20th November 2026

Issue 11

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,

This week, we marked Anti-Bullying Week by learning more about what bullying is, what it is not, and how we can work together to prevent it. Thank you to Mrs Daley and our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors for all their hard work in helping us better understand bullying and how to stop it.

We appreciate that this can be an emotive subject for parents and carers, and that it is not always easy to know how best to support children. For further information, please see the following resources:

Information toolkit for parents and carers on bullying - FINAL.pdf

Helping Children Deal with Bullying & Cyberbullying | NSPCC

The children also decorated tiles as part of our plan to create a Wall of Hope in our prayer garden, reinforcing our message to 'Love thy neighbour.' The tiles were generously donated to the school by Wickes, free of charge.

If any parents or carers are tilers, or have experience of tiling, we would greatly appreciate some volunteers to help us complete the wall. If you are able to help, please email parents@.

Have a lovely weekend, and don't forget that the parish Christmas Bazaar is taking place this Sunday.

Warmest regards and God bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

Notices

- **23/11 Year 6 bikeability**
- **23/11 Year 6 padel competition at Beaulieu school**
- **24/11 All In event at Chelmsford athletic centre**
- **25/11 Year 5 mass**

Catholic life of the school



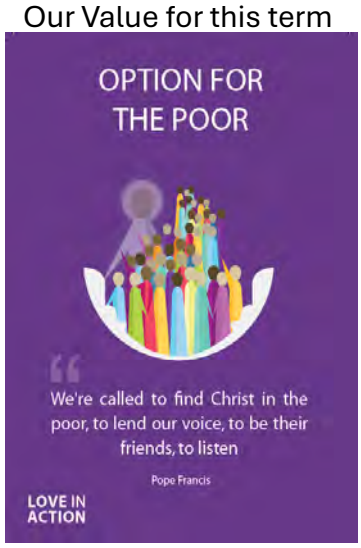


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Prayer and Liturgy Monthly Newsletter

Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources

Our Value for this term



DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note:

New information will be presented in red

NOVEMBER 2026	
Monday, 23rd	Year 6 Bikeability (selected pupils) Year 6 Padel Competition at Beaulieu School
Tuesday, 24th	Year 6 Bikeability (selected pupils) All in Event at Chelmsford Athletic Centre
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.



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.



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 – 23rd November – Week 3

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 20th November 2026
(figures in brackets refer to aggregated totals from the start of term)

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (140)	1st (148)	3rd (139)	4th (124)

MERIT BADGE

WEEK ENDING 20th November 2026
(Merit Badges are awarded for demonstrating the Value of the Week)

Reception	Kruiz	Josef
Year 1	Michael	Kara
Year 2	Mugunthan	Freya
Year 3	Clara	Godswill
Year 4	Molly	Neve
Year 5	Khai	Brooke
Year 6	Ysabella	Ciara

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 20th November 2026

Reception	Luke	Andy
Year 1	Alice	Awura Adwoa
Year 2	Henry	Charlotte
Year 3	Olivia	Stephen
Year 4	Jessica	Kaitlyn
Year 5	Sienna	Jessica
Year 6	Jocelyn	Hugh K

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

🎄 OLI Christmas Fun Day – Sunday 6th December! 🎄

It's going to be a brilliant family day with Santa's Grotto, slime making hosted by the Wonder Project, Christmas crafts, fun run at 10.30, tombolas, games, our resident BBQ Bros, tuck shop and more! 🎅 ✨

You can pre-purchase your activity tokens and book Santa's Grotto at a discounted advance price here:
https://pta.events/OLIChristmas26

💷 We've also launched our Grand Draw with a £50 CASH prize – entries are online only:
https://pta.events/OLIGrandDraw26

We're going to need lots of volunteers to make the day a success, even if you can only spare an hour. You can sign up to help when purchasing your tickets.

Please book early, get involved and help us make it a fantastic Christmas Fun Day for everyone! 🎄 🎉

Activities and Grotto are subject to availability. Hamper raffle tickets available to purchase on the day.

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/oli-school-friends-association/?event=event&eventId=124224

Thank you for supporting OLI Friends 💙



Friends Association News

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

Wreath Making workshop

For those of you who have bought tickets for the wreath making workshop, it is next Wednesday. Please come to the school hall for 7pm. Bring your own drinks and snacks
We look forward to a fun, festive evening.

Thank you for supporting OLI Friends 💙



Attendance Data

94% and below	94% - 96.9%	97% and above
	Last week % 09.11.26 – 13.11.26	This week % 16.11.26 – 20.11.26
Reception	93.1%	79.3%
Year 1	94.0%	90.7%
Year 2	96.1%	78.0%
Year 3	97.8%	94.8%
Year 4	96.0%	92.6%
Year 5	98.1%	97.2%
Year 6	93.8%	99.0%
Whole School Total	95.6%	90.3%

Well done Years 5 & 6!

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.



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."