



Dear Parents, Family Members, and Community Members,

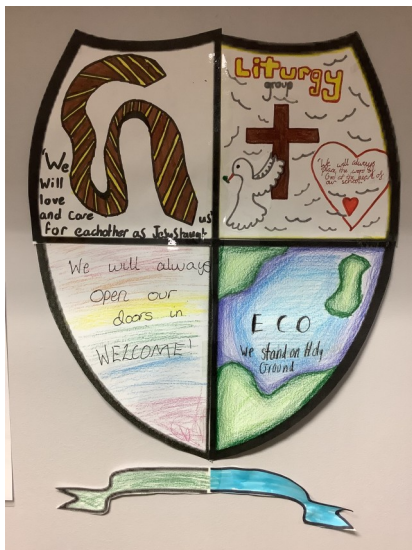
This week on Monday, we had the distinct pleasure of welcoming a member of the diocese, Mrs. Hicks, to observe worship across the school. Mrs. Hicks took note of some excellent practices and expressed her enjoyment of her time here at St. Joseph's. It is always gratifying to receive positive feedback from those who are involved in our wider community of faith.

Later that same day, our esteemed football team took to the pitch against Mayflower. Mr. Gueizelar reported that it was a superb way to kick off the season, with numerous notable performances on display. As the game progressed, our children improved markedly, demonstrating their potential and playing some truly attractive football. A special commendation goes to Mrs. Campbell, whose unwavering support continues to be invaluable. Furthermore, we would like to extend a massive well done to Zach and Coen for their outstanding 'full debuts' for the school—both performing magnificently as Year 4 children. We eagerly anticipate watching their development throughout this season. The match also yielded some fantastic goals, with Teddie netting 4, Zach contributing 2, and both Coen and Jaxx adding to the tally.



On Wednesday, our pupils participated in two informative assemblies. In the morning, Danielle from the Young Carers initiative was present to engage with the children, explaining the vital role that a Young Carer plays and the importance of supporting peers in similar circumstances. This session served to enlighten our children and promote empathy and awareness within our school community. Later in the day, we had a football assembly led by Andy Schooler from Harwich and Parkeston Football Club, which is celebrating a remarkable 150 years of history. Andy captivated the children by contrasting the state of football in 1875 with the modern game, imparting valuable historical context and fostering a deeper appreciation of this beloved sport.

Thursday marked another exciting day for our football team, as they again played at home, this time against Chase Lane. Mr. Gueizelar reported yet another fantastic performance, culminating in a resounding victory of 8-1 over Chase Lane B. This outstanding result places us firmly at the top of our group. The goal-scoring was spearheaded by Teddie, who remarkably scored 4 goals, alongside contributions from Jaxx, Zach, and James. Once again, we extend our gratitude to Mr. Gueizelar for his unwavering support and encouragement. We also wish to acknowledge the wonderful support from parents and supporters who took the time to watch the game, as your enthusiasm plays a significant role in bolstering our young athletes.



As Friday arrived, we convened our inaugural meetings for our various school groups: the School Council, Liturgy Leaders, Diversity Champions, and Eco Warriors. During these sessions, the children collaborated to create group prayers and mottos, alongside outlining their mission for the year aimed at enhancing our school environment. We look forward to sharing more information about their respective projects as the term progresses.

The afternoon of Friday was particularly busy as we conducted interviews for our Head Boy and Head Girl positions. I was filled with immense pride observing all the children who applied; your bravery in putting yourselves forward for such roles is commendable. As an adult, I can certainly appreciate the nerves that come with such occasions. I will be writing to the candidates soon and will announce the successful individuals during next Friday's celebration assembly. We are eager to see who will help lead our school this year.

In a sweeter turn of events, our week concluded with a rescheduled MacMillan cake sale, providing a delightful sugar high for the community. We are profoundly grateful to everyone who baked, donated, attended, and indulged in the treats on offer. While I have yet to receive the total raised, I am confident Mrs. Colley will share this information with you shortly.

