

'With God all things are possible'



The Rosary Trust

# Our Lady Immaculate School News



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

4th October 2024

The Holy Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

Issue 5

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter this season of Harvest it is a time for us to reflect on all we have and how much there is to be thankful for. Over the next three weeks in school we will be growing in the virtue of thankfulness, learning to appreciate how fortunate we are to have our school and parish community, our families and friends and all we have. I am sure you will agree with me, with all that is happening around the world at the moment, we are truly blessed.

This year we will be collecting donations to support two local charities more details are included in this newsletter. I thank you in advance for your support and generosity, for anything you are able to give it all makes a difference. Your prayers too make a difference if they are what you can give.

Here is a prayer you might like to say as a family over the coming weeks.

Gracious God, we thank you for the abundance of your blessings in our lives. As we gather around the table to share in the harvest, we remember those who are hungry and in need. May we be mindful of our responsibility to care for those less fortunate, and may we share our blessings generously.

Amen.

Our children's lives are becoming increasingly digital and for many of us as parents this is a whole new world they are far more familiar with than us. On Wednesday 9th of October the 2 Johns will be delivering online safety sessions in school to all the children in Years 1-6. They are also holding an online session for parents to attend in the evening, details of how to join this session are below. Having attended these sessions in the past as both a teacher and a parent they are highly informative and helpful, I do hope many of you are able to attend, the session is from 8pm-9.30pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87166804187>

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed weekend,

*Mrs Sophie Gibbs*  
Interim Headteacher

## Thought for the weekend!



## Harvest Food Collection



During this season of Harvest we will be collecting for two local charities.

The Little Edi foundation and Sanctus for more information about them please visit the links below

[Little Edi Foundation – Enable Dream Inspire](#)

[Home | Sanctus \(sanctus-home.com\)](#)

Donations of the following are required:

Tea, coffee, squash, pasta, custard, sugar, long life milk, biscuits, noodles, Weetabix. Tinned products - rice pudding, vegetables, beans, soup and meat.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

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

| OCTOBER 2024               |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Wednesday, 9th             | Year 2 Mass @ 9.30am<br>2 Johns Online safety training - years 1-6   |
| Monday, 14th               | Year 1 and 2 Harvest Assembly @ 2.45pm                               |
| Tuesday, 15th              | Chaplaincy Retreat Day at New Hall                                   |
| Wednesday, 16th            | Year 1 Mass @ 9.30am   |
| Saturday, 19th             | Friends Association School Disco                                     |
| Tuesday, 22nd              | <b>Individual school photos</b><br>Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm |
| Wednesday, 23rd            | Year 6 and Reception Mass @ 9.30am                                   |
| Thursday, 24th             | Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm                                    |
| 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<br>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 4th October 2024

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

|            |           |           |
|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Foundation | Mugunthan | Leo       |
| Year 1     | Nathalia  | Thiem     |
| Year 2     | Enzo      | Michelle  |
| Year 3     | Kallie    | Alexander |
| Year 4     | Esmé      | Sienna    |
| Year 5     | Joselyn   | Russell   |
| Year 6     | Abigail   | Aurora    |

## HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 4th October 2024

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

|               |                |               |             |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>BECKET</b> | <b>CAMPION</b> | <b>FISHER</b> | <b>MORE</b> |
| 3rd (67)      | 4th (62)       | 2nd (62)      | 1st (67)    |

## LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 4th October 2024

|            |          |          |
|------------|----------|----------|
| Foundation | Libby    | Freya    |
| Year 1     | Edward   | Gaia     |
| Year 2     | Tadgh    | Leila    |
| Year 3     | Kingsley | Anna     |
| Year 4     | Leo      | Pola     |
| Year 5     | Johan    | Florence |
| Year 6     | Victor   | Akosua   |

### 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** or the 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



# Friends Association News

## Disco

The first family disco of the year will be on Saturday 19th October. This is fun for all the family, we will have food, a tuck shop, raffle for the children and bar for the adults. Children do need to be accompanied by an adult. We will need volunteers to help so please let us know if you are able to help.

We will be setting up a PTA events site where tickets and volunteers will be managed. Further information and the link for Disco ticket sales will be sent out next week.

## Pantomime

The whole school will be going to the pantomime at the Civic Theatre in December. This has been part funded by the friends association. Further information will come from the school.

## Asda

The Asda cashpot is at £92.88 please help us to reach £100 before the offer finishes in 57 days. You do not need to shop at Asda but for every person who downloads the app and selects our school we get £1!. Also, when you shop, money will be given to the friends. So please ask friends and family for their support too.

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>

## Corporate matching for fundraising

Do you work for any of the companies below? Please speak to your employer about how they could help with fundraising for our school. They may be able to match fundraising, allow time for volunteer work or give a donation.

Many thanks

The Friends Association



## **INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Happy Days Creations will be visiting the school on Tuesday, 22nd October to take children's individual photographs. All the children will be photographed, however, parents are under no obligation to purchase them.

