



Another lovely week at St Joseph's. It has been really nice to meet so many of you and feel so welcomed. The children have been hard at work and full of good cheer as they prepare for next week's whole school mass- the singing I could hear on Tuesday was beautiful and it is hard to believe it came from so few voices! We would love for you to join us at the church on Thursday to celebrate the beginning of the new school year.

Class 4 have been busy today as they went litter picking, read below to find out more about why...

Next week we have school photos taking place on Tuesday which gives me just enough time to try and put myself together!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Bevan

Dear parents and carers,

I wanted to start by saying a huge thank you for how welcoming you have been! My first full week at St Joseph's has been a pleasure; you have all been so friendly and the children have been a delight. St Joseph's is clearly a very special place: one that has been created by a community. As I get to know you, the children and the staff it is clear to me why St Joseph's is as special as it is. The staff are a credit to this school, and this week has shown me just how special they are! They really do go above and beyond every day. The children are polite and keen to learn and you as parents are supportive and present. For me, coming to St Joseph's is a joy and I am keen to support the staff to carry on doing what they do best.

To tell you a little more about me, I have been teaching for fifteen years across St Clare's and St Thomas More's which are schools in the trust. I am a mathematics specialist and an experienced senior leader. I have worked with other schools before St Joseph's to support them to develop their maths curriculums, but coming into a new school and getting to stay and see the change in action is simply wonderful. I am a Catholic and you will see me at mass on the first Sunday of every month, the other weeks I attend mass in my local parish with my mum. I have three lovely children, two boys and a girl, and a very silly labrador called Pumpkin.

I will be taking responsibility for leading the R.E at St Joseph's and I already have lots of ideas about how we can really celebrate who we are as a Catholic school. I will be sharing this with you all over the coming weeks. To kick start our month of Stewardship, class 4 went litter picking today. This is an example of the kinds of acts of service I think it is important for our children to be part of, and I was impressed to hear how many children already join in with community acts of service. So keep an eye out for the other events we will be running throughout the year! The next one launching in October is Operation Christmas Child (otherwise known as the Christmas shoe box appeal). Class 3 will be taking a lead on this, and you will be hearing from them very soon about how you can help.

Have a wonderful weekend, God bless,
Mrs Leigh

Attendance

Class	Last Week	This Week
1	98.41%	98.18%
2	98.28%	98.28%
3	97.85%	97.19%
4	89.90%	97.58%

Certificate Winners

Certificates will continue next week...

Class 1: All of Year 1 from Class 1

Class 2: Lincoln and Helen

Class 3: Mikael, Karina, Khaisley & Diamond

Class 4: Emma and Lilly-May

Whole School Attendance this Week: 97.76%

Winning Class this Week: Class 2 - 98.28%



Winning House Team This Week:

ST ANDREW

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tues 15 th September	School Photos – individuals/siblings Piano Lessons begin (will be on Weds after this session)
Thurs 17 th September	10am Mass – New School Year (Time changed to 10am)
Thurs 24 th September	St Benedict's Open Evening 5pm – Please see their website
Fri 25 th September	MacMillan Cake Sale – see below
Thurs 1 st October	HDHS Open Evening 5.30pm – Please see their website Manningtree Open Evening 5.30pm – Please see their website
Mon 5 th October	Flu Vaccine Session – Details to follow
Fri 9 th October	2.30pm Harvest Assembly
Weds 14 th October	Parent/Teacher Meetings – Details to follow
Fri 16 th October	10am Class 4 Mass in school
Tues	Parent/Teacher Meetings – Details to follow
Fri 23 rd October	Non Pupil Day
Mon 26 th October	Half Term – 1 Week
Mon 2 nd November	Back to School
Weds 4 th November	Spooky Disco – details to follow
Thurs 5 th November	Class 4 Electric Palace – Crucial Crew
Mon 23 rd November	Class 4 Residential

**Term Dates for 2026/2027
are on our School Website**

Week Beginning Monday 14th September

Week 1 of the Menu

SUMMER – WEEK 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Goujons or Sandwich	Breakfast Wrap Or Sandwich	Roast Chicken Or Sandwich	Burger in a Bun Or Sandwich	Fish Fingers and Chips or Sandwich
Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar
Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt or Treat Friday

**Cool water, fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily*

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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 at inspection reports etc.

Our school website can be found at:

<https://www.st-josephs-dovercourt.essex.sch.uk/>



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

FAITH • LEARN • GROW • TOGETHER

'Kind words, kind hands'

Together
we can make
a difference



Cake & Coffee Afternoon



Friday
25th September



School Hall
from 2.30pm



Homemade Cakes and
Cake Donations would be
hugely grateful.



Good
Cake
Brighter
Days



**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

Cakes, coffee and a brighter
tomorrow for people living
with cancer.



Help us create a new piece of history in Harwich!

