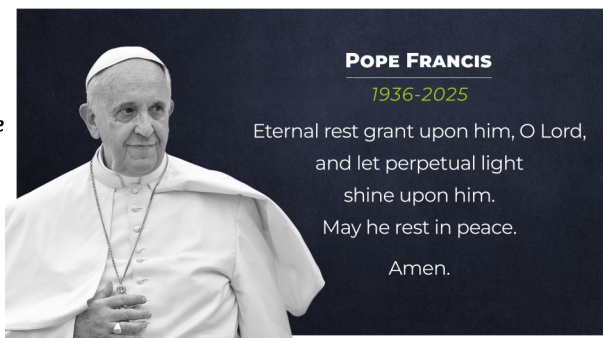




Dear Parents, carers and family members,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. As we returned to school on Tuesday, the atmosphere was understandably sombre following the news of the passing of our church leader, Pope Francis. In a display of unity, we gathered together on Tuesday morning alongside Catholics around the globe to mourn the loss of a humble and courageous leader who served the Church with extraordinary compassion and grace.

Pope Francis was a beacon of hope and kindness throughout his tenure. He reminded us all of the power of mercy, the importance of inclusion, and the sacred responsibility we share in caring for one another and for the world around us. His life served as a testament to love in action, consistently



POPE FRANCIS

1936-2025

Eternal rest grant upon him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
Amen.

emphasising the underlying values that bind our community. One of his most memorable quotes resonates deeply with us: "Let us care for one another and let us be loving custodians of creation." These words not only inspire us but also guide our community's mission of service and kindness.

In remembrance of Pope Francis, we invite you to join us in a collective prayer:

A Prayer for Pope Francis

Loving God,

We thank You for the life and leadership of Pope Francis. He showed us how to walk in the footsteps of Jesus—with courage, with tenderness, and with a deep love for all people. Now that his earthly journey is complete, welcome him into the joy of Your eternal light. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through Your mercy, rest in peace. Amen.

As we reflect on Pope Francis's legacy, may we honour him by embracing the same humility, hope, and love that he so generously shared with the world.

On a brighter note, we experienced a joyous afternoon last week when we welcomed some very special four-legged visitors, Coda and Bertie, accompanied by their humans, Beverly and Kay from the Top Dog Training Academy. The children were taught about the vital importance of seeking an owner's permission before approaching a dog, as well as the correct and safe methods for interacting with them when permitted. In addition to meeting these wonderful dogs, we were treated to an extraordinary demonstration of Coda's super skills—a highly informative and enjoyable presentation that captivated both children and staff alike.

Looking ahead, it is with great excitement that I announce our first Fisherman's Cup match against Ardleigh, taking place on Monday. Kick-off is scheduled for 3:30 PM, and I encourage everyone to come along and show their support for our brilliant team. We wish them all the best as they strive for victory.



On Wednesday, we would like to remind parents that Mrs Standen and Mrs Wiltshire will be hosting a Year 1 phonics meeting at 3 PM in Class 2. This meeting presents an invaluable opportunity to learn how to best support your child's reading and phonics journey, and we warmly encourage your attendance.

Additionally, on Thursday, we kindly request that all children come to school in smart school uniform as we will be conducting our Year group and Year 6 individual photographs. If any classes have PE scheduled for that day, please rest assured that the class teacher will be in touch regarding any necessary arrangements.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	Late Marks
Class 1	95.71%	95.24%	5
Class 2	94.62%	94.76%	2
Class 3	98.24%	97.43%	7
Class 4	97.50%	95.04%	9

I would like to take this opportunity to issue a reminder regarding our safety protocols. Once children enter through the gates, we kindly ask that they refrain from leaving for their safety. Additionally, it is essential that all Class 1 and 2 children are accompanied at all times, even before breakfast club, until a member of staff is available to assist them into the building.

As we embark on what promises to be an extremely busy term, I would like to emphasise the importance of keeping a close eye on Seesaw, our primary communication platform. This tool is integral for sharing vital information, updates, and announcements, and staying connected is essential for fostering our community. If you encounter any challenges accessing Seesaw or have further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us; we are here to help.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, let us honour the values exemplified by Pope Francis, and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead this term.

I hope you all have a lovely, safe weekend. Take care – God bless – Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Teddy and Helen

Class 2: Isla, Miracle and Belle

Class 3: Amora and Coen

Class 4: Emmie, Finn, Kye and Ned

Whole School Attendance this week: 95.72%

Winning Class this week: Class 3—97.43%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST GEORGE

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 28th April	Football Match at School V Ardleigh- 3.20pm kick-off - spectators welcome
Weds 30th April	3pm Y1 Phonics Meeting
Thurs 1st May	Year 6 individual photos and whole school year group photos
Mon 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Sat 17th May	Fisherman's Cup Final Day
Fri 23rd May	Last Day before Half-Term—Non uniform day (for the Fete)
Mon 2nd June	First day back
Sat 7th June	First Holy Communion
Fri 13th June	Non uniform day (for the Fete)
Mon 16th June	9am Summer Mass at School
Thurs 19th June	9am Class 4 Mass
Fri 20th June	School Fete
Mon 23rd June + Tues 24th June	Y6 Transition Days for St Benedict's Children
Thurs 26th June	Y6 Transition Day for Harwich and Dovercourt School
Weds 2nd July	Sports Day

**2025/2026 TERM DATES ARE BELOW—
PLEASE SCROLL DOWN. THESE
INCLUDE NON PUPIL DAYS.**

Week Beginning Monday 28th April
Week 2 of the new menu

Monday

Breakfast Wrap

Sausage, Bacon and Hash Brown
 served with baked beans

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Tuesday

BBQ Panko Chicken

served with Wedges and Corn on
 the Cob

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Wednesday

**Jacket Potato with a
 selection of fillings**

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Thursday

Traditional Lasagne

served Garlic Bread and Salad

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Friday

Fish Cake

served with Fries and baked beans

Baguette/Roll

served with salad

Available everyday

A healthy salad bar, fresh fruit, and



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->



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Essex County Council

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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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Term and Holiday - Academic Year 2025-2026

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	= Schooldays		= School holidays		= Bank holidays
	= Weekends				
	= Non Pupil days				

schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated,
or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 <i>Half Term 27 October – 31 October</i>	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 <i>Half Term 16 February – 20 February</i>	55 days
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 <i>Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday – 4 May</i>	65 days
		<u>195 days</u>

Please note:

The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies. You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.