



Wow, what a year it has been at St. Joseph's! The highlights for me have been nothing short of remarkable, showcasing the incredible spirit and vibrancy of our school community. From the exciting Class 4 residential trip to the festive Christmas bazaar orchestrated by our brilliant PTA, it has been a period filled with unforgettable moments. I must extend my heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to the "I'm a Celebrity" event for our sensory room. I was genuinely moved by everyone's amazing kind donations; however, I must confess, I am still recovering from those rather adventurous eating challenges!

The summer fete proved to be another joyous occasion, marked by Celine's back flip that nearly gave me a heart attack—what a display of enthusiasm and energy! Each day at school is brightened by the hugs I receive from our younger children; their innocent affection reminds us of the beauty of childhood and the bonds we create. But above all, the most wonderful aspect I have treasured this year is witnessing our children blossom. The magical moments when they show unbelievable kindness towards one another exemplify the character and compassion that makes our St. Joseph's children truly stand out and makes us all proud.



As we reflect on the past week, our school has been bustling with energy and excitement. On Monday, children from Classes 1 and 2 participated in a Rugby tournament, where they excelled in both skill and sportsmanship. Class 4 engaged in a Shanty workshop, fostering their creativity and teamwork while enjoying the rhythm and culture of maritime music.

Tuesday saw Class 1 embark on their final adventurous day at Beach Schools, where they explored the sandy shores and engaged in invaluable outdoor learning experiences. Meanwhile, Class 4 delivered a delightful play to their parents, showcasing their hard work and incredible talent. It was truly heart-warming to see the dedication and passion poured into their performances. A big thank you to Mr. Higgins for all his hard work. Wednesday afternoon saw the second performance of "Oliver." Their energetic performances and storytelling captivated the audience, allowing us to appreciate the enjoyment the class had during this show.



Thursday offered Class 4 an exhilarating trip to Curve Water Sports, where they enjoyed various water-based activities. The laughter and joy echoed through the air, fears were overcome, creating cherished memories that will be spoken of for years to come.

As we neared the end of the week, Friday brought a series of poignant events. Our last day commenced with the Leavers Mass, a moment of reflection and gratitude. I would like to extend special thanks to all the Year 6s who read beautifully during the service, capturing the essence of our school community. Thank you also to the parents who joined this special moment. Following this, we held a very emotional Leavers assembly, embracing both joy and sorrow as we bid farewell to our wonderful Year 6s. It is a bitter-sweet moment, but one filled with pride as we send them off to their next exciting chapter.

We must also take this opportunity to say goodbye and express our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Guezelar. Her hard work and unwavering dedication have been invaluable throughout this year, leaving an indelible mark on our school. The warmth and encouragement she has provided have fostered a nurturing environment for both children and staff alike.

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As we bring our academic year to a close, I would like to extend my gratitude to the entire staff at St. Joseph's, who consistently go above and beyond in their roles. Mrs. Colley, the heart of our school, your incredible dedication ensures our community flourishes. To Mrs. Barker, thank you for the comforting coffees and for your unwavering hard work each day. I would also like to acknowledge our amazing teachers and the incredible LSAs who continue to inspire and support our children.

Furthermore, I must recognise our brilliant PTA for all their contributions this year. We are fortunate to have such dedicated individuals who rally together for the benefit of our school community. A special mention goes to the unstoppable Mr. Guezelar for the energy and enthusiasm he brings to every initiative - we are very lucky to have you as a member of our community. A big thank you to our governors for all their support and Father Joseph for his spiritual guidance and support.

Finally, I want to extend a sincere thank you to the parents for their unwavering support. Your involvement and encouragement play a pivotal role in our school's success, creating an extraordinary partnership that benefits our children.

As we approach the summer break, I sincerely hope you all have a lovely time filled with rest, relaxation, and family fun. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another exciting year ahead! Thank you for being an integral part of St. Joseph's. Enjoy your break, and see you soon!

Take care - God bless - Mrs. Golding

Attendance Data

	Last year	This year	This Week
Class 1	96.18%	93.77%	88%
Class 2	95.62%	95.34%	93.46%
Class 3	95.51%	95.16%	92.06%
Class 4	93.93%	96.22%	96.06%



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Mrs Gueizelar

Class 2: Florence and Jude

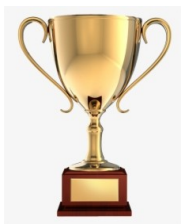
Class 3: Isaac, Veronica and Eddie

Class 4: Freddy and Ivy

Well Done to everyone in the school—you
all shine!

