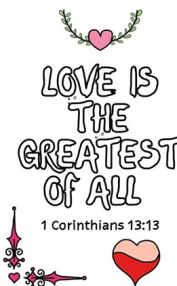




Dear parents, carers and family members,

What glorious weather we have had this week! The sunshine and clear skies have paired exceptionally well with numerous engaging activities, enhancing our community spirit and fostering an atmosphere of joy among both children and staff.

We commenced the week with our communal celebration of the summer Mass, a significant event that focused on the theme of love. We spoke and listened to the profound importance of love in our lives. Emphasised was the commandment to love one another, which stands as the second most important directive, as well as the first commandment—our duty to love God. These teachings resonate deeply within our school community and serve as a guiding principle in our interactions both in and out of the classroom. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who participated, especially to the parents, carers, and parishioners who joined us for this lovely celebration; your presence truly enriched the event.



Following our spiritual gathering, the afternoon provided an opportunity to welcome our new intake of reception children for their first 'Stay and Play' session. It was a delight to see our youngest learners engaging so enthusiastically with one another and exploring their new environment. Such moments lay a solid foundation for their educational journey and foster a sense of belonging within our school community.

On Tuesday, the entire school assembled for the Summer Safety assembly, an essential initiative aimed at equipping our children with knowledge pertinent to their well-being during the holiday period. This informative session was subsequently followed by a Class 4 workshop centred on the theme of respect. It is vital that we instil these values in our children as they navigate their social interactions and prepare to embrace the challenges ahead.

The week progressed with a heartfelt celebration during Class 4's Mass on Thursday, centred around the theme of Peace. The children's readings were delivered beautifully, accompanied by their wonderful singing, which reverberated through the hall. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the parents, carers, family members, and parishioners who joined us; your involvement plays a crucial role in reinforcing the sense of community we cherish.

As the week reached its climax, the sunshine persisted, providing a splendid backdrop for our most significant event of the year—the Summer Fete. It was incredibly heartwarming to witness everyone enjoying themselves at this brilliant event, a testament to our strong community spirit. However, such an occasion does not materialise overnight; there is a considerable amount of organisation and preparation involved, all executed by a devoted team of individuals. I would like to give special thanks to the remarkable Mr. Guezelar, who has gone above and beyond once again for our wonderful school. Our gratitude also extends to all members of the PTA, whose tireless work ensured the success of today's festivities.



Looking ahead, we are poised for another busy week, and according to forecasts, it appears the sun will continue to shine upon us. This week holds particular significance for our Year 6 pupils, as it marks their Transition Week. We wish them all the very best as they embark on visits to their new secondary schools. This pivotal event represents a significant milestone in their educational journey, and we are confident they will embrace the new adventures that lie ahead.

On Tuesday, all the children will have the opportunity to mix with their new class and meet their new teachers during our 'Move Up Morning'. This initiative is designed to ease the transition for all students, ensuring they feel comfortable and excited about the forthcoming academic year. In the afternoon, we will warmly welcome our new reception children back for their second 'Stay and Play'. During this session, parents will have a chance to engage in a discussion with me regarding all things related to Class 1, allowing for a collaborative approach to our new arrivals' educational experience.

Thursday promises to be an exciting day as Class 1 embarks on their Beach Schools trip. Further information will be provided closer to the date, and we anticipate lots of learning and exploration in the great outdoors. Meanwhile, on Friday, our Class 3 children will be embarking on a ferry trip, an adventure I eagerly await hearing about upon their return.

Lastly, I am thrilled to share some exciting news from Wednesday evening. I had the privilege of attending the Essex Teacher Awards, where both the Rosary Trust, our school partnership, and the Harwich Education Partnership (HEP) were nominated for Education Partnerships of the Year in Essex. The Rosary Trust was honoured with a Highly Commended certificate, while HEP clinched the award, marking a wonderful achievement for our community as we celebrated winning two awards! I am immensely proud to be associated with both extraordinary partnerships and grateful for their unwavering support and expertise.



Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	Late Marks
Class 1	98.10%	96.19%	4
Class 2	96.54%	98.08%	5
Class 3	95.59%	96.18%	8
Class 4	94.71%	94.12%	9

As we conclude yet another eventful week, I look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. Thank you for your continued dedication and support, which enable us to create a nurturing and inspiring environment for our children. Have a lovely, safe weekend.

Take care - God bless - Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

To Continue again soon.....

Class 1:

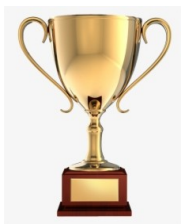
Class 2:

Class 3:

Class 4:

Whole School Attendance this week: 96%

Winning Class this week: Class 2 - 98.08%



*Winning House Team This Week:
Rollover!....*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 23rd + Tues 24th June	Y6 Transition Days for St Benedict's Children
Tues 24th June	1.30-2.30pm Pre-School Visit and meeting HT Classes move up to meet new teacher
Thurs 26th June	Y6 Transition Day for Harwich and Dovercourt School Class 1 Beach Schools
Fri 27th June	Y6 Transition Day for Tendring Technology College Class 3 trip to Felixstowe
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—details to follow
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 23rd June

Week 3 of the menu.....

Please note that Peri Peri style chicken has not been very popular with the children so this will now be a plain chicken wrap, served with wedges and corn on the cob. Thank you

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Monday

Meatballs with a choice of sauces
Served with Pasta

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Tuesday

Sausage Rolls
Served with diced potatoes and sweetcorn

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Wednesday

Roast Gammon
served with roast potatoes, green beans and broccoli

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Thursday

Peri Peri style Chicken
served with wedges and corn on the cob

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Friday

Fish Finger Wrap
served with crispy chips and peas

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Available everyday

A healthy salad bar, fresh fruit, and yoghurt

Week 3

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>



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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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