If any parent wishes to have sibling photographs, **please send a letter/email for the attention of Mrs Wright** clearly stating your wishes by Friday, 18th October. Verbal messages from children will not be accepted nor will any letters be accepted after this date.

If you have any queries please email Mrs Wright in the office via:  
parents@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

### **MENU WEEK COMMENCING - 7th October – 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>

### **New secondary admission round (Year 6 to 7 transfer September 2025)**

The application period for admission to Year 7 in secondary schools for September 2024 opened on Thursday, 12 September 2024.

From this date, parents/carers of current Year 6 Essex resident children will be able to make their applications using our website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). Last year, 99% of Essex parents applied online.

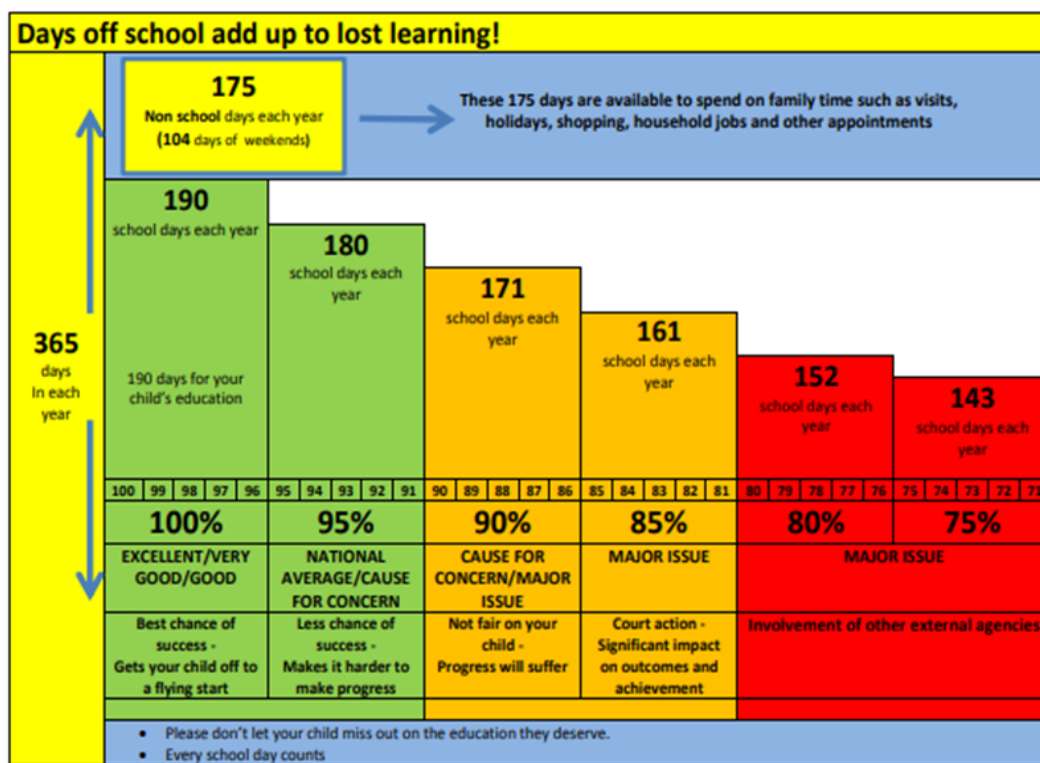
As usual, the Council will not be sending out letters to parents/carers about applying. All of the application information is published on the website above.

The closing date of Thursday, 31 October 2024.

## 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                             |
|---------------------------|---------------|---|---|
|                           |               | <b>Last week %</b><br>23.09.24 - 27.09.24 | <b>This week %</b><br>30.09.24 - 04.10.24 |
| Foundation                |               | 96%                                       | 93.4%                                     |
| Year 1                    |               | 96.5%                                     | 98.1%                                     |
| Year 2                    |               | 99%                                       | 99.7%                                     |
| Year 3                    |               | 100%                                      | 98.8%                                     |
| Year 4                    |               | 99.4%                                     | 98.7%                                     |
| Year 5                    |               | 98.4%                                     | 98.1%                                     |
| Year 6                    |               | 98.5%                                     | 97.3%                                     |
| <b>Whole School Total</b> |               | <b>98.3%</b>                              | <b>97.7%</b>                              |

Congratulations to Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 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.



## SPORTING AT OLI



### High 5's tournament

On Wednesday, 2 October, 8 members of our netball club visited St. Anne's school for a mini netball tournament. They played 4 matches, winning 2 of them and enjoying some fun netball games and refreshments.



### **REMINDER**

Please could you make sure that your child comes equipped and ready for their School Day with their PE/Club kit, Books, Water Bottle, Forest School Clothing, Wellie Boots and their packed lunch (those that have a packed lunch). This would alleviate the need for the Office Staff to deliver late items to the classrooms, and disturbing children's learning.

