



Dear parents, carers and family members,

As we prepare for the week ahead, I would like to take a moment to reflect upon our recent worship this past Monday, during which we celebrated the great feast of Pentecost. This significant event marks both the coming of the Holy Spirit and, importantly, the birthday of the Church, which falls on Sunday, 8th June. During our service, Meadow and Millie graciously assisted me by reading passages from the Acts of the Apostles, providing us all with an opportunity to engage deeply with this profound moment in our faith journey.



In gathering together, much like the apostles, Mary, and the early followers of Jesus, our school family comes together with the intention of being filled with the Holy Spirit. As part of our reflections, we posed a thoughtful question to the children: if they were sitting alongside Mary and the apostles, how would they have felt being filled with the Holy Spirit? This contemplation led us to consider what it truly means to experience such a filling and how we might recognise its presence in our lives. What transformations does it inspire within us?

St Paul, a pivotal figure in the early Church and an influential teacher of Jesus' message, provides insight into recognising the fruits of the Holy Spirit. These "fruits," as Paul refers to them—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—are vital components of our lives as Christians. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul elucidates that just as a good tree produces good fruit, our behaviours and how we treat others can serve as an indication of the Holy Spirit's work within us.

This prompts us to ponder a crucial question: when have you felt the Holy Spirit working through you? Can you recall moments in your life when those aforementioned fruits were evident? We recognise the presence of God not only within our individual hearts but also across our families and the broader school community. As we prayed together, we sought the Holy Spirit's guidance and strength to support our sisters and brothers across the globe, reaffirming our commitment to living out our faith in practical and meaningful ways.

On a more practical note, I wish to extend our gratitude for the smiling faces of our children during our long-anticipated school photo day this past Monday. The joy captured in those photos will surely serve as heartwarming reminders of our school community at this joyful time. In conjunction with the photo day, our Key Stage 1 children had the delightful surprise of new play equipment, which has been installed in their outdoor area. I am particularly thrilled to share that I had entered a competition for this equipment, and quite remarkably, we were selected to receive it for our lovely school. I trust that all the children will enjoy many hours of play and fun on the new apparatus. I kindly urge everyone to treat the new facilities with respect to ensure their longevity and the enjoyment of future generations.



On Wednesday, our Year 1 children participated in a delightful Teddy Bear run at Mayflower School, which was met with enthusiasm and excitement. Their active involvement in such events helps nurture a sense of community and cooperation—both essential qualities within our school ethos. The laughter and camaraderie exemplified the importance of working together, and I would like to commend our Year 1 children for their excellent participation.

Then today, our outstanding children came together in solidarity to support the NSPCC by participating in a sponsored walk, even amidst challenging weather conditions characterised by a rather heavy downpour. The spirit demonstrated by our children was nothing short of admirable; their positive attitudes truly brightened the day. I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who generously donated to this worthy cause. For those who have not yet had the opportunity to contribute, please note that it is not too late; donations can still be made online at this link: [NSPCC Donation](#). I am pleased to report that to date, we have raised an impressive £88.39 for the NSPCC—well done, everyone!



A substantial thank you is also owed to the parents and family members who joined us for the walk. Your support was instrumental, and I am particularly grateful to the volunteer parents and friends who aided in ensuring our children's safety during this event. Such community involvement enriches our school experience and reinforces the bonds we share as a united family.

Looking ahead to next week, some of our Class 4 pupils will be participating in a cricket tournament on Monday. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase their skills and enthusiasm in a collaborative environment, and I look forward to seeing our pupils put forth their best efforts. Additionally, on Thursday, Class 3 will be holding their class Mass in the hall at 9:30 am. I warmly invite all parents, carers, and family members to attend and lend their support to their children during this important occasion.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	Late Marks
Class 1	98.10%	95.24%	3
Class 2	81.54%	95.77%	0
Class 3	93.24%	94.41%	5
Class 4	96.36%	93.53%	8

On Friday, we will engage in another non-uniform day to support the PTA. We kindly ask that families donate any confectionery, sweets, or unopened gifts. However, we advise that chocolates should be avoided due to the potential risk of melting, particularly as we enter the warmer months.

Also on Friday, we would like to invite all fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, and father figures to celebrate Father's Day. Join us for a special Father's Stay and Play session, complete with ice cream, on the field at 2:30 pm. Please collect your child from their classroom as usual. For children whose adults are unable to attend, there is no need to worry; they will remain safe in class and will enjoy a special treat to ensure they do not feel left out. We look forward to celebrating this wonderful occasion together—there will be no assembly that day.

As we approach the weekend, I would also like to extend my best wishes to all of our children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion. You are very much in our thoughts and prayers during this special time in your spiritual journey.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community.