Whole School Attendance this year: 95.26%

Winning Class this year: Class 4 - 96.22%



Winning House Team This Year:
ST GEORGE—WELL DONE!!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Weds 3rd September	First Day Back for Children
Thurs 11th September	First Swim Session Class 4
Tues 16th September	School Photos
Fri 26th September	MacMillan Cake Sale
Fri 24th October	Last Day for Children before Half Term

REVISED 2025/2026 Term Dates **are below.....**

The non pupil days are:

Monday 1st September

Tuesday 2nd September

Friday 28th November

Monday 5th January

Monday 20th July

Week Beginning Wednesday 3rd September
Week 1 of the menu.....

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



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

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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
		<u>195 days</u>

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.

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**SCHOOL'S
OUT**

**DIARY
DATES**

**SUMMER
FUN DAYS
OUT**

Summer Issue 25

Summer is here - and so is our jam-packed issue full of sunshine, smiles, and inspiration for every member of the family.

Whether you are planning fun-filled days out, looking for creative ways to keep the kids entertained, or just want to make the most of those long summer evenings, we've got you covered.

Click this link to read: <https://anyflip.com/btwyj/gdmd/>

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.



SUMMER TERM

THE ESSEX LOCAL OFFER SEND ROADSHOWS



Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



This term we are in Braintree, Hockley, Tiptree and Chipping Ongar

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>



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Harwich Library

Tuesday 8 July & Tuesday 22 July, 11am-12noon

Supported by Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service

A fun, relaxed session for families with children starting school in September. Meet up, chat, enjoy a storytime and get some great starting school tips.



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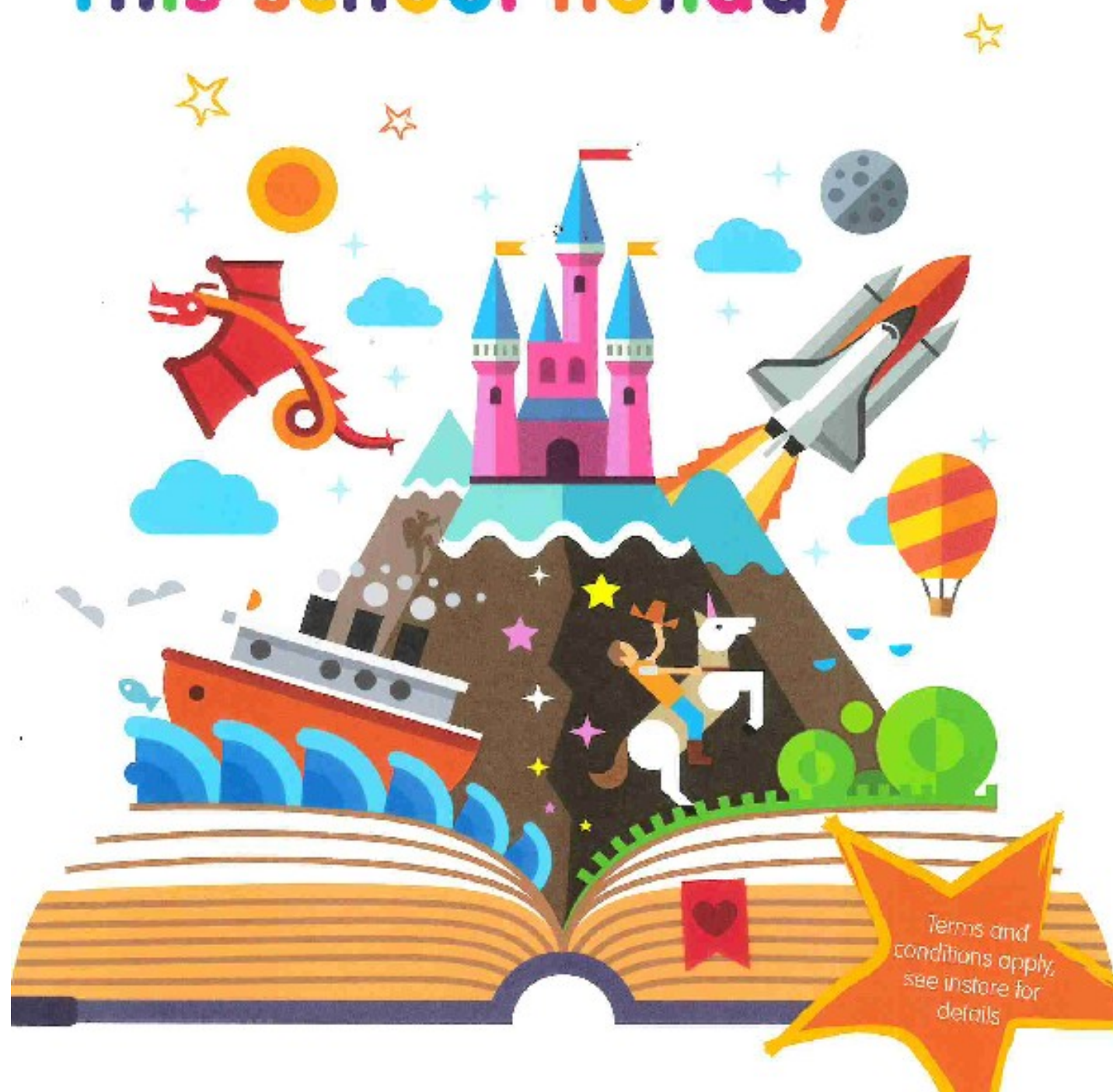
Books for kids

