

'With God all things are possible'



The Rosary Trust

# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

6th September 2024

The Holy Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

Issue 1

THE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30 AM. UNTIL 4:00 PM. MONDAY—FRIDAY  
Tel: 01245 353755

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children this week. Especially our new reception intake. They all look so smart and have been keen and eager to learn. They have been wonderful ambassadors for our school making Miss Watson feel very welcome. So you are all aware Miss Watson will be here with us at Our Lady Immaculate on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, for the remainder of the week I will be stepping up into the role of Interim Headteacher. Your support and well wishes to us both this week have been much appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your patience and understanding regarding accessing the school office, whilst our porch build continues. The scaffolding came down today and now we can really see the full structure and how beneficial to our school the new porch will be, ensuring we have a truly safe and secure entry.

Alongside our new porch we will be working on building a new school website this half term. This will have a new web address and be accessible on all devices, making it easier to access information on the go. Look out for updates in the newsletter.

I am sure many of you, like myself, will be attending mass this Sunday as we celebrate Education Sunday. This is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. If you would like to share any photographs of your children attending services in their uniform for next week's newsletter, please do email them to me at [parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk](mailto:parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk)

We will also be holding our first whole school mass of the academic year at Our Lady Immaculate Church at 9.30am on Wednesday 11th of September. Children from years 1 to 6 will be attending and we would be delighted if parents, carers, loved ones and parishioners joined us. I look forward to seeing many of there.

Warmest regards,

*Mrs Sophie Gibbs*  
Interim Headteacher

## Thought for the weekend!

"START BY DOING WHAT'S NECESSARY,  
THEN WHAT'S POSSIBLE, AND SUDDENLY  
YOU ARE DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE."

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



## Welcome

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff and pupils to OLI.

### Staff

Miss Watson  
Interim Executive Headteacher  
Miss Hitchen - Year 2 teacher  
Mrs Warner - Kitchen Assistant

### Pupils

Ikechukwu  
David  
Johann  
Marika  
Graciella  
Sonia

# DATES TO REMEMBER

**Please note: new information will be presented in red**

<b>SEPTEMBER 2024</b>	
Wednesday, 11th	Whole school Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday 18th	Year 5 Mass @ 9.30am Friends Association AGM @ 7pm
Wednesday, 25th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
<b>OCTOBER 2024</b>	
Wednesday, 2nd	Year 3 Mass @ 9.30am Netball team - rally at St. Anne's - 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Wednesday, 9th	Year 2 Mass @ 9.30am 2 Johns Online safety training - years 1-6 - more details coming soon
Wednesday, 16th	Year 1 Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 23rd	Year 6 and Reception Mass @ 9.30am
Monday, 28th - Friday, 1st	Half term
<b>NOVEMBER 2024</b>	
Wednesday, 6th	All Saints Day - whole school Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday, 13th	Year 5 Mass @ 9.30am Year 6 Bikeability (Day 1)
Thursday, 14th	Year 6 Bikeability (Day 2)
Friday, 15th	Whole school Flu immunisations
Wednesday, 20th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 22nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 27th	Year 3 Mass

## **PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS**

[parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk](mailto:parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk) Please use the parent email address to leave messages about a child's absence or pick up arrangements. Child absences must be reported by 9 a.m. on the first day, and changes to pick up can be emailed until **2 p.m. on the day**. – You must ring the school thereafter.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND ABSENCE NOTES AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS VIA THE ADMIN@**

**EMAIL ADDRESS NOR VIA SCHOOLCOMMS – THANK YOU.**

# Friends Association News

Welcome back!

We hope all children (and parents) have settled back into school routine this week, and all had a lovely summer!

## Fundraising- Asda

We have very quickly started with our fundraising efforts this term with a great initiative from Asda. They have joint forces with parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is:-

1. Opt in through the Asda Rewards app,
2. Choose Our lady immaculate primary school (make sure you choose the correct one, with our address new London road Chelmsford)
3. Shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

## Pantomime

Last year, following a parent request we have booked panto at the civic (Snow White) for the whole school, where the friends have part funded tickets for each child. We wanted to remind everyone that this is booked for 10th December.

## Friends AGM

Our AGM meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th September in the school hall. This is an opportunity to reflect on the fundraising that we did last year and vote in a new committee. All parents are members of the friends association, all are welcome at every meeting so please if you can, come along and here what we have been up to and have planned for the year ahead. We also welcome new ideas for fundraising events as well as where we can spend the money raised. Please come along and get involved, any time/skill you can provide is welcome. We hope to see you there.

Lastly, please see the below link to the friends Facebook page

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/638225622957943/?ref=share\\_group\\_link&exp=93fa](https://www.facebook.com/groups/638225622957943/?ref=share_group_link&exp=93fa)

Many thanks

The Friends



## MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 6th September 2024

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

Foundation		
Year 1	Oliver B	Adaora
Year 2	Jan	Angel
Year 3	Sienna	Nahson
Year 4	Kaleb	Jocelyn
Year 5	Lachlan	Eloise
Year 6	Rhoda	Oscar T

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 6th September 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
2nd (13)	1st (14)	3rd (9)	1st (14)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 6th September 2024

Foundation		
Year 1	Finley	Clara
Year 2	Kaitlyn	Adam
Year 3	Toby	Zuzanna
Year 4	Nico	Mia
Year 5	Charles	Emilia
Year 6	Isaac	Lara-Rose

### Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding officer: **Mrs Gibbs**. We also have a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer: **Miss Watson**.

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.”***

Graham Fawcet



## MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 9th September – Week 2

Please refer to the menus on our website so the children are aware and know what to choose when asked by their teachers. Please use the online payment system to pay for all dinners (Years 3 to 6).

### Is your child eligible for this award - Free School Meals?

In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding, a parent/carer must be claiming one of the following benefits:

- Income Support / Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit) Universal Credit.**



Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). **Further information can be found on** <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

### SCHOOL PUPIL DETAILS

If you have moved or if any of your details have changed, please can you inform the Office so we can update your child's records.



### SQUIRRELS - PACKED LUNCH BOXES

Squirrels are trying to get into the lunch boxes so please ensure your child's lunch is sent into school in a secure lunch box.



## Attendance

Attendance Data:

**94% and below**

**94% - 97%**

**97% and above**

	Last week %	This week % 02.09.24 - 06.09.24
Foundation		94.9%
Year 1		91.9%
Year 2		100%
Year 3		99.2%
Year 4		95%
Year 5		99.2%
Year 6		92.4%
<b>Whole School Total</b>		<b>96.2%</b>

Congratulations to Year 2 and 3 for being above 97%.

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.