13th November 2026

Issue 10

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,

Brighten up day for Cafod was a wonderful success today and we certainly will all be 'seen' on way home tonight! Thank you to Mrs Kelly for organising and for all your donations, if you are still to donate here is the link to our just giving page. https://www.justgiving.com/page/mrs-gibbs-2?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

This week we also commemorated the sacrifices of those who have served in conflicts from the first world war onwards. We marked this with a two minute silence in school and a wonderfully informative assembly from our Year 5. Thank you to Mrs Rajeev and Mrs Warner for all their hard work preparing the children, their beautiful singing was a particular highlight.

In class the children have all been learning more about engineering, designing and building inventions using cardboard and household items. I have been fascinated by all the work the children have done. A big congratulations to Mrs Southwell, our design and technology lead, for organising such a great week of activities for the children to inspire all our future engineers and inventors!

This coming week we will be marking anti-bullying week, with a range of activities organised by our anti-bullying ambassadors and Mrs Daley.

Warmest regards and God bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

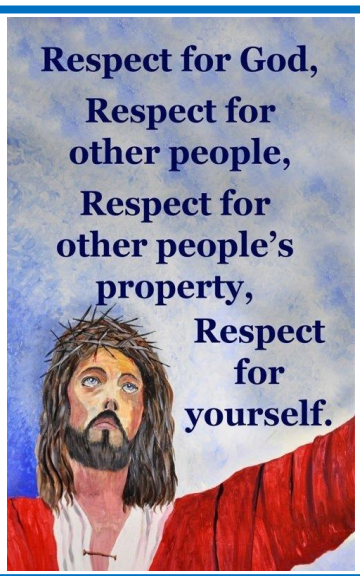
Notices

- **18/11 Tree works on New Writtle Street may affect access to New Writtle Street.**
- **19/11 Year 5/6 Tag rugby comp after school at Mildmay school.**
- **20/11 Odd sock day for anti-bullying week**

Catholic life of the school

'It was an honour to be given the responsibility of taking the Reception children to their first mass with our school community.' –Pola Head Girl

'I was extremely proud to have the opportunity to look after our buddies in mass. They really seemed to enjoy it and Year 6 can't wait to do it again.' –Oscar Head Boy



TEN TEN

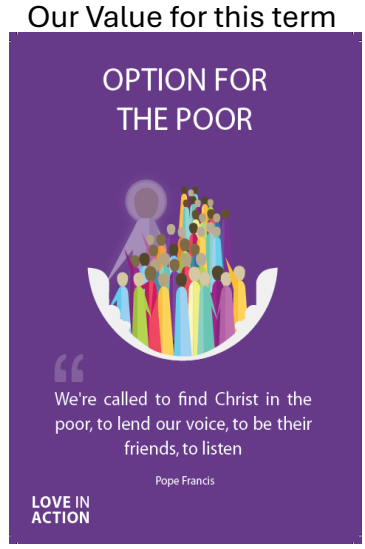
Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten

Resources



Our Value for this term



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:

New information will be presented in red

NOVEMBER 2026	
Friday, 13th	CAFOD – Bright Clothes Day £1 donation
Thursday, 19th	Year 5 & 6 girls Tag Rugby at Mildmay (selected pupils)
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	
Wednesday, 2nd	Christmas Panto – Aladdin (in school, pupils only)
Sunday, 6th	OLI Christmas fun day and festive fun run 10am – 1pm (info below)
Monday, 7th	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production 2.30 pm - **Year 2 parents only**
Tuesday, 8th	Feast Day Mass
Wednesday, 9th	Year 3 Mass at 9.30am in the Church Children's Christmas Lunch
Thursday, 10th	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production 9.30 am – **EYFS & Year 1 parents only**
Friday, 11th	Elfridges Christmas Gift sale - pre purchase only, cashless event!
Tuesday, 15th	KS2 Christmas Production at 2pm
JANUARY 2027	
Wednesday, 6th	Epiphany Whole School Mass
Friday, 19th	Year 5 trip to The National Ark Gallery

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.



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 – 16th November – 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 13th November 2026
(figures in brackets refer to aggregated totals from the start of term)

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
3rd (129)	1st (135)	2nd (131)	4th (115)

MERIT BADGE

WEEK ENDING 13th November 2026
(Merit Badges are awarded for demonstrating the Value of the Week)

Reception	Dylan	Stella
Year 1	Elsie-Rose	Rowan
Year 2	Thalia	Samuel
Year 3	Nathalia	Thiem
Year 4	Angel	Richmond
Year 5	Joshua	Brooke
Year 6	Buddy	Esme

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 13th November 2026

Reception	Eira	Katherine Anna
Year 1	Arthur	Sienna
Year 2	Isaac	Sophia
Year 3	Kitt	Adaora
Year 4	Alex	Lewis
Year 5	Alexander	Jessica
Year 6	Tyler	Charlene

Admissions 2027 - 2028

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2027, you must apply for a school place by **15th January 2027** via the Essex County Council admissions website:
www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Please note that all parents must apply, even if your child already has a sibling attending Our Lady Immaculate Primary School.

In addition, if you are applying for a place at Our Lady Immaculate Primary School, please ensure that the Supplementary Admissions Information Form 2027 to 2028 is completed and returned to the school office by 15th January 2027.

Friends Association News

We hope everyone had an amazing time the Fancy-Dress Disco 🪩🎉

We're thrilled to have raised nearly £1,300 towards our new outdoor classroom! 💚

A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered in any way — from set-up and clear-down, to running stalls, helping throughout the evening, and of course our BBQ Bros keeping everyone fed!

Christmas artwork ordering

The online shop will close at **midday** Wednesday the 18th of November. Please place your order all orders before midday!
Placing an order is very simple. Each design card has a QR code on. Just scan the code and follow the link or enter the website name as it appears on the card, follow the steps and place your order.
If you haven't received the artwork or have lost it you can still place an order, just let us know and we can find their artwork number.
Thanks, The Friends Association

Tea Towels
We've opened pre-orders for our new OLI School Tea Towel — a lovely keepsake featuring self-portraits drawn by all children at the school.

They're £10 each or 2 for £18, with all profits going to OLI Friends Association to support fundraising for the school.

A great little gift for parents, grandparents or anyone connected to OLI.

Pre-order here:
https://pta.events/oliteatowel

Christmas events

We will be finalising the plans for our Christmas family fun day on Sunday 6th December. We will be in touch with further plans.

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.



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 % 02.11.26 – 06.11.26	This week % 09.11.26 – 13.11.26
Reception	93.8%	93.1%
Year 1	93.7%	94.0%
Year 2	95.8%	96.1%
Year 3	97.7%	97.8%
Year 4	95.9%	96.0%
Year 5	98.0%	98.1%
Year 6	93.7%	93.8%
Whole School Total	95.5%	95.6%

Well done Years 3 & 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.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 10am to 2.30pm in OLI SCHOOL HALL

Please do come along with the children, have fun, meet your fellow parishioners, buy some lovely Christmas presents and enjoy delicious refreshments! Everyone very welcome. All funds raised go to support our Parish.

