



Dear parents, carers and family members,

What a brilliant, sunny but short half-term it has been! The abiding warmth of the sun has not only brightened our days but has also fostered a lively and positive atmosphere within our school environment.



During our gathering for Monday's worship, we took a contemplative moment to discuss the significance of prayer. This discussion holds particular resonance within our Christian community, where we believe that we can converse with God at any time and in any place. The act of talking to God is referred to as 'praying', and it is a vital aspect of our faith. We conveyed to the children that God delights in hearing our prayers, and while it is customary to close one's eyes and place hands together when praying, this is not a prerequisite for God to listen. He is always present, ready to attend to our thoughts and feelings.

In an engaging and illustrative manner, I shared an analogy involving the challenge of hitting a target using paper aeroplanes. With the assistance of some enthusiastic pupils, we demonstrated this idea during the assembly. Just as throwing a paper aeroplane requires precision and practice, so too does the act of prayer. There are moments when it may feel as though our prayers are falling short, as if we are missing our intended target. However, within the Christian belief, it is important to remember that God always hears our prayers, regardless of how far we believe we have strayed from the mark. It is likened to Him bending down to listen, ensuring that our words reach Him without obstruction.

Later that day, we were privileged to welcome Mrs. Scarfe, who visited Class 4 to discuss the 'Beach of Dreams' project. This initiative aims to engage students with concepts of creativity and collaborative thinking, building a vibrant understanding of our environment and community. Mrs. Scarfe's enthusiasm for the project reverberated throughout the classroom, inspiring the pupils to consider how they can be active contributors to their surroundings.



On Tuesday, Mrs. Campbell had the vital responsibility of accompanying 4 of our Year 6 children to the Colchester United football stadium. This visit was part of an important discussion on transition with the Multi-school Council. Navigating the pathway to secondary education is a significant milestone in our children's academic journeys, and we are dedicated to ensuring they are adequately prepared for this change. The opportunity to engage with peers and representatives from other schools was invaluable, allowing our children to voice their thoughts and questions regarding their imminent transitions - I also heard the lunch was amazing!

Today, we enjoyed a delightful day of non-uniform attire as part of our fundraising efforts for the upcoming school summer fête. Children and staff came together in a show of community spirit, bringing in bottles to support our tombola and wine stall. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their generous donations. It is the collective efforts of our school community that enable such events to be successful.

As we look forward to the school calendar after half-term, I would like to remind everyone of important dates awaiting us. On the first Monday back, we invite all students to come to school dressed smartly for our second attempt at class group photographs, including the individual Year 6 portraits. We are excited to be collaborating with a new photography company that promises to deliver exceptional results. We are confident that you will be pleased with the outcome, as we have seen their work beforehand and it has inspired high expectations.

Midweek, on Wednesday, our Year 1 children will partake in their annual Teddy Bear run. This charming event not only promotes physical activity but also fosters a sense of community and joy among the younger children, as they participate alongside their beloved teddy bears. The laughter and enthusiasm that results from this event are sure to make for memorable experiences.

On Friday, we will unite as a school community for the NSPCC Walk and Talk event. This initiative underscores the significance of discussing mental health and wellbeing, while engaging in physical activity. It presents another wonderful opportunity for our children to connect with one another, raising awareness about crucial matters in a supportive environment.

Finally, please can I politely remind all parents, carers, and family members that, after school, children should refrain from climbing on our climbing frame. This is due to the absence of first aiders on the premises and the implications regarding our insurance. Additionally, our Key Stage 1 children are not permitted to use the climbing frame, as it has been deemed too large for their safety. Thank you for your understanding and continued support in ensuring the safety of our children.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	Late Marks
Class 1	96.19%	98.10%	2
Class 2	94.62%	81.54%	2
Class 3	99.12%	93.24%	2
Class 4	99.09%	96.36%	4

As we draw this half term to a close, I want to wish you all a lovely and safe half-term break. I encourage families to make the most of this time together, embarking on adventures and creating lasting memories. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 2nd June, re-energised and ready for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead in the term to come. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community.

