6th November 2026

Issue 9

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,

Firstly, I would like to thank so many of you for your kind words, messages and prayers following my recent loss. They have meant a great deal to me.

Secondly, I would like to welcome you all back to what is arguably the best half term in any primary school. As we prepare to celebrate Advent and the coming of Christ in school, there is so much for us all to look forward to and enjoy, from Nativity performances to the pantomime production we will be hosting in school, as well as the Friends' Association's upcoming festive events.

However, this half term can also be a challenging one. The days become shorter, the weather gets colder, and seasonal bugs begin to spread.

Every school day matters. Even a few missed days can have an impact on a child's learning, progress and sense of belonging. As we move into the winter months, we encourage families to support healthy habits at home, including plenty of rest, nutritious meals and good hygiene practices. By working together to keep children healthy, we can ensure they benefit from the consistency, routine and opportunities that regular attendance provides.

I look forward to seeing many of you at this evening's disco.

Warmest regards and God bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

Notices

- 11/11 Reception and Year 6 attending weekly mass at 9.30am OLI church all welcome
- 11//11 2.45pm Year 5 remembrance day assembly-Yr 5 parents welcome to attend
- **Please note children should not wear boots to school.**

Catholic life of the school



We have set up a just giving page for donations for our fundraising efforts for this coming Friday 13th November, please visit https://www.justgiving.com/page/mrs-gibbs-2?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL



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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	
Friday, 6th	Fancy Dress Family Disco 5.30 – 7.30pm school hall (ticket event)
Wednesday, 11th	9.30am Reception & Year 6 Mass Year 5 Remembrance Day assembly 2.45pm – Year 5 parents welcome to attend
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 2.10-3pm - **Year 2 parents only**
Thursday, 10th	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production 9 – 10.30am – **EYFS & Year 1 parents only**
Friday, 11th	Elfridges Christmas Gift sale - pre purchase only, cashless event!
JANUARY 2027	
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 – 9th November – 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 6th November 2026

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (113)	1st (117)	3rd (112)	4th (98)

MERIT BADGE

WEEK ENDING 6th November 2026

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

Reception	Ruairi	Paddy
Year 1	Rowan	Poppy
Year 2	Charlotte	Eliza
Year 3	Oliver W	Evie
Year 4	Olivia	TJ
Year 5	Anna	Gabriel
Year 6	Richmond	Heavenly

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 6th November 2026

Reception	Oliwier	Krystynka
Year 1	William	Malaika
Year 2	Bella	Indigo
Year 3	Isla	Finley
Year 4	Kaitlyn	Tadhg
Year 5	Kingsley	Philip
Year 6	Ayden	Ysabella

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.



Friends Association News

OLI Friends – Upcoming Events are LIVE! 🎉

Easy ways to fundraise

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 💙

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 % 19.10.26 – 22.10.26	This week % 02.11.26 – 06.11.26
Reception	93.0%	93.8%
Year 1	93.5%	93.7%
Year 2	96.0%	95.8%
Year 3	94.3%	97.7%
Year 4	90.1%	95.9%
Year 5	98.2%	98.0%
Year 6	93.8%	93.7%
Whole School Total	94.2%	95.5%

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.