



Dear Parents, Carers and Family Members,



What another scorching week it has been, weather-wise! Please may I remind parents that children should be bringing in a water bottle, a hat, and sun cream. We will be introducing a hydration station next week, encouraging children to drink more water and take some shade during playtimes.

On Monday, we gathered together to continue reflecting on the Gospel from Sunday's Mass. In this particular narrative, we encounter Jesus by the Lake, where He meets a fisherman named Simon. Despite having fished all night and caught nothing, Simon demonstrates remarkable faith as Jesus asks him to throw his nets back into the water. What occurs next is nothing short of miraculous, leaving all who witness it in awe. I took this opportunity to explain to the children that, like Simon, Jesus is calling each of us to follow Him in our own lives. We joined our hearts in prayer, and subsequently, filled the hall with our voices as we sang, "Follow Me, Follow Me." It served as a poignant reminder of our shared values within the school community and underscored the importance of nurturing our spiritual growth.

On Tuesday, we celebrated our 'Move Up' morning, an eagerly anticipated event for both children and staff alike. This occasion provided all children with the chance to meet their new classmates and potential teachers for the upcoming academic year. As I toured the school, I was overwhelmed by the palpable excitement and enjoyment radiating from all corners. It was heartening to see friendships blossoming and laughter filling the classrooms. In the afternoon, we welcomed our new intake, who participated in their delightful second 'Stay and Play' session alongside the children who will remain in Class 1. I extend my gratitude to all the parents who stayed for my informal discussion, alongside Mr. Guezelar, our PTA chair, and Mrs. West, who serves as the treasurer for the governors' building fund.

I trust that you found our conversation informative and beneficial, and we are all very much looking forward to welcoming you into our school community.



On Thursday, Class 1 attended their first Beach School, which proved to be a lovely experience for them. We are incredibly fortunate to have this fantastic resource right on our doorstep, allowing our children the opportunity to connect with nature in an engaging way while reinforcing their understanding of the world around them. Such experiential learning environments are invaluable in enhancing our pupils' educational journeys.

Friday marked an exciting day for our Class 3 children, who had the opportunity to embark on a ferry trip to Felixstowe. I received wonderful feedback about the adventure,

highlighting not only the educational value of the trip but also praising the impeccable behaviour displayed by the children throughout the day. Such outings provide invaluable experiences contributing to our children's overall growth, and I would like to sincerely thank all staff members and volunteers who dedicated their time and effort to ensure that this trip was both enjoyable and memorable.

Throughout the week, our Year 6 children have been participating in transition days at their new secondary schools. We have received overwhelmingly positive reports from the children, and it has been a pleasure to witness their excitement as they approach this significant milestone in their educational journey. Transitioning to secondary school can be both an exhilarating and daunting experience, and we are proud to support our children as they take these critical steps toward their future.



Finally, this week, children in Years 1, 2 and 5 should have received their end-of-term reports. It was a joy to read these and lovely to see all the wonderful things your teachers wrote about you; it brought such a smile to my face. Children in class 3 will receive theirs on Monday. Reception will be receiving theirs over the next two weeks, while Year 6 will wait until the KS2 SATs results are available before sending their reports home, so yours will be distributed in the final week of term. If you would like to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher to discuss anything further please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher on Seesaw.

Looking ahead, next week promises to be a particularly sporty one for our school. On Tuesday afternoon, some of our Key Stage 2 children will represent the school at the Harwich and Dovercourt District Sports event. We encourage everyone to come out in support of our athletes as they showcase their talents on this competitive platform.

Following this, on Wednesday, our entire school will participate in Sports Day. This is an exceptional opportunity, not only for our children to display their athletic prowess, but also for families to come together in a spirit of friendly competition and community. We encourage parents to cheer on their children, fostering a sense of unity and encouragement.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	Late Marks
Class 1	96.19%	96.19%	0
Class 2	98.08%	96.92%	0
Class 3	96.18%	94.71%	6
Class 4	94.12%	99.41%	4

On Thursday, we will welcome our new reception children back for their final 'Stay and Play' session before officially starting school in September. This event will be an excellent occasion for the children to immerse themselves in the school environment, easing their transition as they prepare for the new academic year. On the same day, Class 1 will also engage in their second Beach School session. Additionally, some of our Class 4 children will begin their Bikeability sessions, reinforcing the importance of road safety and independence as they learn valuable skills that will serve them well throughout their lives.

Lastly, on Friday, our Year 6 children will be attending a celebratory Deanery Day alongside other Year 6 pupils from the Rosary Trust. This event will serve as a fitting way to honour their journey through primary education while also forming connections with their peers from neighbouring schools. As we all know, strong relationships within the community can provide lasting support and encouragement during these formative years.

Have a lovely, safe weekend.

Take care - God bless - Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Antoni, Aviana and Finley

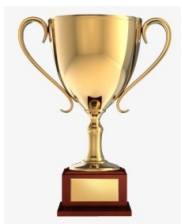
Class 2: Tia and Miracle

Class 3: To continue next time....

Class 4: Jasmine, Effie, Esmae, Emmie,
James, John, Teddie, Thorin, Gracie, Ivy,
Blake, Daisy, Ava, Rafael, Celine and Taylor

Whole School Attendance this week: 96.87%

Winning Class this week: Class 2 - 99.41%



Winning House Teams This Week:
ST ANDREW AND ST GEORGE

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 30th June	Piano Lessons today instead of Tuesday this week
Tues 1st July	HDHS Extra Transition Session District Sports
Weds 2nd July	Sports Day
Thurs 3rd July	Class 1 Beach Schools am Bikeability Class 4 1.30-2.30pm Pre-School Visit
Fri 4th July	Y6 Deanery Day *****NO ASSEMBLY*****
Mon 7th July	Class 1 and Class 2 Zoo Trip Bikeability Class 4
Tues 8th July	HDHS Extra Transition Session
Weds 9th July	Reserve 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
Tues 15th July	Class 1 Beach Schools am 6pm Class 4 Play
Weds 16th July	2pm Class 4 Play
Fri 18th July	Last Day for Children, Leavers Mass 10am/Assembly 1pm

Week Beginning Monday 30th June
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->

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





The Active
Wellbeing Society

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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