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# Weekly Newsletter

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School
A Multi-Academy

The Rosary Trust

**THE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS ARE 7:30AM UNTIL 4:PM MONDAY - FRIDAY**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a week that was to end the first half of our summer term—it felt like we had all four seasons in one week, weather-wise!

On Thursday, we celebrated World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. This day was first introduced by the United Nations in 2002. For the second year, we held a cultural fair in school, which exemplifies our value of solidarity and peace. Once again, our incredible community of children, parents and grandparents willingly gave up their time and energy to share food, artwork, artefacts and information from around the globe with our pupils.

Thank you so much to everyone who gave their time—we are so blessed. It was a truly inspiring international celebration.

Today, we came together for our annual sports and family day, for which the sun definitely shone. I hope you all enjoyed the day as much as I did. Special thanks to Miss Hitchen for organising the events, to our feeder Catholic secondary school St John Payne for supplying much-needed volunteers to help the day run smoothly, and of course to Mr Hogan for getting everything set up.

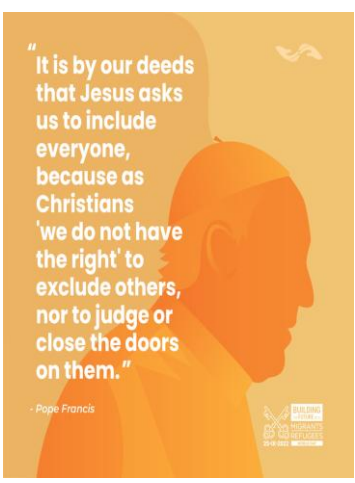
I hope you all enjoy a peaceful and pleasant half term, God Bless,

Mrs Sophie Gibbs – Headteacher

## Notices

- **Pupils return to school on Tuesday 2nd of June.**
- **Yr 6 netball friendly 2/6**
- **Yr 1 zoo trip 3/6**
- **Yr 3 fitness in 3s at New Hall 3/6**
- **Infant Drama workshop 3/6**

## Catholic life of the school

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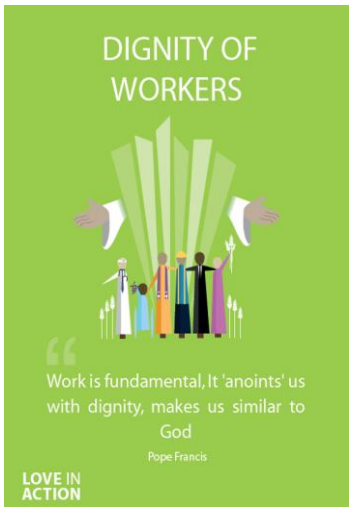

# DATES TO REMEMBER

**Please note:**

**New information will be presented in red**

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| **MAY 2026** | |
| Monday, 25th - Friday, 29th | Half-term |
| **JUNE 2026** | |
| Monday, 1st | INSET DAY |
| Wednesday, 3rd | Year 1 trip to Colchester Zoo<br>Year 3 - Fitness 3s<br>Year 4 Mass – 9.30am in the Church |
| Tuesday, 9th | School class photographs |
| Wednesday, 10th | Year 3 Mass – 9.30am in the Church<br>Year 6 – Cricket event at Writtle Cricket Club<br>Reception class – Road Safety meeting at 2pm |
| Monday, 15th - Wednesday, 17th | Year 6 Residential trip to Bawdsey Manor |
| Tuesday, 16th | Year 4 - History off the Page, day in the life of an ancient Egyptian |
| Wednesday, 17th | Year 2 Mass – 9.30am in the Church |
| Thursday, 18th | Choir – Junior Music Festival – all day rehearsal and performance at 7pm at the Civic Theatre |
| Tuesday, 23rd | Year 2 – visiting Wagamama<br>Year 5 - Food and Farming Day at Writtle College |
| Wednesday, 24th | Year 1 Mass – 9.30am in the Church<br>Dentist visit for year 3 and Reception |
| Thursday, 25th | Reception trip to Chelmsford Museum |
| Monday, 29th | Year 2 - Mini Games |
| **JULY 2026** | |
| Wednesday, 1st | Reception and Year 6 Mass – 9.30am in the Church |
| Thursday, 2nd | Year 6 - The Rosary Trust retreat day to St. Joseph's, Harwich |
| Friday, 3rd | Year 6 trip to Adventure Island<br>Year 5 – Taster Day at St. John Payne |
| Saturday, 4th | Friends Association Summer Festival |
| Wednesday, 8th | Year 5 Mass – 9.30am in the Church |
| Thursday, 9th | Transition afternoon – 1.30pm – 2.45pm |
| Tuesday, 14th | Year 6 Production – details coming soon |
| Thursday, 16th | Year 6 Leavers Mass – 6pm in the Church |
| Friday, 17th | LAST DAY OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSES AT 3.15PM - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB |
| Monday, 20th | INSET DAY |

# First Holy Communion

Congratulations and best wishes to Truman, Antoni, Theodora, Annie, Alexander, Hannah, Lewis and Daisy who received the Blessed Sacrament of First Holy Communion last Sunday.

# CULTURE DAY – THURSDAY 21ST MAY

## SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY 22ND MAY

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Leo and Hugh T-C from year 5. Their football team, Allstars, finished 2nd in the Blackwater & Dengie League Under 10s Cup.

**Safeguarding**

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any paret have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding Officer: **Mrs Gibbs** or the Deputy Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Daley.

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."***

# Attendance Data

| **94% and below** | **94% - 96.9%** | **97% and above** |
|---|---|---|
| | Last week %<br>11.05.26 – 15.05.26 | This week %<br>11.05.26 – 15.05.26 |
| Reception | 93.3% | 98.3% |
| Year 1 | 97.9% | 98.6% |
| Year 2 | 97.3% | 99.3% |
| Year 3 | 95.5% | 94.5% |
| Year 4 | 97.2% | 94.7% |
| Year 5 | 97.5% | 87.2% |
| Year 6 | 98.8% | 90.6% |
| Whole School Total | 96.8% | 94.6% |

Congratulations to Reception, years 1 & 2 for being 97% and above. 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.

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