

'With God all things are possible'



The Rosary Trust

Our Lady Immaculate School News



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Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

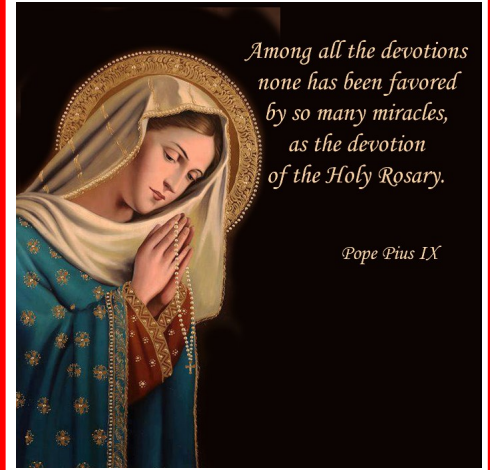
11th October 2024

The Holy Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus

Issue 6

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

Thought for the weekend!



Dear Parents and Carers,

The entire month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This month-long observance is largely due to the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated on 7th October.

According to legend, Mary entrusted the Rosary to St. Dominic in the 13th century.

Saint Dominic (1170–1221) was a Castilian Catholic priest and the founder of the Dominican Order. He is the patron saint of astronomers and natural scientists, and he and his order are traditionally credited with spreading and popularizing the rosary.

Our Friends Association has kindly agreed to purchase Rosaries for all the children. In class the children will be learning how to pray the Rosary, please support them at home to share what they have learnt with you. The rosary challenge on Mark 10 Mission is a lovely resource we will be sharing and you can view this at home.

@ [The Mark 10 Mission - The Rosary Challenge](#)

On Friday, 25th of October I would like to invite parents and carers to come into school at 2.45pm, to say the Most Holy Rosary with children from Years 2-6, at a service led by our chaplains and Father X.

Thank you for joining the 2 Johns for their very informative parent session on Wednesday. I do hope you all found this helpful. If you would like any further information do please visit their Facebook page [EST E Safety Training | Facebook](#)

Thank you for your generosity with our Harvest food collection we will continue to take donations until the 21st of October.

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed weekend,

Warmest regards,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs
Interim Headteacher

First Holy Communion



The First Holy Communion Programme begins on Saturday the 16th of November. All details on how to register your child are found in the below link.

<https://www.chelmsfordcatholic.co.uk/sacraments/first-holy-communion>

This is for children in years 3 and above (primary school age).

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new information will be presented in red

OCTOBER 2024	
Monday, 14th	Year 1 and 2 Harvest Assembly @ 2.45pm Friends Association Meeting
Tuesday, 15th	Chaplaincy Retreat Day at New Hall
Wednesday, 16th	Year 1 Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 18th - Wednesday, 23rd	Travelling Book Fayre - 3.15pm - 3.30pm
Tuesday, 22nd	Individual school photos Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday, 23rd	Year 2 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 Year 6 Bikeability (Day 1)
Thursday, 14th	Year 6 Bikeability (Day 2)
Friday, 15th	Whole school Flu immunisations
Saturday, 19th	Friends Association School Disco
Wednesday, 20th	Year 4 Mass @ 9.30am
Friday, 22nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday, 27th	Year 3 Mass

Harvest Food Collection



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

The Little Ed Foundation and Sanctus for more information about them please visit the links below

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

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

Donations of the following are required for Sanctus:

Tea, coffee, custard, sugar, long life milk, biscuits, noodles, tinned rice pudding, tomatoes, vegetables, beans, soup and meat.

MERIT BADGES

WEEK ENDING 11th October 2024

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

Foundation	Bella	Londi
Year 1	Ike	Serin-Teresa
Year 2	TJ	Neve
Year 3	Zerah	Joshua
Year 4	Agatha	Richmond
Year 5	Jack	Ciara
Year 6	Abril	Maria

HOUSE POINTS

WEEK ENDING 11th October 2024

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

BECKET	CAMPION	FISHER	MORE
1st (80)	2nd (73)	3rd (71)	4th (75)

LEARNER OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 11th October 2024

Foundation	Riley	Emmanuella
Year 1	Kitt	Aaliyah
Year 2	Antoni	Molly
Year 3	Raine-Esme	Johaam
Year 4	Hugh T-C	Molly
Year 5	Hartley	Eloise
Year 6	Malachy	Sofia I

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



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

Friends Association News

Disco

The fate of the first family disco of the year has changed and will now be on Saturday 16th November. 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. Also, we would like any donations of new items for children's raffle prizes.

We will be setting up a PTA events site where tickets and volunteers will be managed. Further information will be sent out soon.

