friends association break the rules day.**
- **23/10/26 Non-pupil day, pupils return to school on Monday 2/11.**

Catholic life of the school

PLEASE PUT A PHOTO OF LITTLE EDI HARVEST FOODBANK DONATIONS!





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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, 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!

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."

Child Protection & Safeguarding

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.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING – 19th October – 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.



HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 16th October 2026

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (86)	3rd (81)	2nd (85)	4th (66)

MERIT BADGE

WEEK ENDING 16th October 2026

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

Reception	Grace	Orla
Year 1	Lily	Onyi
Year 2	Monae	Kaylyn
Year 3	Serin-Teresa	Ayla
Year 4	Antoni	Peter
Year 5	Addyson	Israel
Year 6	Molly	Kaleb

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 16th October 2026

Reception	James	Lara-Sophie
Year 1	Alaiyah	Teniola
Year 2	Libby	Freya
Year 3	Edward	Aaliyah
Year 4	Meeran	Kobi
Year 5	Ella	Amari
Year 6	Sophia	Avery

REMINDER

Please could you make sure your child comes to school ready with all they need for their school day.

This would alleviate the need for the office staff interrupting classrooms to deliver late items



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

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 💚

DROP OFF AND PICK UP PARKING

Please note parents are **NOT** to use the staff car park (front of school) for drop off or collection at any time.



Attendance Data

94% and below	94% - 96.9%	97% and above
	Last week % 05.10.26 – 09.10.26	This week % 12.10.26 – 16.10.26
Reception	94.3%	95.9%
Year 1	93.3%	98.0%
Year 2	96.9%	96.7%
Year 3	94.7%	93.7%
Year 4	89.9%	86.8%
Year 5	98.7%	98.1%
Year 6	94.8%	96.0%
Whole School Total	94.7%	94.9%

Well done Year 1 & Year 5!

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.