



Dear Parents, family members and community members,

It has been a quiet week at St. Joseph's, allowing us some time to reflect on the valuable experiences that our children have engaged in recently. It is always heartening to see our children participating rigorously in their learning and extracurricular activities, reinforcing the strong sense of community that we cherish here at our school.

This week, we witnessed a delightful sporting event that brought a great deal of excitement and engagement. On Tuesday, six children from Year 2 and Year 3 attended the Tag Rugby tournament. Mr. Gueizelar, who accompanied them, reported that the children performed remarkably well. They grew significantly into the tournament, demonstrating their skills and sportsmanship while scoring numerous tries throughout the day. It was particularly impressive to observe Isabelle, who captained the side brilliantly. I was informed that her leadership on the field was commendable, and it was inspiring to see her leading her team by example. Isabelle displayed exceptional resilience all afternoon, enduring some heavy knocks that served as a testament to her dedication. Nevertheless, her spirit remained unbroken, and she continuously motivated her teammates to push through challenging moments.

I am also pleased to share that the adults present unanimously agreed that Adam deserved the accolade of Player of the Match. Initially a bit hesitant, Adam managed to step out of his comfort zone and eventually blossomed throughout the afternoon. His infectious smile and tenacity shone through, and I was delighted to learn that he scored a few tries himself. A heartfelt thank you is extended to Mr. Gueizelar, Mr. Phelan, and Mrs. Campbell for escorting the children and providing unwavering support in the lead-up to this event.

Unfortunately, our planned Cricket Day had to be cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions, but I assure you that we will be booking another date soon.

I must sincerely apologise for my absence from the Celebration Worship this week; however, I have no doubt that Mrs. Varley conducted the proceedings admirably, ensuring that our children were celebrated appropriately. I spent the day out of school, engaging in my own professional development and attending a Harwich Education Partnership (HEP) meeting. This collaboration is essential for fostering our connections with other local schools within the partnership.

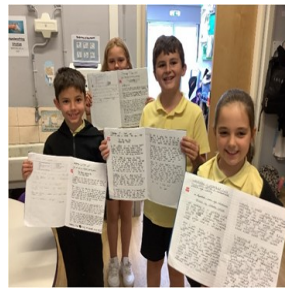
The week also afforded me the privilege of witnessing some remarkable work occurring throughout our school. In Class 1, the children have been learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. Their enthusiasm and curiosity in exploring the cultures, flags, and landmarks of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland have been truly admirable. Class 2 has been honing their skills in understanding the concepts of greater than, less than, and equal to whilst utilising various resources to assist them in their learning journey. Meanwhile, in Class 3, the children have been immersing themselves in the fascinating world of the Stone Age as they diligently crafted their historical stories. Their attention to detail regarding the life and times of this era has been impressive, and the quality of their handwriting only added to the excellence of their presentations. When Daisy and Amelia approached me to showcase their brilliant work, I was genuinely amazed by their creativity and effort. In Class 4, they have been recreating art in the style of Lichtenstein, and they have been focusing on the intriguing technique of Ben Day dots. The children have shown remarkable creativity and enthusiasm in bringing their artistic visions to life.

Looking ahead, next Monday, some children from Class 3 and 4 will proudly represent our school at an indoor football tournament. We wish them the very best of luck and are confident they will showcase the skills and values they have developed during their training. Then, on Wednesday, Class 1 will embark on a visit to Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, an exciting opportunity for them to explore and discover interesting insights about our local parish church.

Additionally, the children came home with club letters this week. Please ensure these are completed as soon as possible to secure your child a place in our after-school activities. We strive to offer a variety of extracurricular activities for our children, and with each term, we will introduce different clubs. I am excited to announce that Mrs. Campbell's very popular dance club will be starting in the Spring term.

As we come to the end of another delightful week, I hope you enjoy a lovely, safe weekend with your families. Thank you for your continued support.

Take care – God Bless- Mrs. Golding



Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	Late Marks
Class 1	95.24%	98.10%	0
Class 2	91.54%	94.23%	3
Class 3	98.18%	94.85%	6
Class 4	94.85%	95.45%	1



Certificate Winners

Certificates Winners This Week:

Class 1: Antoni and Leo

Class 2: Jude, Lincoln, Adam, Travis and Edie

Class 3: James, Isabelle, Nicco and Jax

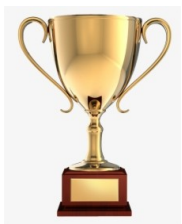
Class 4: James M and Avery

Mrs Golding's Headteacher Award:

Daisy and Amelia (Class 3)

Whole School Attendance this week: 95.49%

Winning Class this week: Class 1 - 98.10%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST DAVID

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 6th October	Indoor Football Selected Children
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—details to follow
Weds 12th November	Y6 Electric Palace—Crucial Crew—details to follow
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
Fri 28th November	Non Pupil Day—School Closed to Children
Fri 5th December	Christmas Bazaar—details to follow

The non pupil days are:

Friday 28th November

Monday 5th January

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 6th October
Week 3 of the menu.....