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 £97.14. Please help us to reach £100 before the offer finishes in 50 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.

Friends meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 14th October, further details to be confirmed. We will be planning the Christmas events so please join us if you can

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 - 14th October – 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>

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

The application period for admission to Year 7 in secondary schools for September 2025 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. Last year, 99% of Essex parents applied online.

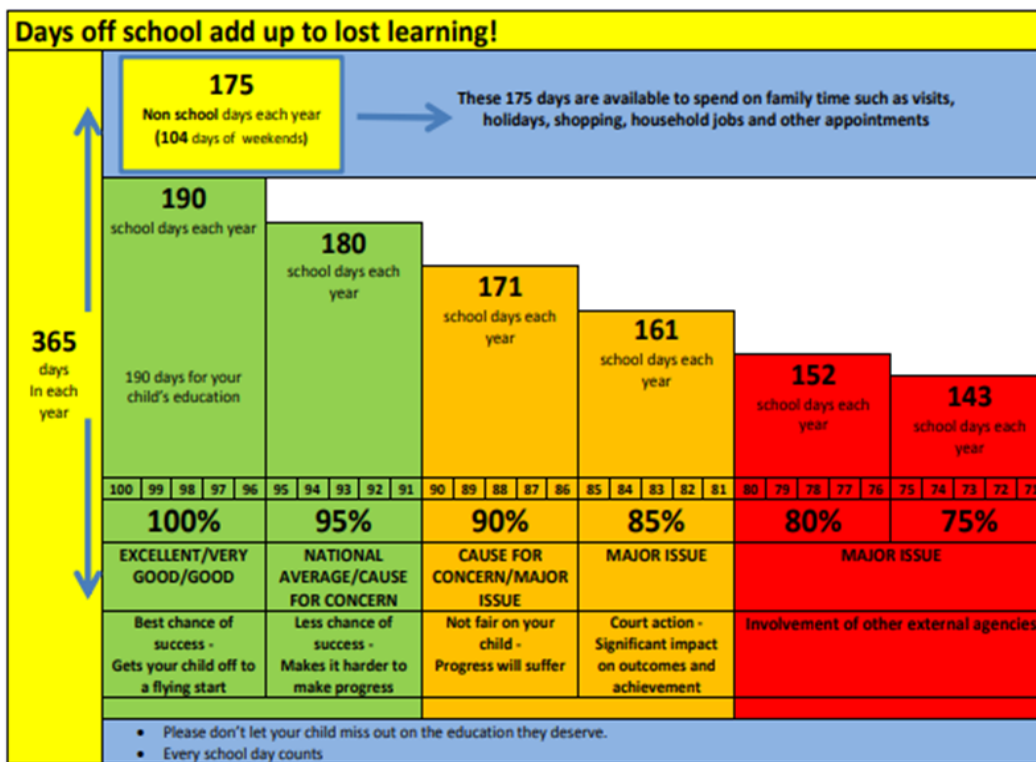
As usual, the Council will not be sending out letters to parents/carers about applying. All of the application information is published on the website above.

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
		Last week % 30.09.24 - 04.10.24	This week % 07.10.24 - 11.10.24
Foundation		93.4%	93%
Year 1		98.1%	98.1%
Year 2		99.7%	96.3%
Year 3		98.8%	98.1%
Year 4		98.7%	98.7%
Year 5		98.1%	97.5%
Year 6		97.3%	93.3%
Whole School Total		97.7%	96.4%

Congratulations to Years 1, 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.

Clubs

The clubs for Autumn Term 2 will be:

Monday Team sports - years 2, 3 & 4 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
(4th November - 16th December = 7 sessions)
Football - years 1, 2 & 3 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
(4th November - 16th December = 7 sessions)
High 5's - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
(4th November - 16th December = 7 sessions)
Art club - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
(4th November - 16th December = 7 sessions)



Tuesday Dragonball - years 1 & 2 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
(5th November - 17th December = 7 sessions)
Football - years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
(5th November - 17th December = 7 sessions)
Guitar - years 3, 4, 5 & 6
(5th November - 17th December = 7 sessions)



Thursday Art - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
(7th November - 19th December = 7 sessions)
Basketball - years 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
(7th November - 19th December = 7 sessions)
Chess - years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
(7th November - 5th December = 5 sessions)

Monday's Art club will be booked by Mrs Williams from the rolling waiting list so if you haven't added your child to the list but would like them to be included, please contact her as soon as possible. You will be notified by email if your child has a place for this half-term.

Thursday's Art club is returning to a first come, first served basis. Please book this club yourself when they are released next week.

Please ensure all payments are up to date as you will not be able to book onto future clubs until payments have been cleared.