

'With God all things are possible'



The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate
Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

13th September 2024

The Holy Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

Issue 2

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting week welcoming all of our reception in full time. Mrs Kelly and I are very impressed with how the children have been using the main gate in the playground and getting used to their new routines, well done reception.

Next week we have our first Friends association meeting, please see below for full details. The Friends association is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our school community better and to help support the school. Through their work they provide invaluable support to our school, helping us to continue to provide our children with a varied and rich curriculum and a welcoming and well equipped school environment. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting.

As the weather gets cooler we do have lots of preloved uniform available. This is also a great way to recycle any old uniform you may have lying around. If you would like to look at the selection we have in school, please do make an appointment via parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk, this will only be necessary until our porch build is completed. Any donations of old clean uniform can be handed to myself, Miss Watson or Mrs Lee on the gate.

After school next week all our class teachers will be holding short welcome meetings to go through their year group curriculum and expectations. We are able to provide, where required, staff to supervise any pupils and siblings, for whom alternative childcare cannot be found. If you are unable to attend the meeting we will shortly be making our curriculum maps available online.

May I also remind you that if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's education or anything that has happened at school to please in the first instance speak to or contact your child's class teacher. Either in person or via

parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

Warmest regards,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs
Interim Headteacher

Thought for the weekend!



Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on Sunday 27th April 2025.

If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event, please contact Damian Dillon for further details

07912308000 / ddillon@bccs.org.uk. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 26th September and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1800 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, BCCS would invite you to join them and run to support children's mental health. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds to support a local charity and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same

Welcome

Angelique to Year 4

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

SEPTEMBER 2024	
Monday, 16th	Year 1 and 2 class information meeting @ 3.30pm
Tuesday, 17th	Year 4 class information meeting @ 3.30pm
Wednesday 18th	Year 5 Mass @ 9.30am Year 3 class information meeting @ 3.30pm Friends Association AGM @ 7pm
Thursday, 19th	Year 5 and 6 class information meeting @ 3.30pm
Wednesday, 25th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
OCTOBER 2024	
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
NOVEMBER 2024	
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

Chaplaincy Team



Friends Association News

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 19th September 730pm 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



MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 13th September 2024

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

Foundation		
Year 1	Helena	Salvin
Year 2	Annie	Luca
Year 3	Rita	Toby
Year 4	Sophia	Oscar
Year 5	Sienna	William
Year 6	Akosua	Joseph

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 13th September 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (19)	2nd (18)	1st (15)	2nd (18)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 13th September 2024

Foundation		
Year 1	Odhran	Tigerlilly
Year 2	Ethan	Hannah
Year 3	Kingsley	Jessica
Year 4	Ayden	Sonia
Year 5	Elijah	Joselyn
Year 6	Dorian	Natalia

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



YEAR 6 PREFECTS

Autumn Term

HEAD BOY

Joseph

DEPUTY HEAD BOY

Isaac

HEAD GIRL

Florence C

DEPUTY HEAD GIRL

Sofia I

HOUSE CAPTAINS



Fisher

Jackson

Beckett

Oliver

Campion

Oscar T

More

Cillian

Sofia I

Akosua

Hattie

Florence J



GATE PREFECTS

Brian

Abigail

David C

Sofia O'S

LANYARD PREFECT

Edith

CHAPLAINCY LEADERS

Isaac

David C

Sofia O'S

Jackson

Lara-Rose

Rhoda

PE LEADERS

Edward

David A-H

Rhoda

Malachy

CLASSROOM PREFECTS

Oscar H

Dorian

Lara-Rose

ASSEMBLY PREFECTS

Akosua

Natalia

Victor

Lillie-Mae

Nell

HYMN PRACTICE LEADERS

Kushal

Maria

COMPUTING LEADERS

Chimdike

Liam



MOBILE PHONE PREFECT

Aurora

COMMUNICATION BOOK

Abril



PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS

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.

MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 16th September – Week 3

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 % 02.09.24 - 06.09.24	This week % 09.09.24 - 13.09.24
Foundation	94.9%	97.5%
Year 1	91.9%	96.1%
Year 2	100%	96%
Year 3	99.2%	97.8%
Year 4	95%	98.7%
Year 5	99.2%	99%
Year 6	92.4%	95.1%
Whole School Total	96.2%	97.2%

Congratulations to Reception, Years 3, 4 & 5 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.