



Dear parents, carers, and family members,

I hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend. It has been quite a quiet week at school, allowing us a moment for reflection. We commenced our week by focusing on Our Lady, as it was the first occasion since the beginning of May that we had gathered together in this spirit. With the assistance of some of the children from Class 4, I had the privilege of sharing five important facts about Mary, which resonate deeply within our faith and serve as an inspiration for us all.



Firstly, Mary teaches us about courage. In a world that often presents us with numerous challenges and adversities, her example encourages each of us to stand firm in our beliefs and to face difficulties with unwavering resolve. Her life demonstrates that true strength comes not from a lack of fear, but from the ability to confront fears courageously. Secondly, Mary exemplifies humility. Despite holding a uniquely significant position in the world, she lived with grace and modesty; this teaches us the importance of remaining grounded, regardless of our circumstances. The humility with which she approached her divine calling is a model for us all.

Moreover, Mary embodies generosity, inviting us to share our blessings with others and to act selflessly, thereby enriching our community. Generosity is a cornerstone of our faith, and Mary's life invites us to extend our reach towards those in need. Additionally, she imparts vital lessons on resilience: she teaches us not to succumb to despair when circumstances grow arduous. Overcoming challenges with faith in God while seeking support from our community is paramount. Lastly, Mary reminds us of the importance of making time for silence and stillness, allowing space for reflection and prayer.

Following our discussions, we gathered together to sing and present Mary with her crowns while laying flowers at her feet—symbols of our respect and love for her. Her coronation signifies hope for all believers, echoing the universal promise of salvation within the Christian faith. By crowning Mary, we affirm her role as the Queen of Heaven and Earth, a title splendidly befitting her grace and dignity.

On Thursday, some classes participated in moments of quiet and reflective prayer to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day). This poignant moment in our history allows us to honour the millions who served, suffered, or perished during the war, including both military and civilian individuals. Commemorating such moments reminds us of our communal responsibility to ensure that the lessons from this period are not forgotten, particularly regarding the perils associated with totalitarianism, hatred, and global conflict.

We joyfully join the global Catholic community in celebrating the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo. As a Catholic school rooted in faith and tradition, we recognise this moment as one of renewal and unity for the Church. We extend our heartfelt prayers for Pope Leo as he embarks on his papal ministry, asking the Holy Spirit to guide him with wisdom, courage, and compassion. May his leadership not only inspire the entire Catholic community but also encourage each of us to deepen our faith, serve others with love, and walk more closely with Christ. Let us continue to uphold Pope Leo in our daily intentions, especially during school Masses and prayers.



"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church."—Matthew 16:18



As our remarkable Year Six children prepare to take their Key Stage Two SATs, we take this opportunity to envelop them with encouragement, faith, and love as a whole school community.

To our Year Six pupils, you have the right to feel proud. These tests are merely one chapter in your learning journey, but the person you have become—kind, curious, hardworking, and resilient—is what truly matters. We encourage you to remember that your best is always sufficient. Approach those tests knowing that you are embedded with God's peace and the fervent prayers of all those around you.

Your teachers, family members, and friends are firmly behind you, instilling in you the belief that you are never alone in this endeavour. Your school community proudly walks alongside you on this journey, as does Jesus, who provides eternal guidance. Furthermore, you have the right to rest, play, and dream. The SATs will come and go, but your joy, creativity, and aspirations for the future are treasures that will endure throughout your lifetime.

We are already immensely proud of who you are and all that you have achieved thus far. While we encourage you to do your best in the upcoming assessments, it is essential to understand that your worth cannot be determined by a test score. God possesses magnificent plans for each of you. As Scripture reminds us, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid... for the Lord your God goes with you" (Deuteronomy 31:6). You have everything you need to succeed.

On the following Thursday, four children will accompany Mrs. Campbell to the Major Making Service in Harwich. Following this, we eagerly await the Major, who will be coming to our school on Friday to share insights from this special experience.

Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment 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	98.57%	95.83%	5
Class 2	99.62%	90.38%	0
Class 3	96.76%	94.12%	2
Class 4	96.06%	95.45%	5



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Patrick and Destiny

Class 2: Ernie and Violet

Class 3: Preston and Jaxx

Class 4: John and Taylor

Whole School Attendance this week: 93.97%

Winning Class this week: Class 1—95.83%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST GEORGE

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Fri 23rd May	Last Day before Half-Term—Non uniform day (for the Fete)
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—Details to follow
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
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
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 12th May
Week 1 of the new menu

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



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->

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!

Contact Teentalk for more details today!



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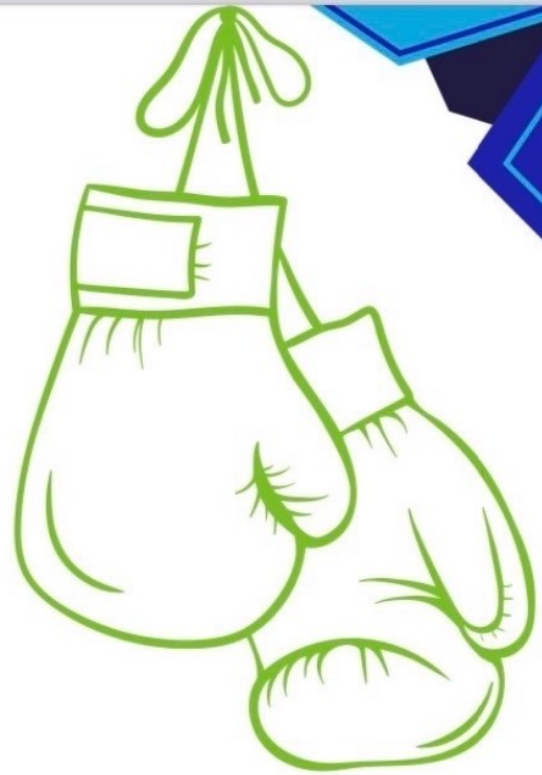


BoxSmart

On the Ropes

AEF BoxSmart is a targeted youth intervention project aimed at young people aged between 11-17 years. Projects vary from 12-week referral-led courses to regular after school sessions.

The BoxSmart project has been designed to give young people the opportunity to learn the techniques and disciplines of boxing, martial arts and other physical activities. In return, they can earn valuable awards and qualifications, making it a rewarding experience both physically, mentally and personally.



FREE



Bring your own water/drinks



Wear suitable clothing for activities



No booking needed, just turn up

Each week, alongside boxing and fitness activities, young people and coach mentors will explore current issues faced by young people including social media pressure, risk taking behaviours and consequences, substance misuse, exploitation and how to stay safe in their community. Participants will be fully supported, meet like-minded others, and develop their teamwork, motivation and collaboration skills.



Starting weekly on
Friday afternoons from
May 16th 2025



4.15pm to 5.45pm



**Harwich Social Club,
Barrack Lane, CO12 3NS**



To find out more or book a place, contact Seconds Out on
01255 235052 or email: secondsoutltd@gmail.com



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