



Dear Parents, Family Members, and Community Members,

It has been yet another enriching week at St. Joseph's, filled with learning, reflection, and a sense of community. On Monday, we gathered together to share the Parable of the Mustard Seed. This thought-provoking biblical tale invites us to contemplate the nature of God's Kingdom. I encouraged the children to reflect on what the word "kingdom" evokes for them. What might God's Kingdom truly be like? I prompted them to ponder the significance of small beginnings and the small acts that can contribute to the establishment of God's Kingdom on Earth. Each child was challenged to consider what small actions they could undertake today that would inspire a "kingdom moment."



We discussed meaningful gestures such as holding doors for others and practising kindness, reinforcing the idea that from these modest acts, great things can flourish. I asked the children to consider: which 'kingdoms' will you begin today?



On Monday, we also celebrated the achievements of our talented Year 3 and 4 footballers, who represented St. Joseph's during the indoor football tournament. The report from Mr. Gueizelar was that the children performed admirably, making it to the semi-finals and ultimately securing a well-deserved third place finish. Competing against schools that are two to three times larger is no small feat, and I commend our team for their determination and skill. A special mention must go to Coen and Zach, particularly as they were among the youngest participants. Zach was recognised as Player of the Tournament, a title affirmed by many adults in attendance. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Gueizelar and Mrs. Campbell for their unwavering support and dedication during the tournament.

Additionally, our Class 1 children embarked on their very first school trip to our local parish church, Our Lady Queen of Heaven. Mrs. Wiltshire expressed that the children were exemplary in their behaviour, and the outing proved to be a wonderful experience for them. I would like to extend my appreciation to Mrs. Jane Dunbar from the parish for her infinite kindness and the continual support she provides to our school, as well as to all of our parent helpers.



I must apologise for my absence from school on Thursday and Friday, as I was attending a diocesan headteachers' conference focused on my own learning and spiritual development. I trust that Mr. Higgins was able to share in our celebration during Worship in my absence.

Given my limited presence in school this week, I have asked the class teachers to share highlights from their activities with their children as we continue to foster a culture of learning and growth...

Class 3 have created kindness trees during SMILE this week



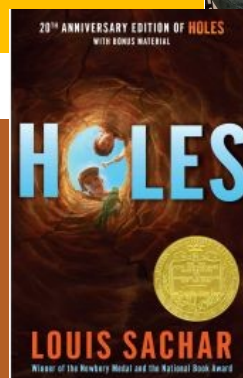
In sciences, Class 2 have been measuring our hands, feet and height. We used string to measure how tall we are. This was for science as we've been looking at body patterns and how we have changed since we were babies.



Class 1 visited Our Lady Queen of Heaven church to get 'Baby Elsa' Baptised.



Class 4 have finished reading the book Holes which they really enjoyed. This week they have been creating story maps to retell the story and also created an advertising brochure for Camp Green Lake which was setting for the book.



Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	Late Marks
Class 1	98.10%	98.10%	1
Class 2	94.23%	99.23%	0
Class 3	94.85%	93.94%	6
Class 4	95.45%	94.24%	2

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to welcome a visitor from the Young Carers for an assembly on Wednesday morning, followed by another assembly from a representative of the Harwich and Parkeston Football Club in the afternoon. This assembly will mark the celebration of the club's impressive 150th anniversary and will provide an opportunity for our children to learn about its rich history. We shall conclude our week on Friday with the crucial head boy/girl interviews, an event I anticipate with great enthusiasm.

I hope all of our families enjoy a lovely and safe weekend. Thank you for your continued support and engagement with our school community.

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Take care – God Bless- Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Certificates Winners This Week:

Class 1: Amelia and Maksymilian

Class 2: Orla and Travis

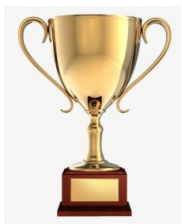
Class 3: Diamond, Jeremy, Coen and Zachary

Class 4: Teddie, Taylor, Robbie, Reece and Avery

Mrs Golding's Headteacher Award:

Whole School Attendance this week: 96.02%

Winning Class this week: Class 2 - 99.23%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST GEORGE

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 13th October	Football Match at Mayflower—First League Game
Thurs 16th October	Football Match at St Joseph's
Fri 17th October	Head Boy and Head Girl interviews
Weds 22nd October	Open Day—Prospective Parents—details below Spooky Disco—See below
Fri 24th October	Last Day for Children before Half Term
Weds 5th November	9am Remembrance Mass at School
Thurs 6th November	Pizza and Catch up—Y7 + Y8 pupils
Weds 12th November	Y6 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 13th October
Week 1 of the menu.....