Take care - God bless - Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Orla and Thomas

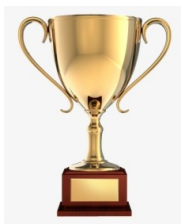
Class 2: Declan and Diamond

Class 3: Lizzie and Eden

Class 4: Esmae and Raya

Whole School Attendance this week: 92.37%

Winning Class this week: Class 1—98.10%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST PATRICK

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 2nd June	First day back ****NEW**** School Photo Date
Fri 6th June	Walk and Talk in aid of NSPCC
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)
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
Fri 27th June	Y6 Transition Day for Tendring Technology College
Weds 2nd July	Sports Day
Thurs 3rd July	Class 1 Beach Schools am
Weds 9th July	Reserve Sports Day
Thurs 10th July	Class 1 + 2 Summer Mass ***** now 9.30am—new time
Fri 11th July	Non-Uniform Day—for Wonderful Wings Rescue
Tues 15th July	Class 1 Beach Schools am
Fri 18th July	Last Day for Children

Week Beginning Monday 2nd June May
Week 3 of the menu.....

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

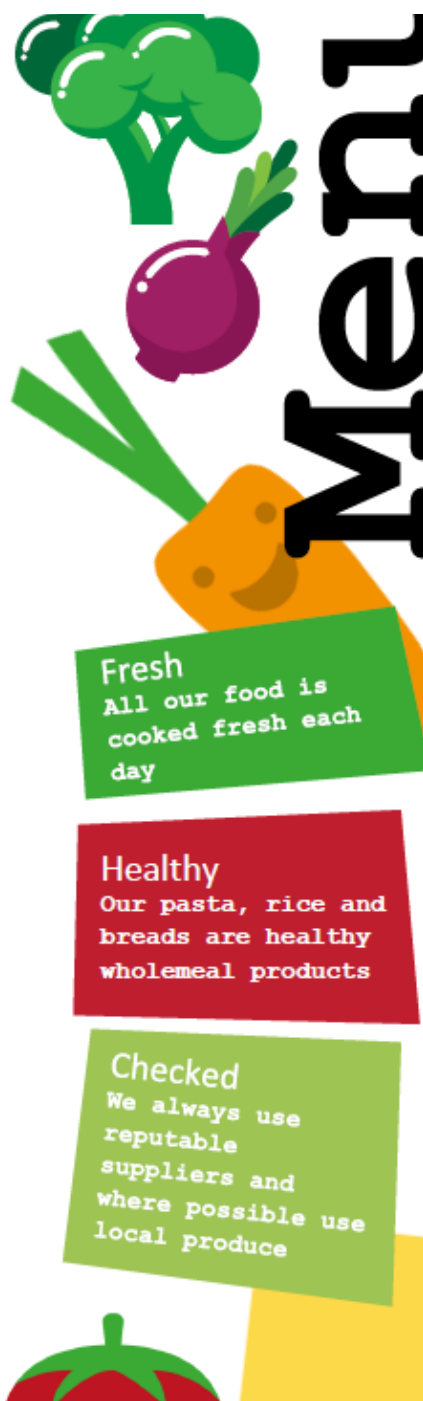
Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Friday

Fish Finger Wrap

served with crispy chips and peas

Baguette/Roll
served with salad



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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OCEAN HEROES BEACH LITTER PICK



Thursdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm

**Meet on the beach opposite Harwich Town Sailing Club,
Angel Gate, Harwich CO123ET**

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New Share Shack Opening and Fun Day



Tuesday 27th of May 9:00-12:00



Harwich Arts and Heritage Centre,
Main Road, Dovercourt, CO12 4AJ

Come and view our new share shack and
have holiday fun with the kids!

View our Toy and Game Library, stay for
Arts and Crafts Session.

The first 12 to attend will get a goodie bag.



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Positive Parenting

Is your child struggling and feeling overwhelmed?
Maybe you are a new to parenting and want to learn tips early?
Perhaps you are struggling with certain behaviours?

Whatever your situation, our free **'Positive Parenting'** courses have got it covered.

