



St Joseph's Catholic Primary
We follow in St Joseph's footsteps building a community of love, trust, respect and learning.



Dear Parents, carers and family members,

What an incredible term it has been! We have experienced so many wonderful moments together at St. Joseph's, each contributing to our vibrant school community. From our CAFOD cake sale to the celebrations for St. Joseph's Day and the Inclusion and Diversity Festival, the term has truly been enriched by these special events, reminding us of the importance of togetherness and collaboration.

This past Monday, we commenced the week with a poignant service reflecting on the Stations of the Cross. This reflection offered us a powerful means to participate in the Passion and death of Jesus Christ, keenly reminding us of His suffering and ultimate sacrifice for humanity. Such moments not only encourage our spiritual growth but also foster compassion in our hearts, reinforcing our commitment to walk in the footsteps of Christ.

On Tuesday, we had the pleasure of welcoming Catherine Hutley, the Assistant Director for Education for Mid-Essex, who came to conduct an Inclusion Review. At the conclusion of her review, she praised St. Joseph's for demonstrating "an unwavering amount of commitment to Inclusion." I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this review process and engaged with Catherine during her visit. I am immensely proud of all that we offer in terms of inclusion and diversity at St. Joseph's, yet I continuously seek ways to enhance our practices. For this reason, I encourage those who have not yet completed the Parent Inclusion Audit to take part, as your insights are invaluable in our journey towards improvement.

Wednesday was particularly special as we welcomed a very unique visitor—the Easter Bunny! The delight on the children's faces as they received their eggs was truly heartwarming. A sincere thank you to the PTA for organising this delightful event for our children.

The afternoon also showcased the first performance of Class 3's rendition of "Matilda", which received rave reviews from both parents and staff, highlighting the remarkable talents of our children.



On Thursday, the entire school took part in a significant event reflecting on our Catholic Social Teaching principles by participating in the Big Lent Walk, in support of CAFOD. This initiative is part of our Jubilee Pledge as pilgrims of hope and solidarity, aspiring to contribute towards making a better world for all. The funds raised will be used to purchase chickens for farmers in need, providing them with resources to sustain their families. I extend my deepest gratitude to all those who generously contributed and joined us for this meaningful occasion. It was wonderful to witness our children grasp the importance of giving, and a healthy walk along the sea front is always a rejuvenating start to the day.

Thursday evening highlighted the talents of Class 3 once again, with their second performance. I was profoundly moved by their incredible display of talent, confidence, and enthusiasm. It was truly inspiring to witness children who would have never stepped on stage just a year ago showcase such great poise and creativity. Well done to all of Class 3, and I would like to extend a special mention to the remarkable Mrs. Manley, Mrs. Cole, and the outstanding teacher who brought it all together—Miss Perkins.

As the week progressed, we encountered an event that had some of our staff members feeling a bit apprehensive—"I'm a Teacher, Get Me Out of Here!" Thank you to all contributors for their generous donations; we feel extremely fortunate to have such unwavering support behind our little school. We are immensely excited to be beginning work on the Sensory Room next term. My utmost appreciation goes to Mr. Gueizelar, who has gone above and beyond in orchestrating this event. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated PTA Chair and parent supporting our lovely school. Although, dare I say, perhaps we could contemplate a slightly less daunting event next time!

On our first day back after the Easter break, we will have a special Dog Safety Assembly presented by the Top Dog Training Academy based in Ramsey.

The children will learn how to safely approach a dog and ascertain whether they have permission from the owner before stroking a pet. Top Dog are offering this important presentation free of charge; however, as they also run the local pet food bank charity, they would greatly appreciate any voluntary donations. If you are able to send in a small amount to assist their cause, it would be most appreciated.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	Year so far
Class 1	97.14%	95.71%	93.27%
Class 2	98.08%	94.62%	95.86%
Class 3	95.88%	98.24%	95.27%
Class 4	98.75%	97.50%	96.62%

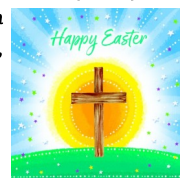
In closing, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful staff for their unwavering commitment to our children and for continually going above and beyond in their efforts. Your dedication does not go unnoticed and plays a key role in enhancing the educational experience for every student at St. Joseph's.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge you, our devoted parents, for your continual support and active participation in the school community. I hope you all have a joyful and restful Easter break, filled with special moments with your families. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday, 22nd April—please do remember that Monday is a bank holiday. Your presence and enthusiasm greatly enrich our school environment, and together we continue to foster a community grounded in faith, respect, and the joy of learning.

May the blessed promise of the risen Christ bring joy to all your days, and peace to your heart. Have a wonderful Easter

Take care – God bless – Mrs. Golding

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, The Drive, Harwich, Essex CO12 3SU



Certificate Winners

Will continue after Easter.....

