Good afternoon,

The school has been full of life this week with children working hard right from the beginning of the day. You will have received a consultation letter at the beginning of the week about a 2 week half-term break in October- please do get your responses in as we want to make any decision based on the feedback we get from you all. If you have any questions about it please feel free to ask either Mrs Leigh or myself and we will do our best to give you more information.

We held an open day for prospective reception children on Tuesday and the children from Class 4 who helped with this were absolutely fantastic showing them why St Joseph's should be top of their list when they choose a primary school!

Wednesday was a day for Remembrance and again the children demonstrated respect and all the values we expect of them as they remembered those who gave for us. Yesterday we had a visit to share some of the charity work that goes on in the local area from Les, if anyone is able to help out in any way with gifts please feel free to drop them into school and we can pass them on.

I hope you all get to enjoy Children in Need today- we didn't ask for a donation with so much having been asked recently but I am sure you have all been charitable in the community for it anyway!

Next week we have an away trip to Ardleigh for a football fixture on Wednesday and also another open day so please let any friends know if they have children due to start school next year.

Please can I also ask that children including siblings are **not** to use the play equipment before or after school.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Bevan

VACANCY FOR A MDA (Midday Assistant)

We are looking for a temporary Midday Assistant – This will be Monday to Friday from 11.45am to 1pm. And to start as soon as possible.

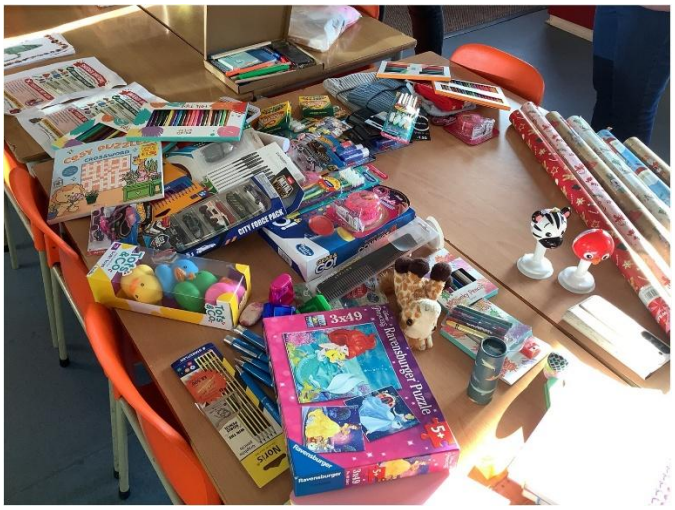
If you are interested please call in and speak to Mrs Colley.

Attendance

Class	Last half-term	This Week
1	96.82%	95%
2	91.38%	98.67%
3	97.81%	98.44%
4	93.94%	96.67%









Miss Perkins would like to thank you for all of your donations and big thank you to the mums who helped wrap, sort and pack the boxes. And thank you to the PTA for paying the postage on each box - She couldn't have done it without you!

ST JOSEPH'S Question of Sport Team





Certificate Winners

Class 1: Elliot and Henley

Class 2: Evie and Darcey

Class 3: Larry, Diamond and Harry

Class 4: Emma, Arwen, Jaxx and Mrs Leigh

Whole School Attendance this week:

97.35%

Winning Class this Week:

Class 2 – 98.67%





Winning House Team This Week:

ST ANDREW

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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~~ apologies this cancelled
Mon 23rd November	Class 4 Residential Class 1 Visit to local charity shop
Weds 25th November	Book Fair Arrives – more details to follow
Fri 4th December	Non Uniform – collecting sweets/chocolates for the bazaar 10am Advent Mass
Tues 8th December	Class 1 and Class 2 Christmas Dinner
Weds 9th December	Class 3 and Class 4 Christmas Dinner
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 16th 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 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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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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