



Dear Parents, Carers and Family Members,

Firstly, I would like to extend my sincerest apologies regarding an oversight in my last newsletter. I mistakenly referred to our Treasurer of the Governors, who is a dedicated and hardworking individual, as Mrs. West. In fact, her name is Mrs. East.

This week commenced with my absence from school on Monday, as I attended my annual Level 3 Safeguarding training facilitated by Jo Barclay, the Head of Education Safeguarding and Wellbeing for Essex. This training proved to be both invaluable and enlightening. The insights gained will undoubtedly enhance the support we provide for our children, ensuring their safety and wellbeing remain at the forefront of our educational ethos.

On Tuesday morning, several of our Year 6 children participated in another transition morning at Harwich and Dovercourt High School. These experiences are integral to easing their transition to secondary education, allowing them to familiarise themselves with their new environment and peers. On Tuesday afternoon, a large contingent of our Class 3 and 4 children proudly represented the school at the annual HSA District Sports event.

I received numerous commendations regarding our children's exemplary behaviour, which made both Mrs. Standen, Mrs. Campbell, and Mr. Guezelar immensely proud.

I would like to highlight some of the outstanding achievements from the event. In the Boys' Cricket Ball event, James secured a commendable 2nd place. Additionally, in the Boys' Year 3 60m Sprint Final, Coen finished 2nd while Zach came in 4th. Harper also impressed by reaching the final in the Year 3 Girls' category. In the Girls' Year 5 80m Sprint Final, Celine finished in 2nd place and Ivy claimed 5th. The Boys' Year 3/4 Relay team,

comprising Coen, Jack, Jacob, and Zach, put forth an unbelievable effort and secured 2nd place in a thrilling race. Finally, our Girls' Year 5/6 Relay team, which included Celine, Emmie, Ivy, and Ava, achieved a well-deserved 3rd place in a fiercely competitive final. These remarkable performances reflect the dedication and hard work of our children. It was a delight to hear about their enthusiasm for competition and the joy it brought to their peers, parents, and teachers.

However, on Wednesday, I made the difficult decision to postpone our highly anticipated School Sports Day. As the day progressed, it became apparent that the persistent downpours would have impeded our ability to conduct the events safely and effectively. We remain hopeful for improved weather conditions for our reserve Sports Day, scheduled for Wednesday, 9th July.

On Thursday, our Class 1 children enjoyed another exciting Beach School day. Mrs. Scarfe communicated about the exemplary behaviour our children exhibited during this outing, which is always uplifting to hear. Furthermore, some of our Class 4 children participated in their inaugural Bikeability session. This initiative is vital for promoting road safety and instilling essential cycling skills in our pupils. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who generously donated bicycles for this event, as your contributions are invaluable to our children's learning experiences.



Today, I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 6 children, along with Mrs. Manley and Mrs. Hirst, one of our governors, to Chelmsford for our Deanery Mass at Our Lady Immaculate Primary School. This occasion was a wonderful celebration of all Year 6 children within the Rosary Trust. Our children read and sang beautifully during the mass, showcasing their talents and commitment. It was delightful to observe them engage with their peers from other schools, including those they will soon meet in Year 7.

Looking ahead to next week, we have an exciting, busy schedule planned. On Monday, Classes 1 and 2 will embark on an exhilarating zoo trip, which promises to be an educational adventure for all involved. Additionally, Class 4 will enjoy their next Bikeability session. On Tuesday, some of our Year 6 children will attend another secondary school visit, further supporting their transition to the next stage of their education.

On Wednesday, we will host our rescheduled Sports Day, with fingers crossed for agreeable weather. Thursday will see our younger children participate in their KS1 Summer Mass, where all parents, carers, family members, and parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Class 4 will also participate in their Swim Safe session on this day, ensuring they acquire vital skills in water safety. Moreover, our Year 6 children will celebrate with their Prom, an event marking their outstanding journey through primary school.

Finally, on Friday, Class 4 will complete their final Bikeability session, reinforcing their cycling skills, and it will also be a Non-Uniform Day—Please see the newsletter for more information.

As we move into the final weeks of term, I wish to express my gratitude for your continued support and dedication to our school community.

Have a lovely, safe weekend.

Take care - God bless - Mrs. Golding

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	Late Marks
Class 1	96.19%	91.90%	1
Class 2	96.92%	96.54%	3
Class 3	94.71%	92.65%	3
Class 4	99.41%	91.76%	4



Children
are
A gift
FROM THE
Lord.
THEY are
A reward
from Him.
PSALMS 127:3

Certificate Winners

To continue next week.....

Class 1:

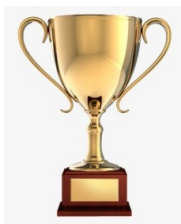
Class 2:

Class 3:

Class 4:

Whole School Attendance this week: 93.13%

Winning Class this week: Class 2 - 96.54%



*Winning House Team This Week:
Roll Over.....*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 7th July	Class 1 and Class 2 Zoo Trip Bikeability Class 4
Tues 8th July	HDHS Extra Transition Session
Weds 9th July	Sports Day
Thurs 10th July	Class 1 + 2 Summer Mass *****now 9.30am—new time Class 4 Swim Safe Year 6 Prom
Fri 11th July	Non-Uniform Day—for Wonderful Wings Rescue Bikeability Class 4
Mon 14th July	Y1 + 2 Rugby at Mayflower (selected children)
Tues 15th July	Class 1 Beach Schools am 6pm Class 4 Play
Weds 16th July	2pm Class 4 Play
Thurs 17th July	Class 4 Trip
Fri 18th July	Last Day for Children, Leavers Mass 10am/Assembly 1pm
Weds 3rd September	First Day Back for Children

2025/2026 Term Dates are below

Week Beginning Monday 7th July
Week 2 of the menu.....

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School**

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

Week 2

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 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.

FRIDAY 11th July

NON UNIFORM DAY

Donations below are welcome or our collection boxes will be out too:



Wonderful Wings

Donations we can accept:

Any pet food for any type of animal eg. Cat, dog, bird, rabbits and small furriest and wild birds.

Good condition toys

Pet beds

Bedding eg. Hay, straw, sawdust.

Leads, harnesses, coats ect

Thank you for your kind donations

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>



In Partnership with





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.



libraries.essex.gov.uk





Tuesdays and
Thursdays
9.00-12.00

Karen Stimpson



New Share Shack

Our Share Shack is a library of things that can
borrowed free of charge, for up to 2 weeks

We have a selection of toys and games, outdoor
games inc. volleyball, table tennis, tennis, boules,
archery kits,

A good selection of jigsaw puzzles to cover all
ages

also: gardening hand tools

DIY equipment coming soon

we are growing our stock daily -
come and have a look

based at Essex Pedal Power Office,
Harwich Arts and Heritage Centre,
Main Road, Dovercourt. CO12 4AJ



Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Saturday 19 July to Saturday 6 September

**At your local Essex library or mobile library -
see libraries.essex.gov.uk for library opening times**



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**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

The Old Knobbly

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
free to do so.

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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