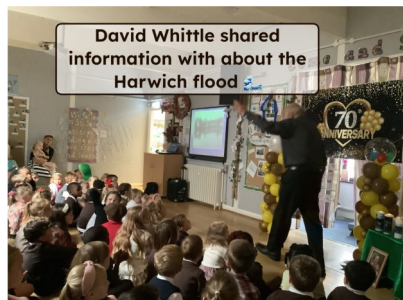




Dear parents, carers, family members and members of our school community,

This week commenced with a truly special day as we celebrated 70 years since our school opened on this site, particularly poignant given the disastrous floods that befell our community in 1953. To mark this remarkable milestone, we had the privilege of hosting Mr. David Whittle from the Harwich Museum, who came to share historical photographs and stories with the children. His presentation facilitated a meaningful discussion regarding the difficulties faced by our predecessors during that challenging time. It was a moment of reflection and appreciation, allowing our children to connect with the history of their surroundings.



Following Mr. Whittle's enlightening session, each class engaged in special activities designed not only to remember the past but also to celebrate our school's vibrant journey. It was heartening to observe the creativity and enthusiasm displayed by the children as they explored themes related to our school's history. To further commemorate the occasion, we indulged in a special treat provided by our kitchen staff, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We were also delighted to welcome members of the local community into the school. Their presence enriched the

atmosphere as they browsed through past photographs and shared cherished memories of our school and its evolution. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all who attended, and a special mention to the children who dressed in 1950s attire to honour the occasion—you all looked fabulous, as did the staff who joined in the spirit of celebration. I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to 'The Celebration Station' for generously providing decorations that added to the festive ambience of the day.



15/9/2025

We can act out the devastating flood in Harwich 1953.



During our worship service on Monday, we took a moment to extend our best wishes to Pope Leo XIV, the leader of the Catholic Church, on his 70th birthday. We prayed for Pope Leo, that he may be strengthened in his service and guide us in faith as we seek to build a better world.

Tuesday proved to be another significant day for our school community, as we welcomed our school photographer. The children looked exceptionally smart, and their delightful smiles contributed to capturing lasting memories for families. It is always wonderful to see our pupils reflecting their school values through their personal presentation, highlighting the pride they take in being part of our community.



Wednesday marked yet another important milestone, as we held our first New School Year Mass. For many of our younger children, this was their first experience of Mass in church, and it was a joyous occasion for all involved. I would like to express my gratitude to the children who read so beautifully, and to those who sang with such passion. Your commitment to making the Mass a reverent and uplifting experience did not go unnoticed. Thank you also to Father Joseph for leading the service, and to all the parents, family members and parishioners who attended to show their support. The Mass provided a lovely opportunity for us to come together as a community to welcome the new school year, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose. I would particularly like to commend our reception children for their remarkable poise during the service; they demonstrated true resilience in sitting through the proceedings.

At the end of Wednesday, we held our 'Meet the Teacher' session, providing an opportunity for parents and guardians to engage with the teaching staff. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to attend; your continued involvement in our school is greatly appreciated. I trust that this was informative and provided you with useful insights into your child's education. Please remember that if you have any further questions or need to communicate with us, Seesaw remains our primary communication platform for parents.

Looking ahead, next week will be relatively quiet in terms of school events. However, please be reminded that there will be no Celebration Worship on Friday, as we will instead be hosting our MacMillan charity cake sale. We greatly appreciate the talents of our budding bakers and would be grateful for any contributions of cakes to support this worthwhile charity. The cake sale will commence at 2:30 PM in the school hall. We invite you to collect your children from their classrooms via the usual doors and join us in the hall to support this important cause.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	Late Marks
Class 1	100%	99.52%	0
Class 2	97.78%	95.83%	3
Class 3	99.09%	96.36%	4
Class 4	93.94%	95.45%	4

I would like to conclude this newsletter by noting that we currently have a small number of places available in Year 2 and Year 3. If you know of any families who might be interested in joining our school community, please encourage them to contact the school office for further information and to arrange a visit.

Additionally, we are seeking an enthusiastic and committed parent to join our dedicated governing body. Parents play a vital role in shaping the direction of our school, collaborating with staff and other governors to ensure that every child receives the very best education. If you are interested or would like more information, please do not hesitate to come and have a chat. Your voice matters—together, we can continue to make St. Joseph's a place where every child flourishes.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community.