Looking ahead, next week promises to be busy. On Monday, we will participate in the Tendring District Open Football competition, providing our players with yet another thrilling opportunity. Following that, Wednesday will see our first Open Day of the academic year, culminating in an exciting Spooky Disco after school.

Lastly, it is with a heavy heart that I share the news of Mrs. Varley's decision to leave our school at Christmas to pursue a teaching role at another school. While we are deeply saddened to see her go, we wish her every success in her future endeavours. Rest assured, we will ensure a seamless transition for the children upon her departure, with details concerning the new class teacher and the role of SENCo to be communicated after the half term.

As ever, thank you for your continued support of St. Joseph's.
Take care – God Bless- Mrs. Golding

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	Late Marks
Class 1	98.10%	99.05%	2
Class 2	99.23%	98.08%	1
Class 3	93.94%	96.88%	5
Class 4	94.24%	95.15%	8



Silver Diversity Mark



Certificate Winners

Certificates Winners This Week:

This will continue next week

Class 1:

Class 2:

Class 3:

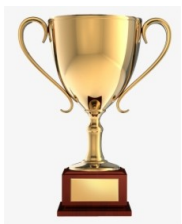
Class 4:

Mrs Golding's Headteacher Award:

Whole School Attendance this week: 97.05%

Winning Class this week: Class 1 - 99.05%

Make sure you collect the cup Class 1



Winning House Team This Week:

To continue next week.....

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 20th October	Football Tournament HDHS 1pm
Weds 22nd October	Open Day—Prospective Parents—details below Spooky Disco—See below
Fri 24th October	Last Day for Children before Half Term
Mon 3rd November	First Day back for Children after Half Term
Weds 5th November	9am Remembrance Mass at School Cross Country Details—to follow
Thurs 6th November	Class 3 Swimming Pizza and Catch up—Y7 + Y8 pupils
Weds 12th November	Class 4 Electric Palace—Crucial Crew
Fri 14th November	Children in Need
Tues 18th November	Class 3 + 4 Electric Palace Visit—details to follow
Weds 19th November	Open Day—Prospective Parents— details below
Fri 21st November	Non Uniform Day—Sweets and Chocolates—Bazaar
Tues 25th November	Parent/Teacher Meetings—details to follow
Weds 26th November	Class 1 + 2 Electric Palace Visit—details to follow Parent/Teacher Meetings-details to follow
Thurs 27th November	Non Uniform Day—Bottles—Bazaar Book Fair—Opens at 3.20pm (Continues until Tues 2nd December)
Fri 28th November	Non Pupil Day—School Closed to Children
Fri 5th December	Christmas Bazaar—details to follow

First Holy Communion

Classes will begin in January 2026. Children will have the chance to learn together, make new friends, and grow in faith as they get ready for this special day. Children should be at least 8 years old by 31st August 2026 and baptised before receiving this special Sacrament. Registration forms are available in church or from St Joseph's School. For more information, please contact Jo Bowen on 07999 773191.

Week Beginning Monday 20th October
Week 2 of the menu.....

