



Dear parents, carers and family members,



Welcome back everyone and a warm welcome to all the new parents and family members to St. Joseph's. I hope you all had a lovely, restful summer and are ready and geared up for the new academic year ahead. The teachers and support staff have been exceptionally busy at the beginning of the week, preparing for your arrival on Wednesday. It was truly heartwarming to see all your smiling faces on this first day back, and I enjoyed hearing about some of your delightful adventures during the summer break.

During our worship on Wednesday, we focused our thoughts on the theme of 'new beginnings.' With the onset of the school year, we all have the wonderful opportunity to embrace a fresh start. This is not just a new year; it is a new term brimming with possibilities. Many of our students are moving into new classes or being taught by new teachers, and we also welcome new children who are embarking on their educational journey for the very first time.

A new school year presents an excellent opportunity for everyone to reflect on how they might wish to change and grow. Perhaps this year you might strive to change certain behaviours, such as engaging more actively in your learning, joining new clubs, or making new friends.

Setting personal goals also can be a valuable exercise. We might consider showing more kindness, being friendlier to one another, and offering assistance when we can.

As Christians, we cherish the belief that God longs for all individuals to have a new start. We hold that through His grace, people can find forgiveness for past mistakes and shortcomings. God possesses the power to encourage transformation in our lives. Celine in Class 4, beautifully read from the book of Isaiah, which shares God's message to His people—encouraging them to forget the past and to be open to the new things He is prepared to manifest. The passage speaks of a miraculous "new thing", promising to create pathways in wildernesses and to establish rivers in desolate places. This is both enlightening and uplifting, urging us to direct our gaze forward rather than backward, confidently trusting that God is involved in our lives, doing something astounding even when it may seem unattainable.

I have thoroughly enjoyed walking around the school and witnessing everyone settle into their new classes. It is inspiring to observe how quickly our children are adapting and getting back into routines that support their learning. Our school community thrives on such transitions, and it is delightful to see the energy and enthusiasm among staff and children alike.



As part of our commitment to fostering a positive school atmosphere, we have introduced an exciting new initiative at lunchtime. Mrs. Stant and Miss Fielding will be on the lookout for children who exemplify admirable manners and who can serve as role models for their peers. Those children who demonstrate exemplary behaviour will be awarded a golden 'Top Table' token, granting them the privilege of inviting a friend to dine with them at this special table. It is important to note that this honour is exclusively for children who visit the kitchen to receive their lunch. We hope this initiative will encourage all children to exemplify good manners and kindness and encourage more children to try our delicious hot dinners.

I would also like to remind parents about the importance of reading your class teacher's weekly newsletter, as it contains vital information about upcoming activities, such as PE lessons and other important events. Moreover, please pay special attention to page 4 of the newsletter, where you will find crucial details regarding school uniform requirements. Your cooperation in ensuring that all children adhere to the uniform policy is greatly appreciated.

Additionally, I kindly remind all parents of Class 1 and Class 2 that children should be accompanied by an adult to their classroom door each morning and should be collected from the same door at the end of the school day. For safety reasons, all scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the school driveway. Your understanding and compliance with these measures are vital for ensuring a safe environment for everyone in our school community.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	Late Marks
Class 1		100%	1
Class 2		96.30%	0
Class 3		95.96%	1
Class 4		88.38%	0

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me, as I am usually present at the school gate every morning and at the end of the day. I am here to support you and your family in any way I can.

As we embark on this new academic year, I am filled with anticipation for what lies ahead. Many enriching experiences await our children, and I sincerely thank you all for your ongoing support and commitment. Having such a small and welcoming community is truly what makes St. Joseph's an exceptionally special school. Together, we can cultivate an environment that nurtures growth, kindness, and a love for learning.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead! Thank you.

Take care - God bless - Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Certificates will begin next week

Class 1:

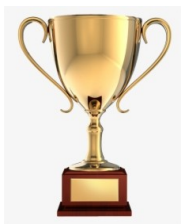
Class 2:

Class 3:

Class 4:

Whole School Attendance this week: 94.59%

Winning Class this week: Class 1 - 100%



*Winning House Team This Year:
To be continued next week...*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thurs 11th September	First Swim Session Class 4
Fri 12th September	First Celebration Worship 3pm—all welcome
Tues 16th September	School Photos
Weds 17th September	Meet the Teacher 3pm—details to follow
Mon 22nd September	Flu immunisations
Fri 26th September	MacMillan Cake Sale
Weds 22nd October	Open Day—Prospective Parents—details to follow
Fri 24th October	Last Day for Children before Half Term
Weds 12th November	Y6 Electric Palace—Crucial Crew—details to follow
Weds 19th November	Open Day—Prospective Parents—details to follow
Tues 25th November	Parent/Teacher Meetings—details to follow
Weds 26th November	Parent/Teacher Meetings-details to follow

The non pupil days are:

Friday 28th November

Monday 5th January

Monday 20th July

If you would like a printed copy of the school terms dates below please call at the office.