To celebrate the regeneration work taking place in Harwich we want you to design a new Coat of Arms celebrating all things Harwich and why it is such a special place. The winning design will be recreated on the utility cabinet outside of Harwich Library, with a celebratory unveiling for the winning artist to attend.

Harwich has an official Crest (Coat-of-Arms) which can be found in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall and represents key images that make Harwich special.

The Portcullis: (A portcullis is a heavy, vertically closing gate used in medieval fortifications) Pendent from the mast this is a classic royal emblem indicating the town's defensive strength and role as a heavily fortified maritime stronghold



The Ship: Positioned on waves represents Harwich's historic status as a vital naval base and shipbuilding center

The motto for Harwich is written in Latin 'Omnia Bona Bonis' which translates 'To the good all things are good'

Who can enter?

- Children and young people aged 18 and under. (Entries must be submitted by a parent or legal guardian if the Entrant is under 13 years old).
- Entrants must live in Harwich or attend a school, college, community group or organisation in Harwich.

Competition dates

- Opens: 28 July 2026
- Closes: 15 September 2026

How to enter

Submit one original Coat of Arms design celebrating Harwich, either digitally to ECCHarwichArt@essex.gov.uk or as a paper copy, on the entry form overleaf, to Harwich Library.

Judging and prizes

Up to five finalists will be shortlisted by an Essex County Council appointed panel. Finalist designs will be displayed at Harwich Library for a public vote and all will receive a prize. The winning artist will receive the top prize of a £100 voucher and their design will be recreated outside Harwich Library.

Terms & Conditions

Entry into this competition is subject to the Competition Terms & Conditions, available at: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/standard-competition-terms-and-conditions>. By submitting an entry, the entrant and/or parent or guardian confirms they have read and accepted the Terms & Conditions.

For more information and the competition notice, please go to our website: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/2026/harwich-coat-arms-design-competition-notice>

Within the box below, we invite you to design a new Harwich Coat of Arms that symbolises and celebrates Harwich.



Name:

Age:

Contact Email Address:

School/College:

Privacy Notice

By entering this competition, you agree to Essex County Council (ECC) processing your personal data. ECC is the controller of the personal information you provide to us. The personal information collected on this form will be used by ECC to administer and manage the art competition in line with UK General Data Protection Regulation. This information will only be shared with Tendring District Council (TDC) and Harwich Arts and Heritage Centre for the purposes of administering the competition, including shortlisting entries, arranging public voting, contacting entrants, distributing prizes and promoting winning or shortlisted artwork. For more detail on how your personal information is used and your rights, please visit www.essex.gov.uk/privacy



Essex County Council

Tendring
District Council



FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

OF NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Delivered by the Mental Health Support Team

@EssexMHST_and_SETcamhs

SCAN TO
REGISTER



bit.ly/4jtb46c



Meltdowns and Shutdowns

14th October 9:30 am

Communication Differences

19th October 7:00 pm

Striving to provide the best care by the best people



NHS
North East London
NHS Foundation Trust

FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF PRIMARY-AGED CHILDREN

Delivered by the Mental Health Support Team

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SCAN TO
REGISTER



bit.ly/3MaR1wJ



Understanding and Supporting with Challenging Behaviour

1st October 9:30 am

Introduction to Understanding Autism

8th October 6:30 pm

Introduction to Understanding ADHD

12th October 9:30 am

Emotional Regulation

5th October 7:00 pm



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Caroline Huggins is raising money for Multiple Sclerosis Society
London Marathon 2027 - Sunday · 25 April 2027 ·

I'm so grateful for all the support I received when I completed the MacMillan charity run at the Edinburgh Marathon in May 2026. It was a huge challenge, both mentally and physically, but crossing the finish line and receiving my medal was an unforgettable moment.

Now I'm taking on my next challenge: the London Marathon 2027 - Sunday, taking place on 25 April 2027, in support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. This cause is especially close to my heart, as a close family member was diagnosed with MS when I was very young, and I have seen first-hand how deeply this condition can affect everyday life.

Multiple Sclerosis is a devastating disease, and while there has been encouraging progress in research and treatment over the past 20 years, there is still no cure. Continued research, awareness, and support are essential if we are to move closer to a future without MS.

I would be truly grateful if you could support my fundraising target of £2,500. Every donation, no matter the size, helps fund vital work and brings hope to people and families affected by this condition. Thank you for taking the time to read my story and for considering a donation to help make a difference.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/caroline-huggins-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



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E-SCOOTERS

IN ALL PUBLIC SPACES

X ROADS **X** PAVEMENTS **X** PARKS

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A FINE OR POINTS ON
YOUR LICENCE

YOUR E-SCOOTER
COULD BE SEIZED BY
POLICE

YOU CAN ONLY RIDE
ON PRIVATE LAND
WITH PERMISSION



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