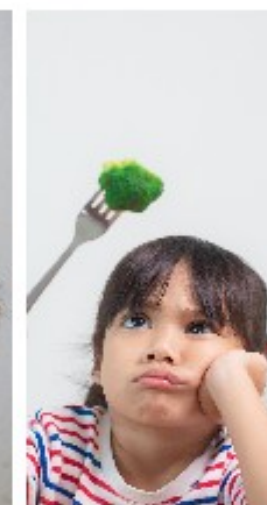
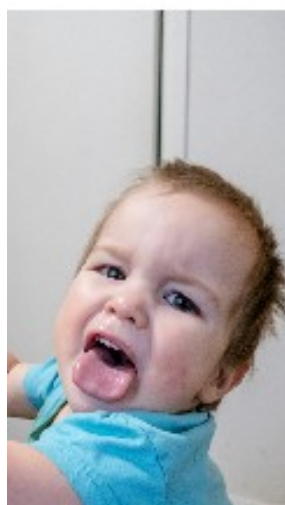
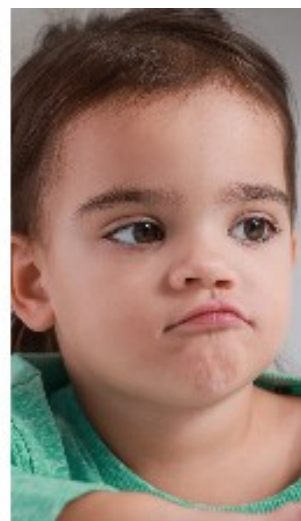
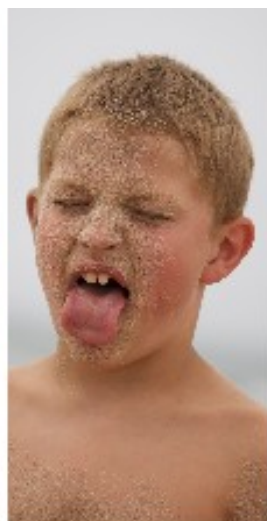
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Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID)

What you'll learn:

What ARFID is and how it differs from other eating disorders

How ARFID often links to neurodiversity

Practical insights into day-to-day living with ARFID

Strategies to support your child or young person with ARFID

 Date: Thursday 26 June 2025

 Time: 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

 Location: Online (Live via Microsoft Teams)

 Cost: FREE

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May Issue 25

Our May Issue is here and has all you need to keep the kids entertained. We have Get Active - keeping them fit and happy, the popular Fun Days Out feature, lots of events - all this plus, competitions and outdoor living. You can subscribe for FREE direct to KidAround and be entered in subscriber only competitions.



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



24th–31st May

Woodland Trail May Half Term

Explore our woodland garden this half term and search for the wooden animals hiding among the plants.

Prebook tickets

www.bethchatto.co.uk

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Fossil Hunting on The Beach!

May 29th 1pm-3pm

This May Half-Term, we're heading to Harwich beach for an epic fossil hunt! Come explore, chill by the sea, and top it all off with some tasty chips by the shore!

All our activities are completely FREE!
All you have to do is sign up!

11-16
HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES

To get in contact, you can call or fill in our self-referral form on our website!

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Calling all 11 - 25 year olds!

LEGO

FREE-BUILD



Let your creativity flow this half-term at our lego free-build session!

Join us in the holidays for our free-build LEGO challenge

Wednesday 28th of May, 1pm-4pm

You can build your own designs, be creative, chat and make friends!

Parents and guardians must give consent in person or over the phone for 11-13 year olds.

No need to book, and completely free!

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Stick me
on the
fridge!

[Write your family's name here]

Family Snack Challenge

How to play:

Take our 7 day family snack challenge. Don't forget to tick the box each day when you complete the challenge!

Ask your parents to download the free Food Scanner app to see what's really inside your food and drink. Discover which ones are the healthiest!

Search 'Food Scanner'



"What do two bananas do when they meet each other?"

A banana shake!

Start here:

Day 1 Fruity snack

Try a new fruit for your snack today – how about a peach, pineapple chunks or a mandarin?

We did this ☐

Day 2 Adventurous veggies

Have a veggie snack such as carrot, pepper or cucumber sticks with a lower-fat dip.

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Day 3 Packaged snacks?

Try sticking to 2 a day max!

We did this ☐

Day 5 A Day champions

Fruit and vegetables are a perfect snack – and count towards your 5 A Day. Try having all of yours today!

We did this ☐

Day 5 Drink smarter!

Ditch the sugary drinks for water, lower-fat milks, sugar-free or no-added sugar drinks. Try iced water with your favourite fruit.

We did this ☐

Day 4 Say no to 'reds'

Use the FREE Change4Life Food Scanner app to choose snacks with no 'reds'.

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Day 7 Create your own

It's your turn to think of a healthy snack challenge! How about swapping your usual snack for a less sugary one? For more ideas, search Change4Life.

Write here:

We did this ☐

"Why aren't grapes ever lonely?"

Because they come in bunches!

Search **Change4Life** for more healthier snacking ideas