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School**

Monday

Macaroni Cheese
Garlic Bread and Salad

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Tuesday

Chicken Korma
served with Rice and Naan

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Wednesday

Roast Chicken
served with Roast Potatoes and
Mixed Veg

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Thursday

**Brunch Lunch - Sausage
Bacon and Egg**
served with Hash Brown bites and
Baked Beans

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Friday

Fillet of Fish
served with crispy chips and Petit
Pois

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Available everyday

**A healthy salad bar, fresh fruit and
yoghurt**

Week 1

Menu

Fresh

All our food is
cooked fresh each
day

Healthy

Our pasta, rice and
breads are healthy
wholemeal products

checked

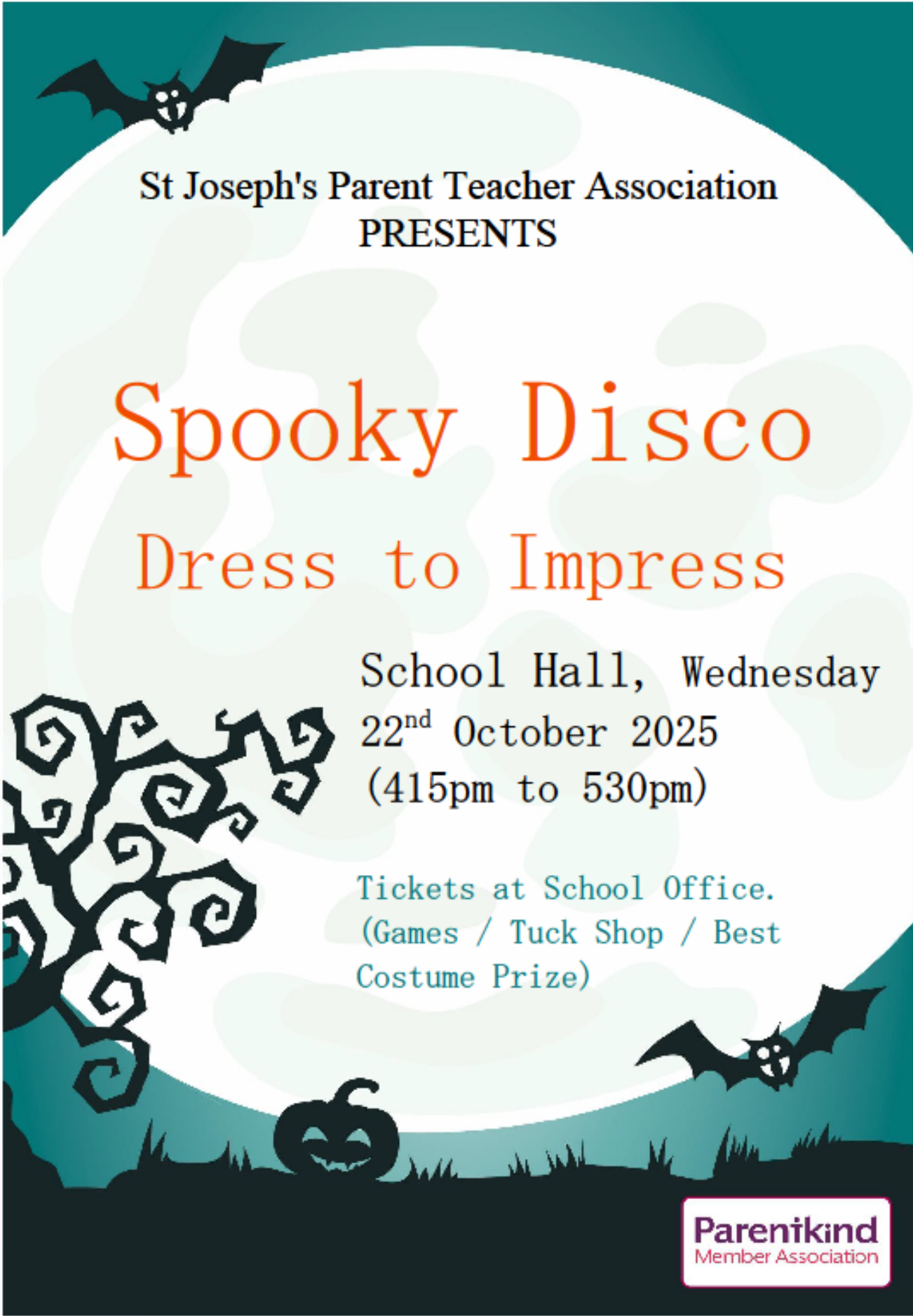
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reputable suppliers
and where possible
use local produce

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.**



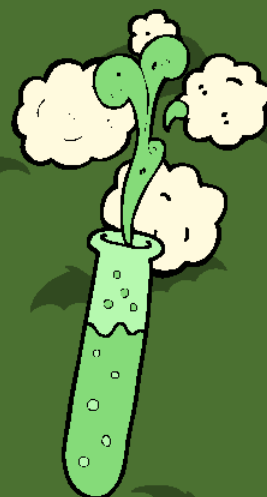
***Please email us to book at:
admin@st-josephs-dovercourt.essex.sch.uk
Or call 01255 503493***

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 PARENTAL MENTAL HEALTH	09/10/2025	16/10/2025	09:30	11:30
FL SIBLING RIVALRY	10/10/2025	10/10/2025	12:30	14:30
FL ROUTINES RULE	17/10/2025	17/10/2025	12:30	14:30

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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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