



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,

I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who participated in our Inclusion and Diversity Festival last Friday. It was so lovely to see so many of you there, celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures and experiences that enrich our school and community.

As we embarked on the new week, we gathered together to contemplate the theme of 'how to play'. During this time, we engaged in meaningful discussions regarding the importance of playing nicely with one another. We took a moment to reflect on our school mission statement, which emphasises the values of trust, respect, and love—principles that are pivotal for ensuring that our playtime is both enjoyable and harmonious. I shared a poignant quote from Mother Teresa that reminds us all of the significance of sharing with others, highlighting this as an essential aspect of our interactions.

Furthermore, we reviewed our school's playtime rules to ensure that every child knows the expectations we uphold during this valuable time. Our rules state that we are kind, we are gentle, we invite children who are on their own to join in, we are polite, we put our litter in the bin, we take care of our school and its equipment, we are honest, we listen and show respect to everyone, we refrain from spoiling others' games, and we never hurt one another. Our discussions made it clear that if we adhere to these guidelines, everyone can enjoy a wonderful and safe experience during playtime.



I am excited to share that thanks to our 'Pennies for the Playground' initiative, we unveiled an array of brand new school equipment this week, including a fabulously colourful 'Buddy Bench'. I took the opportunity to explain to the children the purpose of the Buddy Bench, which is to provide a space for those who may be feeling sad, unsure of what to do, or who are seeking companionship during their play. We discussed the various ways we can support each other when we see anyone sitting alone on this bench, agreeing that we should always encourage them to join in and extend our kindness.

The remainder of the week was fairly quiet but exceedingly pleasant, as we revelled in the sun and witnessed the children thoroughly enjoying the new equipment. I kindly ask for your assistance in reminding our children at home about how fortunate they are to have access to such resources, as well as the importance of adhering to our playtime rules in fostering a positive environment for all.

Reflecting on Friday, I must acknowledge what an extremely busy day it was. I sincerely hope you all enjoyed the special Mother's Day Breakfast. Unfortunately, I was unable to be there to share in this lovely moment with you all. A heartfelt thank you is also merited for Mr. Guezelar and the PTA, whose efforts made it possible for us to celebrate the hardworking mothers, fathers, stepmothers, grandmothers, and aunts in our lives in such a delightful manner.

Looking ahead, next week promises to be a whirlwind as we approach the final week of this term. On Monday, we will come together for a poignant service at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, where we will take the time to reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, as part of our Lenten observances. The Stations of the Cross service will begin promptly at 10am, and we warmly welcome all parents and family members to attend.

On Tuesday, we will host an Inclusion Review, during which Mrs. Hutley, the Assistant Director of Education from Mid-Essex, will visit our school to observe how St. Joseph's embraces inclusivity for all. I extend my gratitude to those of you who have already returned the Parent Inclusion Audit; for those yet to do so, there remains an opportunity to contribute. Your voices are invaluable to us as parents.

Wednesday brings an exciting visit from the Easter Bunny, alongside the eagerly anticipated first performance of the Class 3 play, "Matilda." The afternoon performance will commence at 1.30pm, followed by an evening performance on Thursday at 6pm. I have been doing my utmost to refrain from delving into spoilers for this delightful production.

On Thursday, we will continue our Pilgrims of Hope initiative as we honour our Lenten promises and come together to raise funds for CAFOD with The Big Lent Walk. Our goal is to purchase as many chickens as possible, and we kindly request your generous donations of £4.50 per chicken. The walk is set to commence at 9.30am as we stroll along the promenade. Any contributions you can provide would be immensely appreciated, and you are most welcome to join us.

Finally, the much-anticipated event that everyone has been waiting for is upon us: "I'm a Teacher, Get Me Out of Here!" This exciting occasion will take place on Friday, beginning at 1pm and wrapping up by 2.30pm. Therefore, we kindly remind parents that children need to be collected promptly at 2.30pm, as we will be concluding activities early that day. This event is shaping up to be extraordinary, and we would love to see as many of you there as possible to support our courageous staff. Tickets are currently on sale at the school office, so please do stop by to secure yours.

As we conclude, I must address an important safety concern regarding collection time. I kindly request that children do not play on the climbing equipment after school, particularly the Key Stage 1 children, as it is designated for Key Stage 2 usage only. This policy is in place to ensure the safety of all our students, as the equipment may be too large for our younger children and we wouldn't want them to come to any harm.

I hope you have a lovely, safe weekend – Happy Mother's day.

