Good afternoon,

Another busy week at St Joseph's. Our football team were unlucky to lose out in a well fought game against All Saints at the beginning of the week but the team played really well with Jax getting man of the match for his hard work.

There has also been a cross country event where the children again performed brilliantly with children surprising themselves at how well it went! Well done to all of those who took part and especially those who may get invited to regionals as a result.

The spooky disco was a great success and raised lots of funds- thank you to everyone involved in organising it and for staffing it.

The children received an assembly from Essex fire and rescue so hopefully they can help to ensure everyone is safe around any fireworks and bonfires this weekend!

I would also like to ask for your prayers to remember a former student at St Joseph's, Martin Tye, who sadly passed away recently. Please see the epitaph shared from our governor Greg.

Wishing you a wonderful remembrance weekend,

Mr Bevan

Our Catholic Social Teaching principle for the month of November is 'preferential option for the poor'. As a result, Class 3 are leading 'Operation Christmas Child'. Class 3 are looking to collect small items that can go into shared shoe boxes to be given as Christmas gifts to children across the world. If you are out doing your shopping this weekend, please consider getting something small to brighten a child's day. Class 3 will be very grateful and I know they are very excited to pack these wonderful gift boxes full of gifts.

Sport has featured highly this week, so I would like to congratulate any child who has taken part in a sporting event recently - the world needs all sorts of talents to make it an interesting and wonderful place, and being a sporty or athletic person is certainly a talent to be shared and celebrated! A big well done to staff and parents who support these sporting events - we couldn't do it without you!

On Wednesday I was a little scared to come out my office because round about 4:15, as the sky turned dark, some terrifying creatures turned up at our school! But then Mrs Colley told me that it was just the children. The effort with the costumes this year was exceptional, and I love the fact that there were lots of home-made creations! Despite the smoke machine setting off the fire alarm briefly, the children had a fantastic time so yet again a massive thank you to those wonderful parents who go the extra mile.

Talking of going the extra mile, St Joseph's 2025 'I'm a Teacher, Get me Out of Here' has been shortlisted in the NATIONAL Parentkind PTA Awards for 'Fundraising Activity of the Year Award'. The Event is on 25th November, and to be shortlisted is a huge achievement and of course I will update following the awards. We all have our fingers crossed for our PTA, they really are something special!

So as we complete our first week back, I would like to thank you all again for your support. If you are celebrating with any fireworks this weekend, ask the children to remind you how to stay safe, they should know all about it following our visit from the fire brigade this week. If you are staying in, I wish you a restful weekend.

Stay safe, God bless,

Mrs Leigh

Mr Gueizelar's Epitaph:

Martin Tye, a former pupil of St Joseph's, passed away last weekend after a short and sudden illness.

Martin was such a popular character and a friend to many. His passing came as a huge shock to the community and all at St Joseph's send condolences to Kath his partner, Claire (sister), Paul & Lynn (his parents) and addition love and support to his Daughter Avril along with all his family.

There are a number of our parents who will be shocked and saddened by Martin's passing, many of which attended St Joseph's with him. He was a larger-than-life character, a very popular young man with former staff and pupils at St Joseph's and a regular representative in all the schools' sporting achievements.

I would ask you all to keep Martin's family in your prayers at such a difficult time.

Martin's Funeral will take place at Weeley Crematorium on Thursday 26th November at 1015am followed by a Celebration of his Life at the Waterfront. The Family would welcome all to celebrate Martin's life.

Attendance

Class	Last half-term	This Week
1	96.24%	96.82%
2	96.27%	91.38%
3	98.18%	97.81%
4	96.72%	93.94%


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Certificate Winners

Class 1: Mabel and Penny

Class 2: Eddie and Wynter

Class 3: Ishmael, Belle, Jax and Nicco

Class 4: Amora, Isaac, Jaxx, Finn, Daisy, Lizzy, Rupert, Ellie, Harper, Harper-Lillie, Ellie, Remi, Emma, Zach, Coen, Jack, James M and Eden

Whole School Attendance this week:

94.91%

Winning Class this Week:

Class 3 – 97.81%





Winning House Team This Week:

ST ANDREW

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tues 10th November	Open Day for Prospective Parents – see below
Weds 18th November	Open Day for Prospective Parents – see below 3pm Football Match at Ardleigh St Mary's – all welcome
Fri 20th November	Non Uniform – collecting bottles for the Christmas bazaar 10am Class 3 Mass at School
Mon 23rd November	Class 4 Residential
Weds 25th November	Book Fair Arrives – more details to follow
Fri 4th December	Non Uniform – collecting sweets/chocolates for the bazaar 10am Advent Mass
Fri 11th December	9.30am Penitential Service at School Christmas Bazaar – details to follow
Tues 15th December	6pm Christmas Nativity Play Class 1 + 2 – tickets will follow
Weds 16th December	2pm Christmas Nativity Play Class 1 + 2 – tickets will follow
Fri 18th December	Last day of term – There will be a Carol service but I haven't got the details yet!
Tues 5th January 2027	Children return to School (Monday is a non-pupil day)

