Good afternoon,

hat a busy week again, it feels like it has been 5 days still! The children have been looking at democracy in action this week with a visit from Tendring council to run a whole school referendum. The children will be pleased to hear that they can choose juice on a Friday lunchtime after the vote and this has been kindly provided to the school already. They were very impressed with the children and even started earmarking our helpers for future jobs! Well done to everyone for representing the school so well.

In the same vein we had a visit from Flavio Vetesse from the diocese and he was extremely impressed with the children and how good the learning behaviours are in school. He has said he can't wait to come and visit again and learn more about the school.

Following on from harvest we took the donations down to the food bank on Tuesday and some of the children stayed to help organise the items for families in need.

I think the half-term has arrived just in time! I hope you all have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you on November 2nd.

All the best,
Mr Bevan

Dear parents and carers,

The Autumn term in a primary school is always a busy one. Settling the children into new routines, meeting new faces and facing new challenges with our learning. However, here at St Joseph's, even with two new teachers (Mr Bevan and myself) the children adapted with amazing resilience and joy. The outstanding behaviour and attitudes to learning here at St Joseph's is a testament to the very real sense of family that we are blessed to have. I want to thank you all as parents for being part of this family, for supporting us as a school, for raising children who are compassionate and kind, and for your dedication to supporting your child's education.

This week, as we strengthen our understanding of Solidarity, I took a group of children to the food bank to hand over your generous donations. The food bank is an amazing service, and we learnt a lot about how it is run and used by our community. If you ever feel that you need any support with food or finances, please visit them at 5 George Street, Dovercourt, Harwich, CO12 3ND on Fridays between 10 and 12.

Class 2 shared an assembly about being a good friend. They asked us some really challenging questions such as. "Does a good friend have to play with you every day?" I'll certainly be having that conversation with my own children when I get home tonight. Well done class 2!

On the first week back we will be having our bonfire safety assembly just in time for November the 5th and on Wednesday we have our Spooky Disco. As always our sporty side is ready to shine with cross country on the Wednesday and a football match on Monday and class 4 are off to the Electric palace on the Thursday for our Crucial Crew event.

Over the half term, why not visit the library? Reading for pleasure is such a crucial part of a child's development, at any age, and is a key factor in approving attention and creativity. We would love to hear about any books your child has read over the half term. Send us your photos of any library visits or moments of peaceful reading for a new display coming soon in November.

Wishing you a wonderful, relaxing half term.
God bless,
Mrs Leigh

Attendance

Class	Last Week	This Week
1	92.73%	96.59%
2	95.52%	91.38%
3	97.50%	94.14%
4	96.36%	100%








POLLING
STATION





PIC·COLLAGE




TOMATO
LASAGNE
SOURDOUGH
PASTA 'N SAUCE
SUPER NOODLES
CHICKEN FLAVOUR
RADOX

Certificate Winners

Certificates continue after half-term

Class 1:

Class 2:

Class 3:

Class 4:

Whole School Attendance this Week:
95.69%

Winning Class this Week: Class 4 – 100%





Winning House Team This Week:

To be continued

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Fri 23rd October	Non Pupil Day
Mon 26th October	Half Term – 1 Week
Mon 2nd November	Back to School Football Match at St Joseph's V All Saints Gt Oakley
Weds 4th November	Cross Country - Selected Children at Gt Oakley Airfield Spooky Disco 4.15pm to 5.30pm
Thurs 5th November	Class 4 Electric Palace – Crucial Crew First Class 3 Swim Session
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
Weds 25th November	Book Fair Arrives – more details to follow
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 2nd November
Week 1 of the Menu

Winter/Spring – WEEK 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Goujons or Sandwich/Jackets	Breakfast Wrap Or Sandwich/Jackets	Roast Chicken Or Sandwich/Jackets	Burger in a Bun Or Sandwich/Jackets	Fish Fingers and Chips or Sandwich/Jackets
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 PTA
presents

OUR SPOOKY DISCO

Wednesday 4th November
In School Hall.

415pm to 530pm.
(All Classes)

Tickets £3
from the School Office

Tuck Shop Available

Games and Prizes to be won.

Prize for Best Costume

Fantastic For Families

HARWICH Library

action art PLAY

LOCAL ARTIST DALE

FREE art play for families of all ages

FREE HOLIDAY FUN





No booking required.
Just drop-in

27th Oct | 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Essex County Council Libraries

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Open Days for Parents/Carers Applying for Reception School Places to Start School in September 2027

Tuesday 10th November from 10am to 4.30pm

Wednesday 18th November 1.30pm to 6pm

Tours run throughout the day – Please call or email to book your place. We look forward to seeing you.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, The Drive, Dovercourt, Harwich, Essex, CO12 3SU Tel: 01255 503493

admin@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

extra

Scan to book your free place!

ADHD Workshop

Join us for a friendly and informative workshop designed to help you better understand Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and feel more confident in supporting your child.

Together, we'll explore:

What is ADHD?

How the brain works in children with ADHD

Understanding Rejection Sensitive Dysphoria (RSD)

Practical, positive strategies you can use at home

This session is all about giving you helpful insights, simple tools, and reassurance — so you can respond to your child's needs with greater understanding and confidence.



Karen - Parent Services Manager



Lauren, MBACP
Integrative Counsellor and Associate Facilitator

Thursday 26th November 2026
9.30am - 12pm

Harwich and Dovercourt High School



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Managing Anxiety

This free 9 week programme aims to help parents/carers manage their own and/or their child's anxiety.

Within the course we examine what anxiety is and how it effects our thoughts, feelings, body and behaviour. It explores how to interrupt the anxiety cycle by challenging negative thoughts and ways of managing the physical effects of anxiety.

Starts Friday 6th November 2026
10am - 12pm

Park Pavilion, Barrack Lane, Harwich. CO12 3NS



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Flatford Nature Day

Tuesday 27th October 2026

Join us at Flatford for our autumn Nature Day!

Lots of free, nature-themed activities to get stuck into including:

- Pond dipping
- Hedgehog trails
- Fun nature quizzes
- Hands-on arts & crafts
- Leafy and riverside strolls

Free

...and much more!

Drop in activities 11am – 3pm



Enjoy the great outdoors around Flatford this October half-term

There will be something for all the family!

There is a charge of £6.00 for use of the National Trust car park for non-members.

Call Field Studies Council Flatford Mill on 01206 297110 for more details.

Field Studies Council

River Stour Trust

Dedham Vale National Landscape

RSPB

National Trust

Dedham Vale National Landscape Dark Skies Campaign

Scouts
Tendring

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

V **GF**
VEGETARIAN & GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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
6FT TABLE HIRE

BOOK YOUR TABLE

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Charity

Victorian Christmas Market

SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

10AM TO 3PM

Princes Theatre, Station Road,
Clacton on Sea, CO15 1SE

£1 per person (under 16s are free)



- Christmas cards & decorations
- Meet the Panto Cast for 2026
- Jewellery, candles, gifts
- Variety of choirs and entertainment
- Crafts, toys, tombolas
- Books, fair trade goods
- Stocking fillers, preserves
- Father Christmas
- Refreshments, lunches and cakes

All proceeds to charities attending

CVST

Community Voluntary Services Together