Uniform/Hair/Earrings

All children are required to wear the **correct school uniform**.

This includes school shoes and not trainers. Please do catch Mrs Golding on the gate if you have an issue.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING! Already this week we have dealt with lost property—items without names. If your child's uniform is named we can put it back on their peg. If it goes home with another child it is more likely to be returned.

No **jewellery** except one pair of small studs is allowed in school. **Earrings** must be removed for all sport (including swimming).

Staff are not allowed to remove them so if your child cannot do it unaided please remove them at home for PE days.

Children are allowed to wear **watches** but NOT watches that enable communications.

Hair accessories should be small and in school colours.

With the weather unpredictable at the moment a named **waterproof jacket** is advised. Children do still go out for fresh air even if it is drizzling.



Breakfast Club

There are spaces at Breakfast Club —You are welcome to come along on the day. 8am is arrival time. Please see Mrs Campbell for more information. The cost is £2.75 per day and charges follow on ParentPay at the end of the week.

Week Beginning Monday 8th September
Week 2 of the menu.....

Monday

Breakfast Wrap

Sausage, Bacon and Hash Brown
served with baked beans

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Tuesday

BBQ Panko Chicken

served with Wedges and Corn on
the Cob

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Wednesday

**Jacket Potato with a
selection of fillings**

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Thursday

Traditional Lasagne

served Garlic Bread and Salad

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

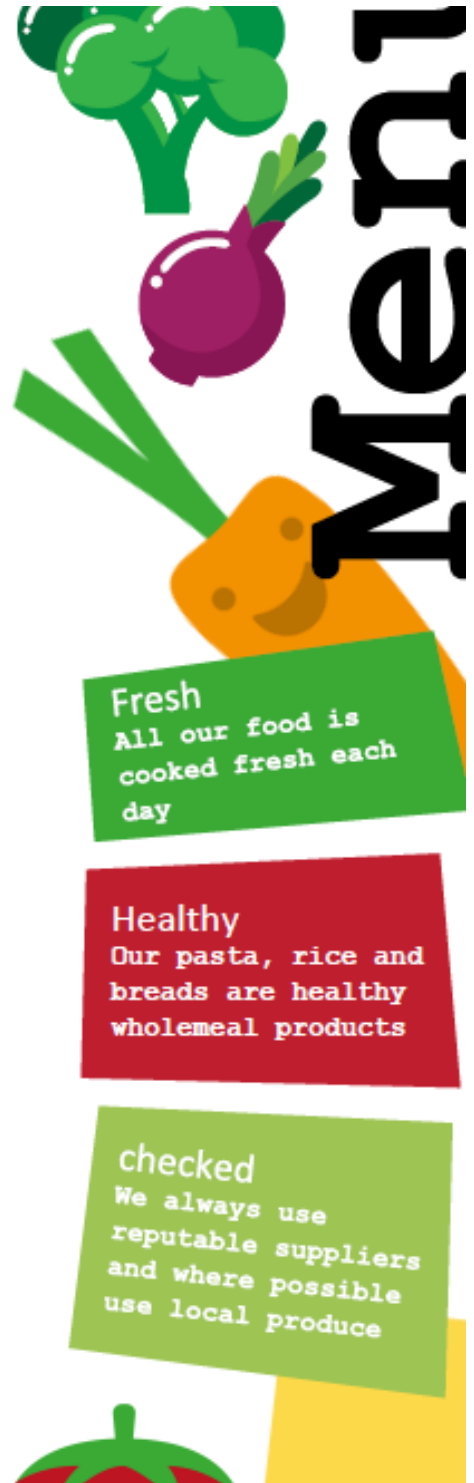
Friday

Fish Cake

served with Fries and baked beans

Baguette/Roll

served with salad



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 Term and Holiday - Academic Year 2025-2026

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
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	= Schooldays		= School holidays		= Bank holidays
	= Weekends				
	= Non Pupil days				

schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated,
or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 <i>Half Term 27 October – 31 October</i>	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 <i>Half Term 16 February - 20 February</i>	55 days
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 <i>Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May</i>	65 days
		195 days

Please note:

The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies. You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.

St Helena Hospice Half Marathon

Starts at 10am

Sunday 7th September



St Helena Hospice is holding its first ever half marathon and official race in Harwich! Mrs Standen is taking part. There will be a Cheer Station at the bottom of The Drive. Please come along and support her.



Happy Days
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Photo Video Studio

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>

Join us for

ENGLISH SUPPORT GROUP



Tuesdays 9.30am - 11.30am
(Starting from Tuesday 16th September)

The Royal Oak Inn, Main Road, Harwich, CO12 3PL

We are looking for new students to join a free conversational English support group, which is led by volunteers.

Online learning also available during Summer holidays.