Take care – God bless – Mrs. Golding

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	97.62%	97.14%	9
Class 2	96.92%	98.08%	7
Class 3	96.47%	95.88%	7
Class 4	96.25%	98.75%	8



Certificate Winners

This will continue next week

Class 1: Teddy, Helen and Billy

Class 2: Travis, Lily and Esmée

Class 3: Veronica, Amelia and Finn

Class 4: Millie, Thorin and Esmae

Whole School Attendance this week: 96.73%

Winning Class this week: Class 4—98.75%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST GEORGE

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 31st March	10am Stations of the Cross at Church
Weds 2nd April	1.30pm Class 3 Play—Matilda
Thurs 3rd April	9.30am Lent Walk 6pm Class 3 Play—Matilda
Friday 4th April	Last day for Children before Easter break PTA event.....I'm a teacher..... starts at 1pm School finishes at 2.30pm—REVISED TIME
Mon 21st April	BANK HOLIDAY—EASTER MONDAY
Tues 22nd April	First day back after the Easter break for Children and Staff
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
Fri 23rd May	Last Day before Half-Term

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

Week Beginning 31st March 2025

WEEK 3 of the Dinner Menu

Street food on Tuesday is burger or pulled pork in a bun.

Friday is party food day.....

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Week 3

Monday

Pasta with a choice of sauces
Served with a green salad

Jacket Potato
With a choice of Ham, Cheese, Tuna, or Beans

Tuesday

Winter Street Food
A selection of hot filled breads served with a side of your choice

Jacket Potato
With a choice of Ham, Cheese, Tuna, or Beans

Wednesday

Butchers Sausage
served with mashed potatoes, broccoli and carrots

Jacket Potato
With a choice of Ham, Cheese, Tuna, or Beans

Thursday

Chicken and Vegetable Pie
served with crispy diced potatoes and green beans

Jacket Potato
With a choice of Ham, Cheese, Tuna, or Beans

Friday

Party Food Friday

A choice of Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwich served with a pizza slice, sausage roll, cocktail sausage, veg sticks and a biscuit/cake

Available everyday

A healthy salad bar, fresh fruit, and

Menu

Fresh
All our food is cooked fresh each day

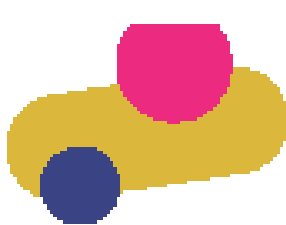
Healthy
Our pasta, rice and breads are healthy wholemeal products

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->



FREE

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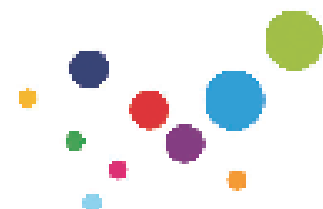
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I'M A TEACHER, GET ME OUT OF HERE - TRIAL TIME!

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL - SHOW UNDERWAY AT 1PM - TICKETS ON SALE NEXT WEEK.

YOUR CONFIRMED TRIALS -

- It's not Break Time, Its Snake Time!
- No Lunch Time Bell, Just Lunch Time Hell!
- Afternoon Stink Drink!
- Take off your Socks, to feel inside the box!
- Plunge into the Gunge!
- Have a Feel it could be an Eel!!

Every Friday - children can bring money in to vote who does what Trial above. For just 20p a vote, you can select a teacher to take on one of the above trials. After Lunch, our Head Girl and Boy will be in the School Hall ready and waiting to collate your votes - You can vote as many times as you like - £1.00 for 5 Votes or £5.00 for 25 Votes - if you want the Teacher to face their fears, now its time to cast your vote, the power lies with you all. Parents will also be able to vote if they wish to do so before and following Assembly via Mr Gueizelar who will be in reception.

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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



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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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Wildlife Trust



For more
information visit
www.essexwt.org.uk/events



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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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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

📍 DOVERCOURT CHURCH
203 MAIN RD, DOVERCOURT,
HARWICH CO12 3PH

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New Term Starts April 22nd

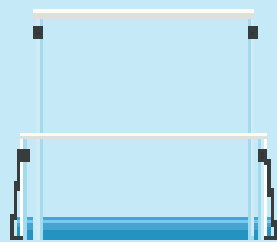
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OPENING EASTER 2025

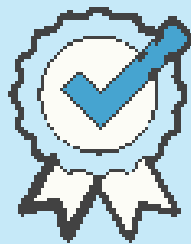
 **MANNINGTREE, EBBW**

GYMNASTICS & DANCE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

DEDICATED BABY SOFT PLAY & TODDLER SESSIONS



BRAND NEW HIGH
END FACILITIES

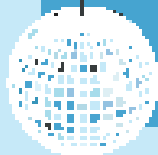


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EXPERIENCED
TEACHERS



BRITISH
GYMNASTICS &
ISTD REGISTERED

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINED, DBS CHECKED &
FULLY INSURED**



PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR OPENING PARTY ON
SATURDAY 19TH APRIL

TO SECURE A PLACE TODAY CONTACT

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WEEKLY SESSIONS RESTARTING ON 17TH SEPTEMBER
EVERY TUESDAY | 5.00PM - 6.00PM | AGES 8-16*
HARWICH AND DOVERCOURT HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL
*SAFELY ORGANISED INTO RELEVANT AGE GROUPS

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LIMITED SPACES ACT QUICKLY TO GRAB ONE

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

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
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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.