Take care - God bless - Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Bella, Billy and Year 1

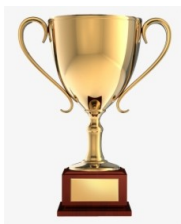
Class 2: Harry, Jude and Year 1

Class 3: Harper, Year 4 and all of Class 3

Class 4: Hollie, Scott and Rafael

Whole School Attendance this week: 94.61%

Winning Class this week: Class 2—95.77%



Winning House Team This Week:
St GEORGE

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sat 7th June	First Holy Communion
Mon 9th June	16 x Children C4 Cricket Tournament
Thurs 12th June	Class 3 Mass at School ***** now 9.30am—new time
Fri 13th June	Non uniform day (for the Fete)
Sat 14th June	Girls Football Tournament Little Oakley FC
Mon 16th June	Summer Mass at School ***** now 9.30am—new time 1.30-2.30pm Pre-School Visit
Thurs 19th June	Class 4 Mass ***** now 9.30am—new time
Fri 20th June	School Fete
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
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
Weds 2nd July	Sports Day
Thurs 3rd July	Class 1 Beach Schools am Bikeability Class 4 1.30-2.30pm Pre-School Visit
Mon 7th July	Bikeability Class 4
Weds 9th July	Reserve Sports Day
Thurs 10th July	Class 1 + 2 Summer Mass ***** now 9.30am—new time Class 4 Swim Safe
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 9th 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

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

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->



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Summer Fete 2025

SUMMER FETE

Friday 20th June 2025
230pm – 430pm



Bouncy Castles, Ice Cream Van, Food Outlets, Slushies, Tombola's, Local Fire and Police Service, Cake Sale, Hook a Bag, Poo in the Loo, Coconut Shy, Penalty Shoot Out, Sweet Stall, Glitter Tattoos, Water or Wine Stall and "The Stocks" with Teacher Participation – Plus many more stalls and outside Stall Holders too.

St Joseph's School, The Drive, Dovercourt, CO12 3SU.
Please note Parking Restrictions will remain in place.

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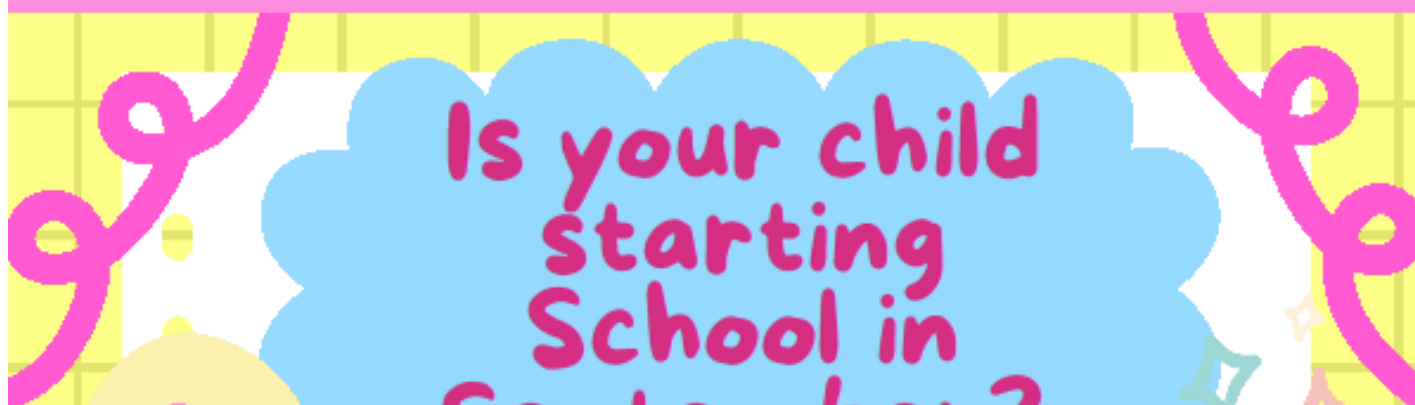
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COMMUNITY &
FAMILY LEARNING





Is your child starting School in September?

Lets get you, and them ready...!!

Who?

All Children starting school in September,
at any Harwich Primary school.

What?

Parents have requested help in getting
their child 'school ready' in certain
areas. We will have teachers and
external professionals attending to help
with any questions or support you or your
child might need.

When?

9th June ~ Building Independence
16th June ~ An introduction to reading
23rd June ~ Speech & Language
30th June ~ Behaviour & Anxiety
2-3pm

Where?

All Saints' C of E Primary School

We look forward to seeing you!
(Tea, Coffee and refreshments included)



Activities will be set up so
your child can investigate,
learn & play!



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Tuesday 24th June

6.30pm - 9pm

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