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School**

Monday

Breakfast Wrap

Sausage, Bacon and Hash Brown
served with baked beans

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Tuesday

BBQ Panko Chicken

served with Wedges and Corn on
the Cob

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Wednesday

**Jacket Potato with a
selection of fillings**

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Thursday

Traditional Lasagne

served Garlic Bread and Salad

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Friday

Fish Cake

served with Fries and baked beans

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Available everyday

A healthy salad bar, fresh fruit, and
yoghurt

Week 2

Menu

Fresh

All our food is
cooked fresh each
day

Healthy

Our pasta, rice and
breads are healthy
wholemeal products

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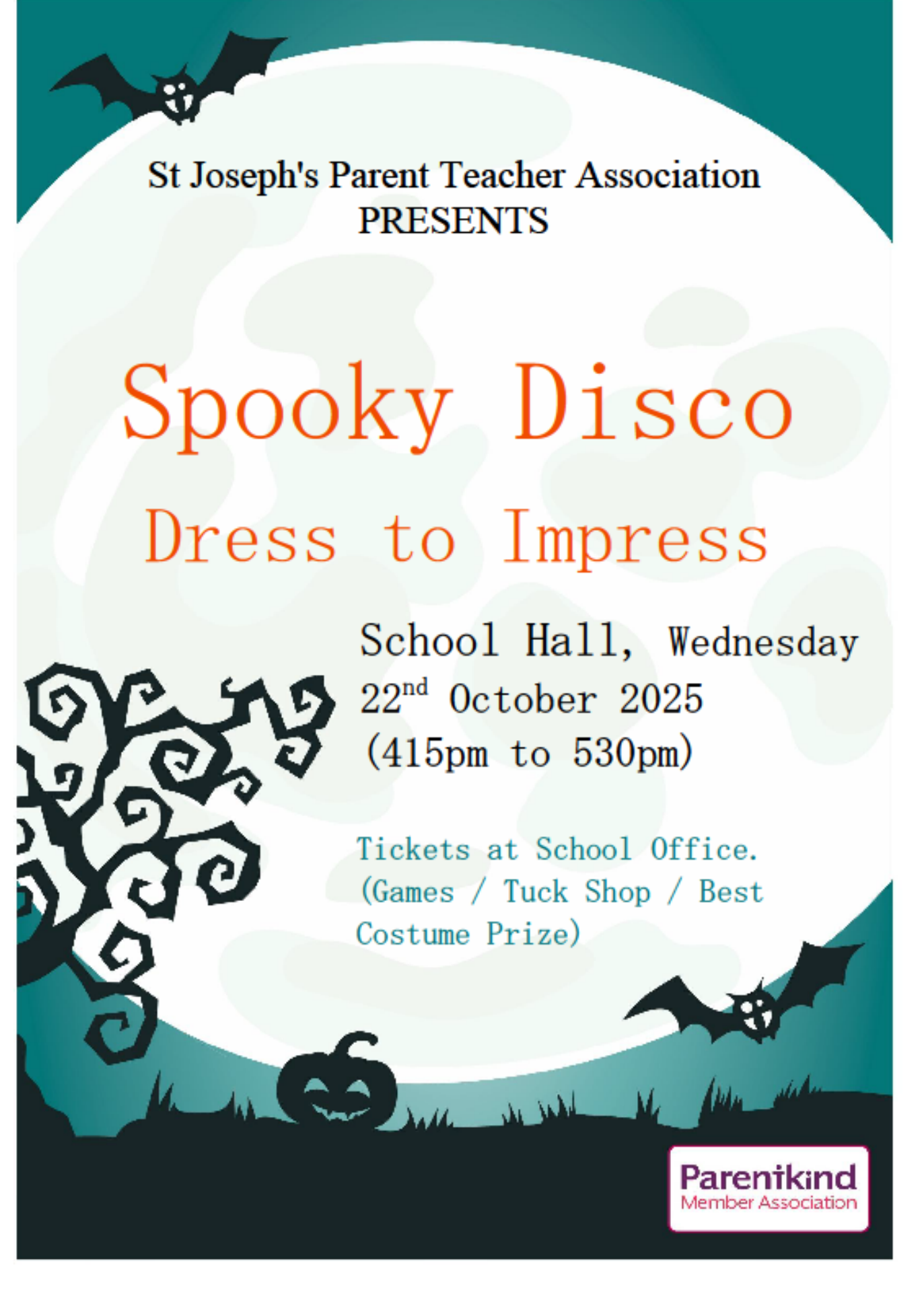
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and where possible
use local produce

St Joseph's are occasionally asked to promote activities from local groups, such as the Swimming Pool, the Sports Hall, Church Groups etc....

