

'With God all things are possible'



The Rosary Trust

# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

20th September 2024

The Holy Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

Issue 3

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to attend the Friends Association Annual General Meeting on Wednesday. I am pleased to report that a new committee was duly elected. I would like to thank the outgoing committee members for their service and dedication, and welcome our new members who are stepping up. We discussed lots of exciting events that will be happening this year - Do visit the Friend's Facebook page for details of the AGM and the events planned so far. As a school, we are blessed that so many of our parents give up their time and help at events, however we are always in need of more volunteers, so, if you can help in any capacity please do contact the Friends Association, and I look forward to meeting you at this years' events.

Many of you have been wondering how our new porch build is coming along. I can confirm that external works are almost finished and we are still on track for it to be completed by the end of October. Many thanks for your continued patience and understanding during this time.

Thank you to all those parents who attended our class information meetings this week. If you were unable to attend, class curriculum maps and information will be sent to you.

As we continue to introduce the new Religious Education Directory Curriculum in Reception, Years 1 ,2 ,3 and 6, I wanted to share with you the beautiful prayer that inspired the directory's title, 'To know you more clearly.'

### **The prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester.**

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits thou hast given me,  
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.  
Amen.

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed weekend,

*Mrs Sophie Gibbs*  
*Interim Headteacher*

### **Thought for the weekend!**



### The ARK

Our Ark breakfast and after school club is open daily term time from:

**7.30am to 8.30am**

and after school from

**3.15pm to 6.15pm.**

The Ark provides a creative and vibrant environment for our children.

Activities may include:

Biscuit decorating

Arts and crafts

Lego

Mindfulness colouring

Table football

Chess

Alongside special themed weeks organised by our Ark Co-ordinator.

Bookings can be made up to 10pm the night before.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

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

<b>SEPTEMBER 2024</b>	
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
<b>Tuesday, 22nd</b>	<b>Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm (details coming soon)</b>
Wednesday, 23rd	Year 6 and Reception Mass @ 9.30am
<b>Thursday, 24th</b>	<b>Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm (details coming soon)</b>
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.**

## MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 20th September 2024

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

Foundation	Emma Rose	Charlotte
Year 1	Evie	Thiem
Year 2	Alexa	Lewis
Year 3	Anna	Johaam
Year 4	Heavenly	Ronnie
Year 5	Emily	Johan
Year 6	Liam	Nell

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 20th September 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (35)	2nd (33)	3rd (27)	1st (34)

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 20th September 2024

Foundation	Ezra	Eliza
Year 1	Rupert	Emily
Year 2	Alex	Naia
Year 3	Alexander	Violet
Year 4	Peter	Emma
Year 5	Jeffray	Belle
Year 6	Florence C	Cillian

### 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



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](http://www.ourladyimmaculateprimary.org)) under 'Key Information/GDPR and Privacy

# Friends Association News

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on Wednesday. It was great to have a good number of people attending new and old faces, as well as Mrs Gibbs giving us her support.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to again thank Susan Clow for her time as treasurer, and introduce the \*new friends committee:\*

Joining me, Karen Charles-Foster as Co Chair, is Rebecca Bush with Roberta Losa as our Vice Chair. Pepita Baglin is staying in her role as Secretary. Kirsty Everett and Agnes Hajnal are replacing Sue as Co-Treasurer's. I'm looking forward to working with you all this year.

We had some great conversations and it was good to have so much enthusiasm for the year ahead. We will be raising funds this year to enable the school to make improvements to the playground.

Attached is a summary of last years fundraising efforts. For 2023/24 we made a profit of £11,523.47 across events. We made payments to the school for the total of £17,699.09 to cover our committed expenditure.

## ASDA

The Asda cashpot is at £86.78. You do not need to shop at Asda to help towards this fundraiser. For every person who downloads the app and selects our school we get £1! Download the app in the following links:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/asda-rewards/id1578902078>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.asda.rewards>

## Volunteering

If you would like to help us raise money this year please let us know, there are lots of roles needed throughout the year. This can be as little or as much time as you are able to commit to, it all helps toward our fundraising.

Many thanks for reading,

The Friends



## **MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 23rd September – Week 1**

**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.**

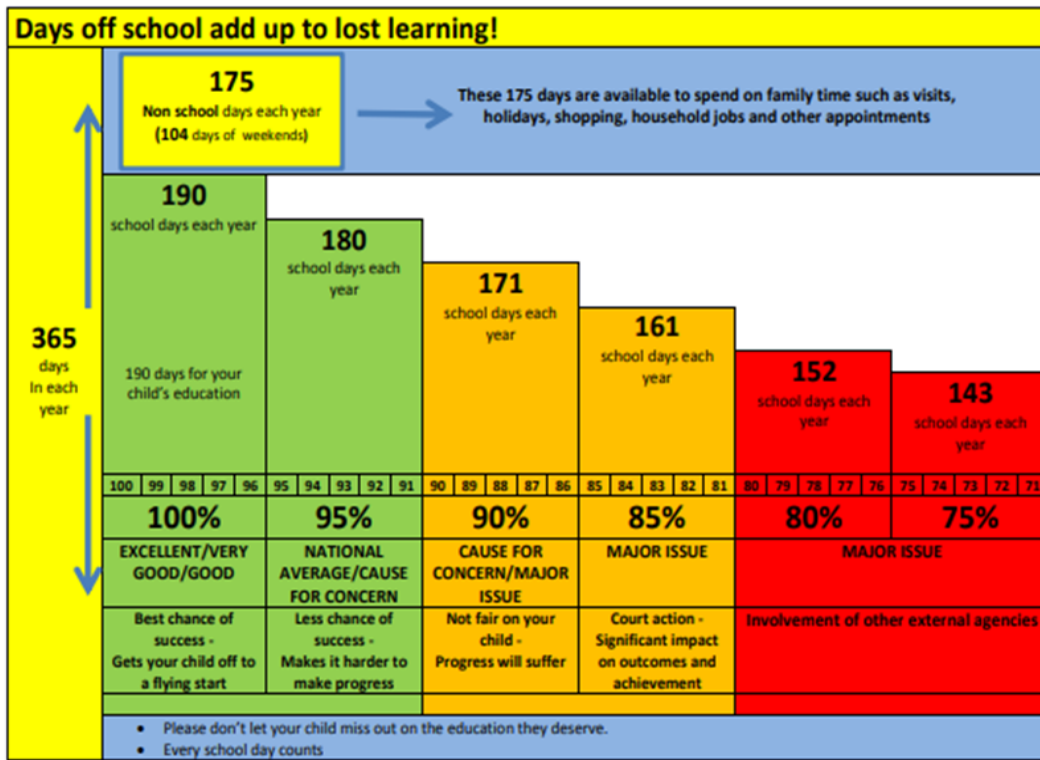


Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get). **Further information can be found on** <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

## Attendance

We know that these things are unavoidable, but please do ensure that your child is in school whenever they can be. Lost learning has a big impact on children's future learning.

Please be aware that the school is **strictly unable to sanction any holidays** taken during term time.



## Attendance

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94% - 97%

97% and above

	Last week % 09.09.24 - 13.09.24	This week % 16.09.24 - 20.09.24
Foundation	97.5%	91.4%
Year 1	96.1%	95.5%
Year 2	96%	97.7%
Year 3	97.8%	97.5%
Year 4	98.7%	96.1%
Year 5	99%	97.1%
Year 6	95.1%	91.2%
<b>Whole School Total</b>	<b>97.2%</b>	<b>95.2%</b>

Congratulations to Years 2, 3 & 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.