For more information or to register your interest please contact:

lera.dmytriw@cvstendring.org.uk or 07547 104507

Has your child had all their childhood vaccinations?

By the time children start school they should have had their MMR and 4-in-1 pre-school booster vaccinations. If your child missed having these vaccinations, it's not too late!

Childhood vaccines help to protect your child from many serious and potentially deadly diseases, and help stop diseases spreading to people who cannot have vaccines, such as babies too young to be vaccinated and those who are too ill to be vaccinated.



The MMR vaccine protects against measles, mumps and rubella. The 4-in-1 pre-school booster protects against diphtheria, polio, tetanus and whooping cough.

The MMR vaccine can be given at any age, including to adults, and the 4-in-1 pre-school booster vaccine can be given to anyone up to the age of ten.

Speak to your GP practice to book any missed vaccinations.

From January 2026 children who were born on or after 1 July 2024 will be offered their 2nd MMR dose when they attend for the new 18 month appointment.



DOVERCOURT

SKATEPARK JAM 2025

HARWICH

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SUN 14 SEPT
FROM 12 TO 4PM

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COMPETITIONS
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HARWICH SKATEPARK
DOVERCOURT SWIMMING POOL
8 WICK LANE, HARWICH, CO12 5TA



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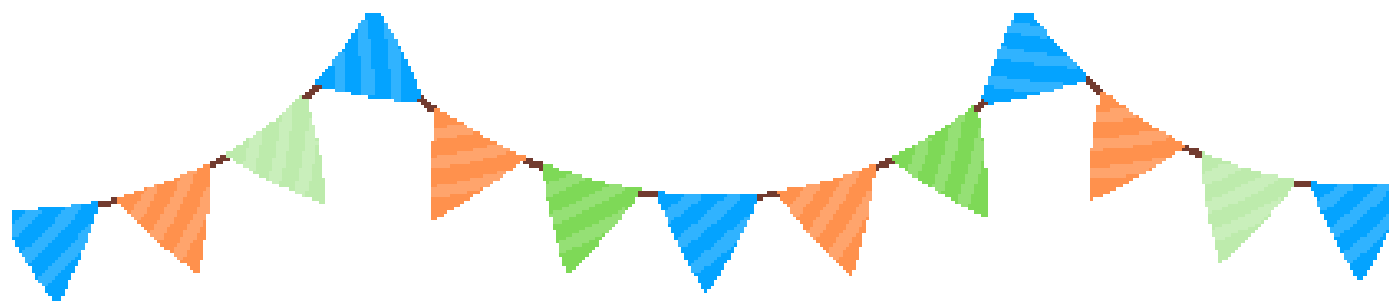
Snack-tember 2025

What is Snack-tember?

- Snack-tember is a month-long initiative for schools, taking place for the first time in September 2025.
- The purpose of the month is to help children and young people (aged 5-16 years) have healthier, more sustainable snacks.

- Research shows that many children and young people are not getting enough vegetables, fruit and fibre, and are having too much saturated fat, salt and sugars (NDNS, published 2025).
- Snacking plays a significant role in the diets of many young people, with research on snacking behaviour indicating that on average, children and young people have 3 snacks a day.
- If we can influence these snacking occasions with healthier choices to help increase intakes of vegetables, fruit and fibre, and reduce consumption of saturated fat, salt and free sugars, we can make a positive contribution to the health of children and young people





COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING FAIR

Hosted by Tendring PCN in collaboration with
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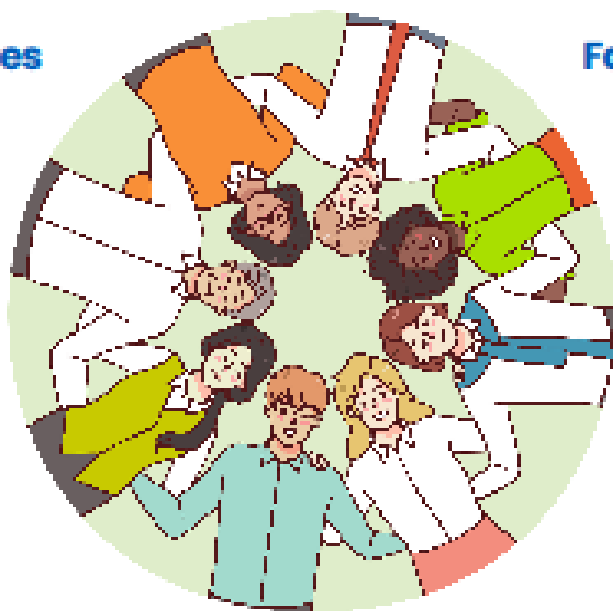
PARK PAVILLION, BARRACK LN, HARWICH CO12 3NS

TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2025 10AM – 1PM

Screening Services

Mental Health
Support

Extended GP
Practice Staff



Family and Carers
Support

Long Term
Conditions

Local Charities