Such activities are not quality assured by the school and parents should be aware of the need to reassure themselves of the quality and safety of the services on offer, for example by visiting, looking at inspection reports etc.

Our website can be accessed at

<https://www.st-josephs->



St Joseph's Parent Teacher Association
PRESENTS

Spooky Disco

Dress to Impress

School Hall, Wednesday
22nd October 2025
(415pm to 530pm)

Tickets at School Office.
(Games / Tuck Shop / Best
Costume Prize)

Parentkind
Member Association

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

**Open Days for Parents/Carers
Applying for Reception School Places to
Start School in September 2026**

Wednesday 22nd October from 10am to 4.30pm

Wednesday 19th November 1.30pm to 6.30pm

**Tours run throughout the day—Please call to book
your place. We look forward to seeing you.**



***Please email us to book at:
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Or call 01255 503493***

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OPEN TRAINING SESSION DATES

Sunday 26th October - 10am

Sunday 2nd November - 10am

Sunday 30th November - 10am

Sunday 7th December - 10am

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Boys & Girls of all abilities welcome**

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CLUB SPECIAL FOR
THOSE WHO ENJOY THE
ENVIRONMENT AND
CULTURE THEY CREATE**



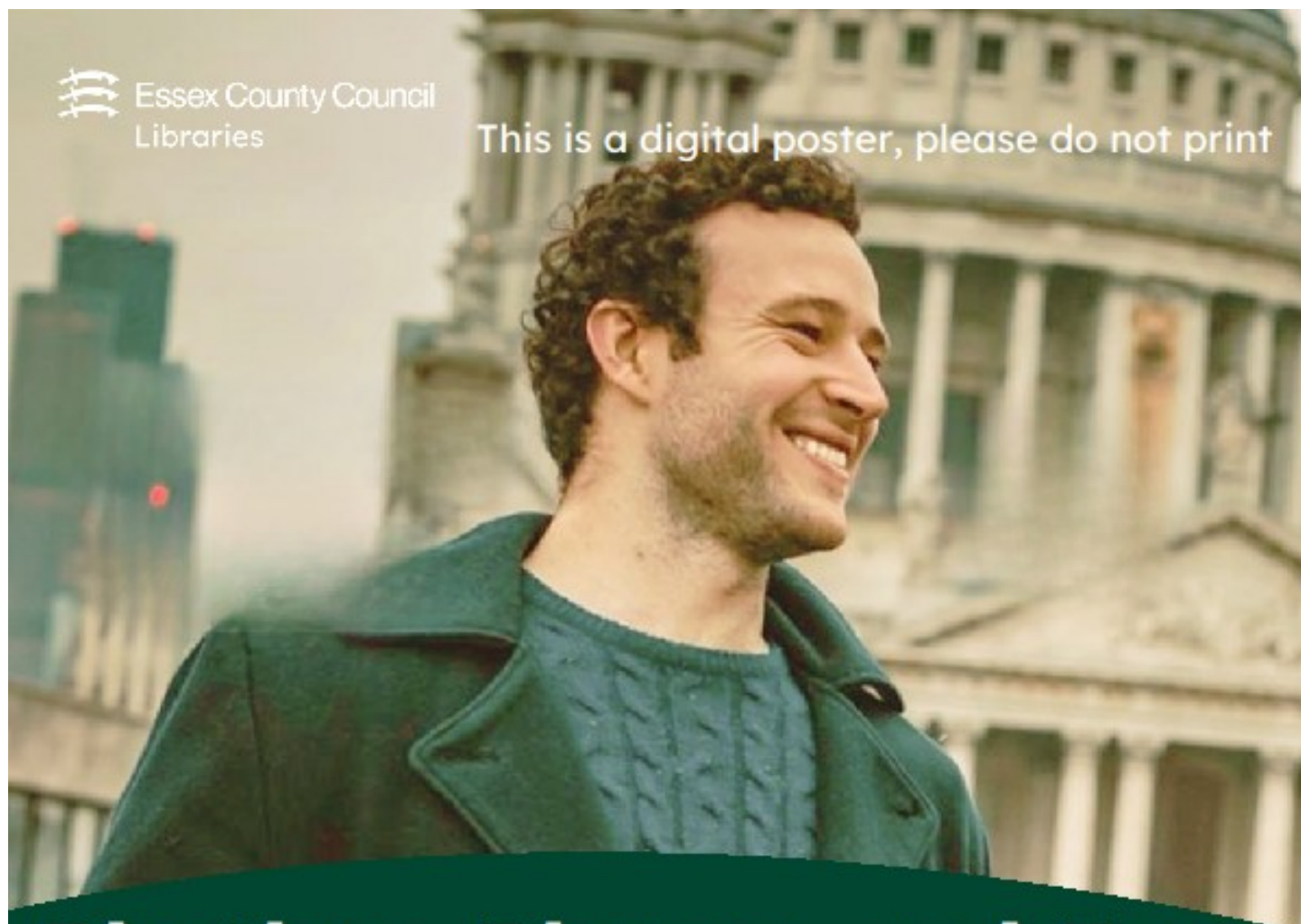
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Rhythm, Rhyme and Rap with Christian Foley