There are some changes this week—apologies for this.

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School**

Monday

**Meatballs with a choice
of sauces**
Served with Pasta

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Tuesday

Tomato Pasta Bake

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Wednesday

**Chicken Goujons and
Wedges**

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Thursday

**Jacket Potato with a
selection of fillings**

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Friday

Pizza

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Available everyday

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

Week 3

Menu

Fresh

All our food is
cooked fresh each
day

Healthy

Our pasta, rice and
breads are healthy
wholemeal products

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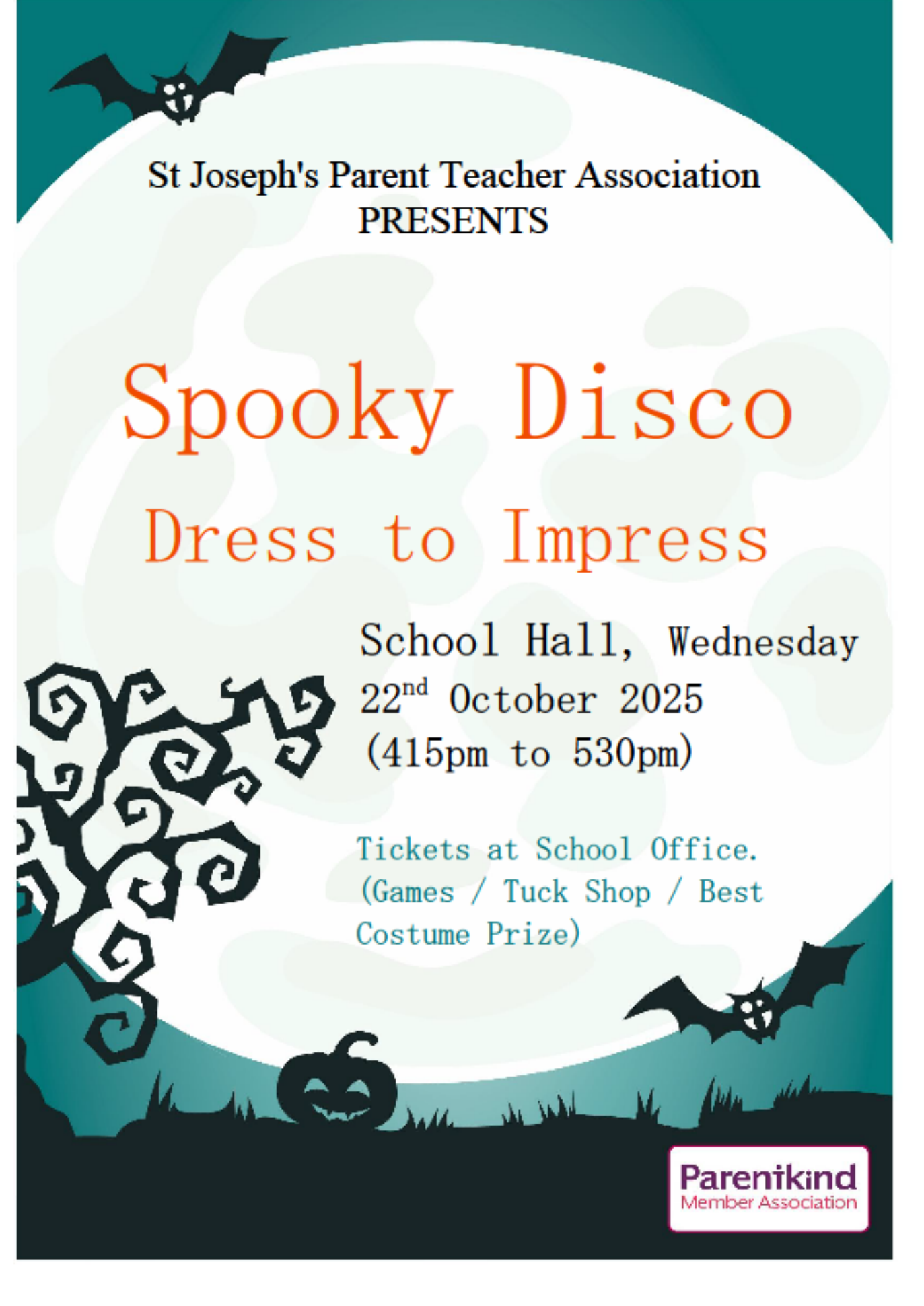
We always use
reputable
suppliers and
where possible use
local produce

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***

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Community & Family Learning Courses

Online Courses

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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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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25th Oct-1st Nov

Half Term Pumpkin Trail

Join us for half term fun this October.
Explore the garden to find the hidden
pumpkins.
Kids go free!



Book admission online
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