Take care - God bless - Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Billy and Chloe

Class 2: Finley and Florence

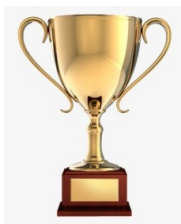
Class 3: Coen and Remi

Class 4: Veronica, Ivy and Matilda

Mrs Golding's Headteacher Award: Celine

Whole School Attendance this week: 96.56%

Winning Class this week: Class 1 - 99.52%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST PATRICK

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 22nd September	Flu immunisations
Fri 26th September	MacMillan Cake Sale
Mon 29th September	Tendring Technology Open Evening 5pm to 8pm
Tues 30th September	Rugby Tournament Y2/3—selected children
Thurs 2nd October	St Benedict's Open Evening 5pm Harwich and Dovercourt High School Open Evening 5.30pm to 7pm Manningtree School Open Evening 6.30pm
Fri 17th October	Head Boy and Head Girl interviews
Weds 22nd October	Open Day—Prospective Parents—details below
Fri 24th October	Last Day for Children before Half Term
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

Monday 20th July

Week Beginning Monday 22nd September
Week 1 of the menu.....

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Monday

Macaroni Cheese
Garlic Bread and Salad

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Tuesday

Chicken Korma
served with Rice and Naan

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Wednesday

Roast Chicken
served with Roast Potatoes and
Mixed Veg

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Thursday

Brunch Lunch - Sausage
Bacon and Egg
served with Hash Brown bites and
Baked Beans

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Friday

Fillet of Fish
served with crispy chips and Petit
Pois

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Available everyday
A healthy salad bar, fresh fruit and
yoghurt

Week 1

Menu

Fresh
All our food is
cooked fresh each
day

Healthy
Our pasta, rice and
breads are healthy
wholemeal products

checked
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 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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Happy Days School Photo Subscription Information

We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to sign up to our amazing value monthly subscription service for all your school photos for just £4.00 per month.

Just to clarify how simple it is, you sign up one time only, you will add all your children's information into the form, set up a simple direct debit payment for just £4.00 per month (to be taken on the last day of every month) and we do the rest.

How often do we visit?

We aim to visit your school 3 times throughout the school year to shoot the following:

Traditional school portraits and sibling photos
Desktop portraits
Class groups

(The actual number of visits will be determined by your school)

What do you get and how does it work?

When we photograph your children, you will automatically receive one 5x7 inch print of every portrait photo we take and any sibling shots. We aim to capture 3 shots per child and 3 sibling shots (if applicable). You do not need to do anything to order these prints, they will automatically be sent to your school with our bulk orders, generally 2-3 weeks after the photo day.

Please note your subscription will not include historical photos, only photos taken during the term after first payment will be included.



You will also receive one 8x6 printed class photo when we do these in the summer term.

On top of the physical prints, you can also download all your portrait and sibling images free of charge by visiting www.hdporders.com and entering your unique access code which your child will bring home on photo day. Unfortunately, class group photos will not be available in digital format, on these visits you will receive prints only.

Finally, as a subscription customer you will also receive 50% OFF our great value packages and extra prints online, should you wish to order additional prints/sizes for family members.

1 x Child	2 x Children	3 x Children
2 x Download all images £22 each Total - £44	4 x Download all images £22 each Total - £88 (includes sibling images)	6 x Download all images £22 each Total - £132 (includes sibling images)
6 x Portrait images printed as 7x5 prints - £9.90 each Total - £59.40	15 x Portrait images printed as 7x5 prints - £9.90 each Total - £148.50	21 x Portrait images printed as 7x5 prints - £9.90 each Total - £207.90
1 x Class group photo printed as a 8x6 or 12x5 print - min £10.90 Total min £10.90	2 x Class group photo printed as a 8x6 or 12x5 print - min £10.90 each Total min £21.80	3 x Class group photo printed as a 8x6 or 12x5 print - min £10.90 each Total min £32.70
All this for only £4 a month		
RRP - £114.30	RRP - £258.30	RRP - £372.60

How do you sign up?

If you have previously signed up for this service, you do not need to do this again. Your current subscription will simply continue.

If this is something that you would be interested in joining,

PLEASE REGISTER HERE:

www.happydays.photos

No later than Sunday 21st September 2025

When registering please use your school code of:

SJPC012

Do you already have a subscription but need to add another child?

If you have an existing subscription and want to add a new sibling to your account, click the link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/232402872195355>



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Online Course

Develop an understanding of emotional expression and how to manage big emotions in young people.

Dates: 30/10/25 19:00-21:00, 25/11/25 13:00 - 15:00
more dates available online

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