for ages 10 plus

Harwich Library

Saturday 25 October 12 noon to 1pm

This dynamic session from the author of *Moving Up* is perfect for older children and teens looking to express themselves through words and rhythm.

Book using this link

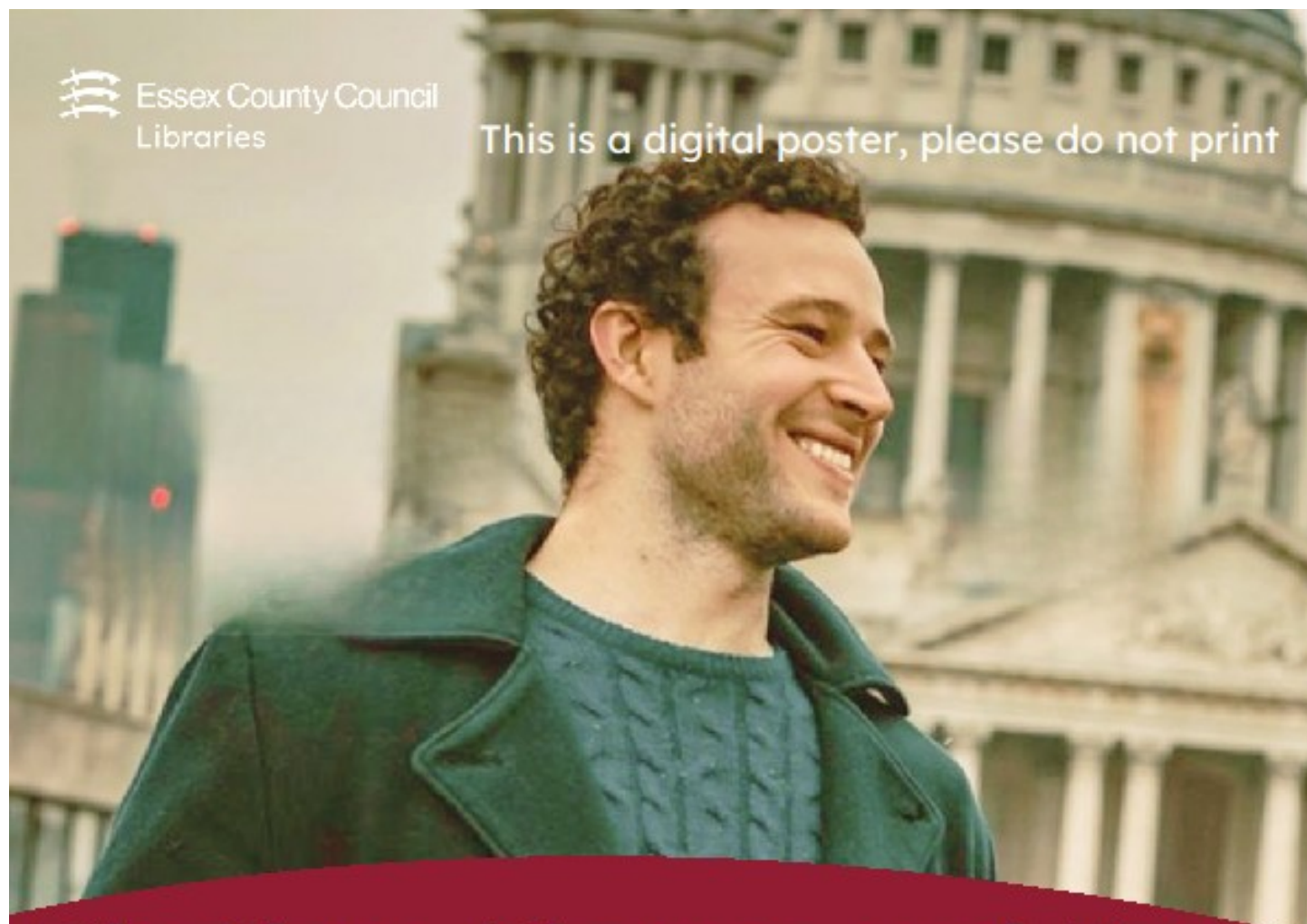


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Rhythm, Rhyme and Rap with Christian Foley

for ages 5 to 9

Harwich Library

Saturday 25 October 10am to 11am

Step into a world of imagination with this free family session! This fun-filled hour led by the author of *The Oddsocktopus* blends poetry, freestyle rap, and storytelling to spark creativity. Book using this link.



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Harwich Library
Saturday's 2.30pm-3.30pm



Ask us how to book a session!



OCTOBER HALF TERM FAMILY WARM HUB

St Clare's Primary School
Cloes Lane, Clacton CO16 8AG

Wednesday 29th October
10am-1pm

Free

- Breakfast/ lunch and refreshments
- **Local information and support for families**
- Winter Warmers
- **Smoke alarms**
- School Uniform bank
- **Baby bank**
- Library services
- **Children's services and activities**