This school holiday



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conditions apply,
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details



The Active
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Tuesdays and
Thursdays
9.00-12.00

Karen Stimpson



New Share Shack

Our Share Shack is a library of things that can
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We have a selection of toys and games, outdoor
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Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



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Saturday 19 July to Saturday 6 September

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Children's 2k Charity Fun Run

Sunday 10th August 2025

Are you age 8-11 years
Then join us at the Family Fun Day at:
Furze Hill Mistley CO11 1HS
If you would like to dress up for the fun run feel
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Registration is from 8.30am with a £5.00 entry.

The Children's Race starts at 10.30am.

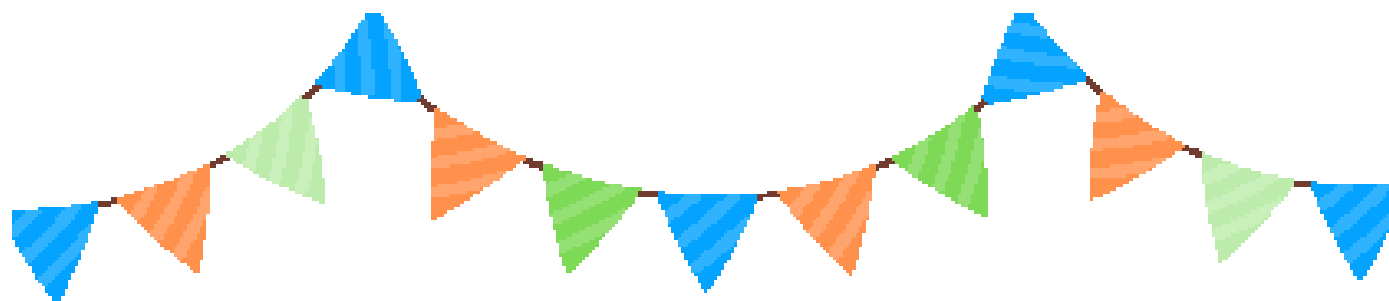
All money raised by the children's
event will go to Children in Need.

Those children who would like to raise more
money please feel free to seek sponsorship.

To register and for more information go to:
<https://www.evententry.co.uk/the-mayflower-10k-5k-run>

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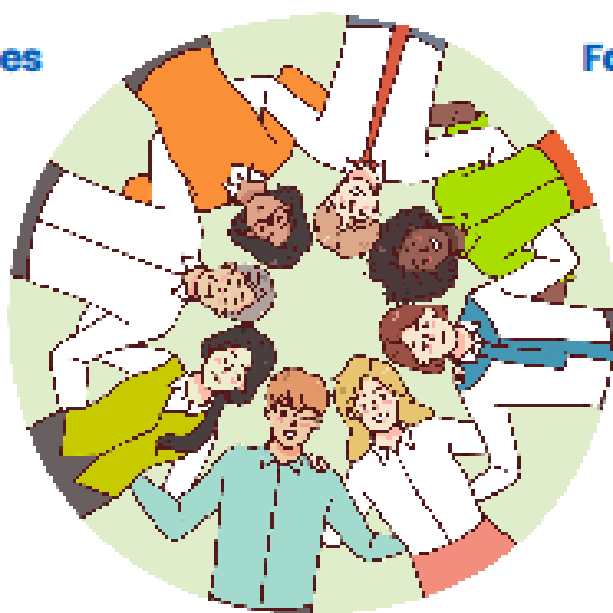
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TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2025 10AM – 1PM

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Time 9:30am or 7:00pm

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