Class 1:

Class 2:

Class 3:

Class 4:

Whole School Attendance this week: 96.73%

Winning Class this week: Class 3—98.24%



*Winning House Team This Week:
Roll Over.....*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 21st April	BANK HOLIDAY—EASTER MONDAY
Tues 22nd April	First day back after the Easter break for everyone Children's Assembly—Dog Handler
Sat 26th April	Girls Football Team Finals day—Harwich and Dovercourt High School—details to be confirmed
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
Mon 2nd June	First day back
Sat 7th June	First Holy Communion
Fri 20th June	School Fete
Weds 2nd July	Sports Day

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

Week Beginning Tuesday 22nd April

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
Pois

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Available everyday
A healthy salad bar, fresh fruit and
vegetables

Week 1

Menu

Fresh
All our food is
cooked fresh each
day

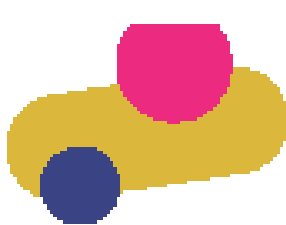
Healthy
Our pasta, rice and
breads are healthy
wholemeal products

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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.

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WEEK 1

EASTER HOLIDAY EVENTS IN NORTH ESSEX



SUNDAY 6TH

NAZE

Wild Beach Play
10am-11:30am

Seashore Discovery
1pm-3pm

MONDAY 7TH

NAZE

Seashore Discovery
1:30pm-3:30pm

TUESDAY 8TH

NAZE

Seashore Science Lab
10am-10:45am &
11:15am-12pm
Creativity by the Sea
1:30pm-3:30pm

ABBERTON

Spring Explorers
10:30am-12:30pm & 2-4pm

ABBOTTS HALL

Wilder Holiday Club
9am-3pm



Essex
Wildlife Trust

WEDNESDAY 9TH

TIPTREE HEATH

Family Forest Fun
10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

ABBERTON

Wilder Holiday Club
9am-3pm

FINGRINGHOE

Nature Adventurers
10:30am-12:30pm

THURSDAY 10TH

FINGRINGHOE

Wilder Holiday Club
9am-3pm

ABBERTON

Easter Tots
10:30am-12:30pm

NAZE

Family Fossil
Discovery
2:30pm-4pm

FRIDAY 11TH

FINGRINGHOE

Pond Dipping
10am-11am, 11:30am-12:30pm, 1:30pm-2:30pm & 3pm-4pm

ABBERTON

Wild Night Out
7pm-9pm

SATURDAY 12TH



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information visit
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WEEK 2

EASTER HOLIDAY EVENTS IN NORTH ESSEX



MONDAY 14TH

FINGRINGHOE
Campfire, Creations
and Adventures
10:30am-12:30pm

ABBERTON

Super Scientists
10:30am-12:30pm &
2pm-4pm

TUESDAY 15TH

ABBOTTS HALL
Wilder Holiday Club
9am-3pm

WEDNESDAY 16TH

FINGRINGHOE
CBBC Deadly Scene
Investigation Trail
10:30am-3pm

ABBERTON

Wilder Holiday Club
9am-3pm

THURSDAY 17TH

FINGRINGHOE
Wilder Holiday Club
9am-3pm

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information or to
book online visit
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FRIDAY 18TH

ABBERTON
Eggcellent Easter
10:30am-3:30pm

FINGRINGHOE

Egg-citing Easter
10am-3pm

NAZE

Easter Hunt
10am-3pm

SATURDAY 19TH

ABBERTON
Eggcellent Easter
10:30am-3:30pm

FINGRINGHOE

Egg-citing Easter
10am-3pm

NAZE

Easter Hunt
10am-3pm

SUNDAY 20TH

ABBERTON
Eggcellent Easter
10:30am-3:30pm

FINGRINGHOE

Egg-citing Easter
10am-3pm

NAZE

Easter Hunt
10am-3pm

MONDAY 21ST

ABBERTON
Eggcellent Easter
10:30am-3:30pm



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KITTY'S STAGE
SCHOOL

**MUSICAL THEATRE
CLASSES
MONDAYS**

🎭 15:45-16:25 | Acting up Tots (Age 2-4) £4

🎭 16:30-17:25 | Set the Stage Jr's (Age 5-8) £5

🎭 17:30-18:25 | Guys & Dolls Sr's (Age 9-12) £5

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April 22nd

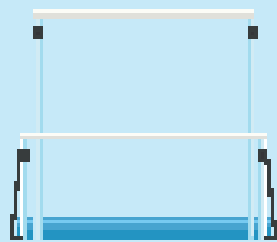
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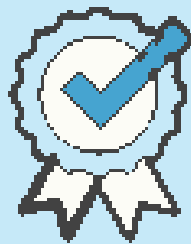
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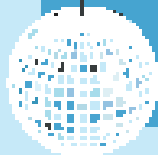


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Easter Bunny Craft

MONDAY 7 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00AM
TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00AM
THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2025 AT 1:00PM
FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00AM
SATURDAY 12 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00AM
MONDAY 14 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00AM
TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2025 AT 10:00AM
THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2025 AT 1:00PM
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Event Description

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SATURDAY 8 MARCH 2025 AT 2:30PM
SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2025 AT 2:30PM
SATURDAY 22 MARCH 2025 AT 2:30PM
SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2025 AT 2:30PM
SATURDAY 12 APRIL 2025 AT 2:30PM
SATURDAY 19 APRIL 2025 AT 2:30PM
SATURDAY 26 APRIL 2025 AT 2:30PM

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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.