Term Dates for 2026/2027 are on our School Website

Week Beginning Monday 9th November
Week 2 of the Menu

Winter/Spring – WEEK 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Burger Or Sandwich/Jackets	Pizza Or Sandwich/Jackets	Roast Chicken Or Sandwich/Jackets	Brunch Lunch 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/

HARWICH GUY CARNIVAL 2026

PRIZE WINNERS

GROUP 1 – OPEN CATEGORY
(Winner is awarded Round Table Shield)



- FIRST – Barnados
- SECOND – RNLI

GROUP 2 – SMALL FIRMS AND ORGANISATIONS
(Winner is awarded Harwich Rotary Shield)



- FIRST – Connexions
- SECOND – The Hub

GROUP 3 – SMALL GROUPS
(Winner is awarded the Hostler Cup)



- FIRST – Local Legends
- SECOND – Creative Tendring
- THIRD – Carnival Guys

GROUP 4 – PUB AND CLUB
(Winner is awarded the Harwich and District Community Association Trophy)



- FIRST – Royal Oak
- SECOND – Harwich and Dovercourt Sailing Club
- THIRD – Little Oakley Football Club

GROUP 5 – MAN POWERED CONTRAPTIONS
(Winner is awarded the Harwich Lifeboat Crew Trophy)



- FIRST – Beetle Juice (Laura Taylor)
- SECOND – Freak Show
- THIRD – (Joint 3rd) Bat Mobile
  The Mills Family Pedal Power Halloween theme

THE BUM TROPHY
for the most amusing float

Local Legends

THE DOUG JENNINGS SHIELD FOR THE MOST TOPICAL

Royal Oak

BEST FANCY DRESS – AUDIENCE – BETTY HOLBROOK MEMORIAL TROPHY
(FOR CHILDREN WATCHING)

- FIRST – Lincoln Day
- SECOND – Myah Collins and Leo Smith
- THIRD – (Joint) Rosalie Thompson and Obi and Bowie Davidson

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS

AGE GROUP 0–5

- FIRST PRIZE – Queen Tatiana – Harper Atrill

AGE GROUP 6–9

- FIRST PRIZE – Bat Man – Teddie Mills
- SECOND PRIZE – Manticore – Thomasina Dorling
- THIRD PRIZE – Alien Bird – Poem Mathur

AGE GROUP 10–14

- FIRST PRIZE – Tic Tac – Ellie-May Jacobs
- SECOND PRIZE – Cheshire Cat – Matilda Florence Campbell
- THIRD PRIZE – Fortnite – Mason Smith

ADULT FANCY DRESS
FIRST PRIZE – JEFF SALLOWS TROPHY

- FIRST – Cruella and Co. – Lauren Taylor
- SECOND – Freddie Mercury – Tayla Jake
- THIRD – Freddie Krueger – Jason Tyrell

BEST DANCE GROUP
FIRST PRIZE and BOKGIE SHOES TROPHY

Witham Twirlettes

BEST BIG HEAD 2026

ADULT 'Best Big Head' Award

- FIRST PRIZE – Lighthouse Lil – Beth Taylor
- SECOND – Hollow Knights – Lord Family
- THIRD – Eeyore and Winnie the Pooh – Barbara and Lily

UNDER 15'S 'Best Big Head' Award

- FIRST PRIZE – Dolly Parton – Tayla Fensom
- SECOND – Hollow Knight – Jason Lord
- THIRD – Puss in Boots – Emmie Phelan

UNDER 10'S 'Best Big Head' Award

- FIRST PRIZE – Manticore – Thomasina Dorling
- SECOND – Panic – Poem Mathur
- THIRD – Batman – Joshua Youngs

FAMILY GROUP OF BIG HEADS

- FIRST PRIZE – Local Legends – Taylor Family

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

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Mindfulness

Scan to register

This free 5-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 11th November 2026
9.30am - 12pm
Online

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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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- Improves emotional wellbeing
- Routines and boundaries
- Parenting confidence
- Social connection
- Life skills

To register email Office@homestartcjc.co.uk

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Family Learning

Assertive Parenting







- Parent with confidence and **consistency**
- Promote cooperation and **independence**
- Build **positive** family relationships

Details

10 Nov 2026
6.30-8.30pm
3 weeks
Free

Location: Online Live, Join from the comfort of your own home!

Visit **aclessex.com** and search 'assertive parenting' or give us a call on **0345 603 7635**.

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