St Joseph's Catholic Primary
We follow in St Joseph's footsteps building a community of love, trust, respect and learning.

9th October 2026

Good afternoon,

Where does the time go! I can't believe we only have 2 weeks until half term. The school has been really busy all week with flu immunisations, sporting fixtures and today our harvest festival. Thank you for all of your donations earlier in the week they will were greatly received and will go to a good cause.

The school council visited Holland Park for a multi schools council and shared their ideas with clarity and confidence. Next week 2 of our children will be visiting the Houses of Parliament as part of their role too.

We look forward to seeing you for the parent teacher conferences on Tuesday evening to share how well your children are progressing.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Bevan

Our Harvest Celebration was a joy to be part of with beautiful singing, confident reading and thoughtful prayers. As the children said, we are indeed very lucky to be part of such a supportive community. All of the donations will be taken to the food bank where Debbie and Mark will teach us all about food banks and the children will get to pack some bags ready for donation. Our Catholic Social Teaching focus for this month is solidarity and we have modelled that perfectly this week. Next week Class 2 will be teaching us about how to take care of our minds and the minds of others by being good friends in our Thursday assembly.

As always next week is lining up to be another one filled with fun and excitement. Today Class 4 had a secret message arrive in the post from an undercover agent (all suspicious currently lie with Mrs Colley). Mrs Colley has been spotted peering through windows wearing sunglasses, spying on class 4 with binoculars and using a suspicious walkie talkie! The excitement was the talk of the school! What is she up to? I guess we will find out next week...
Next Thursday Miss Perkins will be taking 2 children to the Houses of Parliament for a debate in the house of commons. What a wonderful experience for our children! On Friday we have a cricket coach for the whole school, so P.E kits are needed for the whole school on Friday. If you are a parent or carer in class 4, we will be holding our first class mass on Friday at 10am, this will be in the hall at school. We hope to see you there!

I hope you all enjoy the last few days of Autumn sunshine this weekend, and if the weather turns a bit more chilly, please send the children in with coats.
Have a wonderful weekend, God bless,
Mrs Leigh

Attendance

Class	Last Week	This Week
1	96.36%	93.18%
2	95.17%	97.93%
3	98.75%	100%
4	98.18%	97.58%



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Ellis and Logan

Class 2: Thea, Bella and Ivan

Class 3: Jeremy and Thomasina

Class 4: Mia, Eden and James Mc

Whole School Attendance this Week: 97.50%

Winning Class this Week: Class 3 – 100%





Winning House Team This Week:

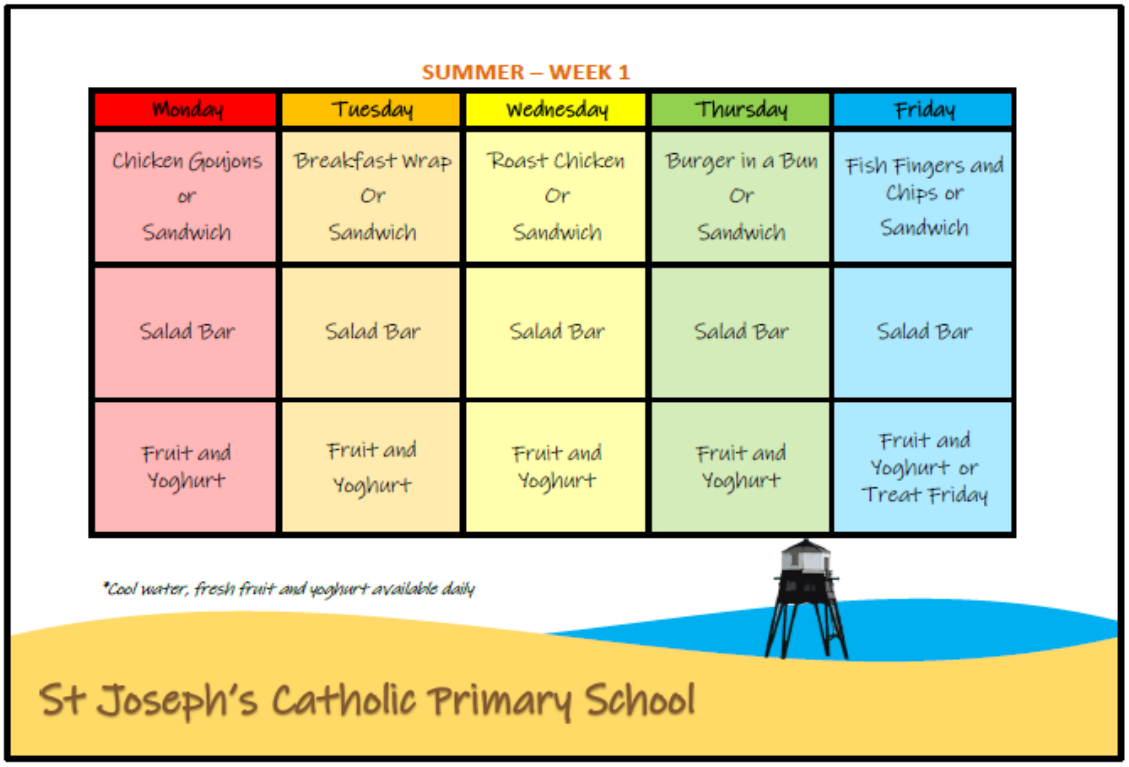
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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Weds 14th October	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Fri 16th October	10am Class 4 Mass in school Cricket Day – All classes need PE Kit KS2 Rugby Event – Selected Children at Rugby Club 1pm
Mon 19th October	pm Indoor Football – Selected Children – No parents
Tues 20th October	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Fri 23rd October	Non Pupil Day
Mon 26th October	Half Term – 1 Week
Mon 2nd November	Back to School
Weds 4th November	Spooky Disco – details to follow
Thurs 5th November	Class 4 Electric Palace – Crucial Crew
Tues 10th November	Open Day for Prospective Parents – see below
Weds 18th November	Open Day for Prospective Parents – see below
Mon 23rd November	Class 4 Residential
Fri 11th December	Christmas Bazaar – details to follow
Fri 18th December	Last day of term