All families welcome
(children must be accompanied)

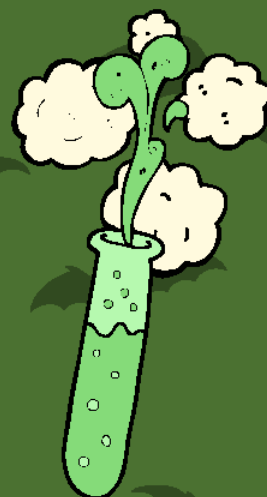


Freaky Science

Harwich Library

Friday 31 October, 10:30am to 12pm,
1pm to 2:30pm

- Join us as we bring science alive with the joys of Halloween!
- Suitable for ages 6-11
- Free event
- Booking essential



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COURSE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL FAMILY FIRST AID	20/10/2025	20/10/2025	09:30	11:30
FL SETTING BOUNDARIES	21/10/2025	23/10/2025	09:45	11:45
FL ROUTINES RULE	22/10/2025	22/10/2025	19:00	21:00
FL SETTING BOUNDARIES	23/10/2025	30/10/2025	10:00	12:00
FL UNDERSTANDING ADHD IN CHILDREN	24/10/2025	31/10/2025	09:00	11:30
FL UNDERSTANDING BIG EMOTIONS	24/10/2025	24/10/2025	12:00	14:30

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<i>FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS</i>	<i>30/10/2025</i>	<i>30/10/2025</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>21:00</i>
<i>FL UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S ANXIETY</i>	<i>31/10/2025</i>	<i>31/10/2025</i>	<i>12:00</i>	<i>14:30</i>

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