Term Dates for 2026/2027 are on our School Website

Week Beginning Monday 12th October
Week 1 of the Menu



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/

Join Essex Pedal Power at the

GLOW ride



GLOW UP YOUR BIKES

Join our #GlowRide and be part of a nationwide movement lighting up the streets for safer cycling with Cycling UK's #MyRideOurRight campaign.

THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER

We'll meet at **Cliff Park** at **6.00pm**.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

This will be a ride along the High Street, up to Cliff Park and back.

Bring your neon, your lights and decorate your bike with us before the ride!

we are cycling UK

Essex pedal Power

Larry's LITTER PICK!!



My mum has been awarded a charity place for the MS Society in the London marathon on the 25th April 2027. As I do not have my own money to donate, I am doing this to help.

My Grandad has MS and he is bedbound.
I will be doing my sponsored litter pick on the 21st March 2027. I will be walking along the Harwich Prom starting at West End Lane and finishing at the Sailing club, giving it a good tidy up!

If anyone would like to sponsor me it would make me happy. All monies raised will go on my mums go fund me page.

JustGiving

Scan to visit Caroline Huggins's JustGiving Page

MS Society

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Free courses for parents & carers

5th - 16th October 2026

Gain practical **tips and techniques** you can use straight away.

Be around others that 'get it' in our **supportive and friendly** sessions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5th October	6th October	7th October	8th October	9th October
	Zones of Regulation Online Live 12:30 - 2:30pm	**Understanding ASC in Children** Online Live 6:30 - 8:30pm **Managing Big Emotions** Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	**Understanding Children's Anxiety** Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	**Understanding Teens Anxiety** Online Live 9:30 - 11:30am
12th October	13th October	14th October	15th October	16th October
	Family First Aid Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm		**Family First Aid** Online Live 9:30 - 11:30am	

To book, please visit **aclessex.com** and search the course name or give us a call on **0345 603 7635**.

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Free courses for parents & carers

19th - 30th October 2026

Gain practical **tips and techniques** you can use straight away.

Be around others that 'get it' in our **supportive and friendly** sessions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19th October	20th October	21st October	22nd October	23rd October
Managing Anger in Young People Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	**Separtation Anxiety (Primary)** Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	**Separation Anxiety (Early Years)** Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	**Managing Conflict at Home** Online Live 7:00 - 9:00pm	**Building Better Routines** Online Live 9:30 - 11:30am
26th October	27th October	28th October	29th October	30th October

Half Term Week! Visit aclessex.com to see what's starting soon.

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Mindfulness

Scan to register

This free 6-week course is designed for parents and carers of young children and teenagers. It explores how mindfulness can support you in your parenting role, helping to reduce stress, build confidence, and bring more calm, kindness, and enjoyment into everyday family life.

Each week you will learn simple mindfulness practices for yourself, along with fun activities you can share with your child at home.

The course includes:

- **Parent Journal**
- **A booklet of mindfulness practices for children**
- **6 guided mindfulness recordings**

These practices are designed to support your wellbeing while creating meaningful and enjoyable moments with your child.

STARTS
WEDNESDAY 4TH
NOVEMBER 2026
FOR 6 WEEKS
9.30AM - 11.30AM
EMMANUEL WALTON
CHURCH
WALTON ON THE NAZE
CO14 8EB



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North East Autumn Term

The Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshow

Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.

The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!

Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm

Thursday 15 October 2026

Frinton-on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club, 36 Holland Road, Frinton-on-sea, CO13 9ES

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

Christmas

AFTERNOON TEA



SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 14:00 - 16:00

TENDRING DISTRICT SCOUT CENTRE
VALLEY ROAD, CLACTON-ON-SEA, CO15 6NA

£15
PER ADULT
(INCLUDES 1 UNDER 18 CHILD FREE)

£2.50
£2.50 FOR EACH EXTRA CHILD

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Scan the QR code to book

https://forms.gle/G72mSbzn4NPdBfmQ7

international@tendringdistrictscouts.co.uk

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE AND VOLUNTEERS ON THEIR INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONS IN 2027!

Scouts

1st/2nd Parkeston

Group Lead Volunteer: Brian Mayo

Baden Powell Scout Hall, Parkeston Road, Harwich, CO12 4HA

BEAVERS

6 - 8 years

Make friends and try new indoor and outdoor activities

Thursday 16:30 - 18:00

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8 - 10 ½ years

Learn practical skills while having adventures with friends

St George Pack Tuesday 18:30 - 20:00
St Edmund Pack Wednesday 18:30 - 20:00



SCOUTS

10 ½ - 14 years

Build confidence, resilience and a sense of adventure

Orwell Troop Monday 19:30 - 21:00
Stour Troop Friday 19:30 - 21:00

EXPLORERS

14 - 18 years

Take the lead, work together and embrace new experiences

Thursday 20:00 - 21:30

Do More.
Share More.
Be More.

#SkillsForLife

Scan the QR code to join the Scouting adventure today!

SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONS 2027

INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE

TENDRING DISTRICT SCOUT CENTRE
Valley Road, Clacton-On-Sea, CO16 6NA

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2026
SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2027

09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

£10
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