



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,

As we embarked on another busy week at St. Joseph's, we began our by gathering to discuss an essential topic: rules. While rules can sometimes be perceived as a burden, we engaged in a thoughtful exploration of their significance. Although adhering to rules may often prove challenging, they function as crucial instruments for enabling us to coexist in peace and harmony.

This week, we focused on a particularly reverent story from the Bible—the narrative of Moses and the Ten Commandments. This account, found in Exodus 20:1-17, delineates the directives bestowed by God, intended to guide humanity in leading more fulfilling lives in close-knit communities. We examined how rules served as beacons of guidance for the people in ancient times, much as they do for us today.

On Monday, we held our first Parent/Teacher meeting, followed by the second round on Wednesday. It was a pleasure to witness the positive engagement and discussions during these sessions. I trust that you all found them beneficial and informative, as we strive to maintain an open line of communication and partnership with our families.



Wednesday also ushered in a significant occasion in our liturgical calendar—the Ash Wednesday Mass, which marked the commencement of the Lenten season. This solemn observance serves as a poignant reminder of human mortality and our inherent need for reconciliation with God. It initiates a period of reflection and penitence, inviting us to reassess our lives and deepen our faith. I was so proud of all the children who read and everyone sang so beautifully, it really was heartwarming.

The week continued with enthusiasm as we recognised World Book Day on Thursday. It filled my heart with joy to see the children adorned in a splendid array of vibrant costumes and comfortable outfits. We gathered to discuss the significance of World Book Day and considered ourselves fortunate to reside in a country where literary resources are readily available, empowering us to cultivate a love for reading and learning.

Additionally, Class 4 had the distinct privilege of hosting Mr. Les Nicolls as a guest speaker. He contributed to our class's intergenerational magazine, which will be showcased during our upcoming Inclusion and Diversity Festival. Mr. Nicolls is a remarkable member of our community, having established the charity NEST, dedicated to supporting families facing poverty. His insights and experiences enriched the students' understanding local challenges, thus enhancing their awareness of community involvement.

On Friday, we participated in the World Day of Prayer, which brought Mark from CAFOD to our school to conduct an assembly centred around the Big Lent Walk and the significance of this day. Following the assembly, he engaged with classes 2 to 4 in a workshop that illuminated the importance of prayer in our daily lives. Class 4 then attended Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, taking time to reflect on the profound impact of prayer and its role in our spiritual lives.

Looking ahead to next week, although our schedule may appear less hectic, we still have engaging activities planned. On Tuesday, our school football team will be competing at home against Ardleigh, and I encourage all parents and friends to come and support our players. Your presence plays a vital role in fostering a sense of community and encouragement.

On Wednesday, Class 4 will continue their interviews with various community members, welcoming Mrs. Libby Scarfe as a guest. Mrs. Scarfe operates Beach School that serves many schools in Harwich and Dovercourt. She actively promotes environmental stewardship along our coastline and engages with the local historical community. This engagement will provide our students with valuable insights into community initiatives and the environmental efforts undertaken in our region.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that we will not hold our usual celebration worship next Friday. Instead, we will be organising a CAFOD Tea and Cake sale in the afternoon at 2pm. The year 6 students will once again be at the helm of this initiative, and I kindly urge you to bring in homemade cakes on Friday morning to support this worthy cause. Your contributions will not only enhance our fundraising efforts for CAFOD but will also foster a communal spirit of sharing and charity within our school.

As we conclude this week's newsletter, I wish to extend a heartfelt welcome to Mrs. Newman, who has joined our support staff at the beginning of this half term. Mrs. Newman will be working with Class 2 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We are delighted to have her at St. Joseph's, and I trust she will feel very much at home in our school community.

I hope you all have a lovely, safe weekend.

Take care—God bless—Mrs. Golding

CAFOD
Just one world



Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	95.24%	97.14%	10
Class 2	90.31%	96.92%	0
Class 3	87.65%	97.06%	7
Class 4	97.81%	96.88%	5



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Aviana and Maksymilian

Class 2: Thomasina and all of Class 2

Class 3: Isaac and Albie

Class 4: Teddie and Ernest

Whole School Attendance this week: 96.99%

Winning Class this week: Class 1—97.14%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST GEORGE

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tues 11th March	Football home match V Ardleigh
Weds 12th March	Parent Workshop 3.30pm Emotional Regulation
Fri 14th March	CAFOD Tea and Cake at School 2pm
Weds 19th March	9.30am St Joseph's Mass at School
Fri 21st March	Community Diversity Day Festival
Fri 28th March	Mother's Day Breakfast—Tickets on Sale now
Mon 31st March	10am Stations of the Cross at Church
Weds 2nd April	1.30pm Class 3 Play—Matilda
Thurs 3rd April	6pm Class 3 Play—Matilda
Friday 4th April	Last day for Children before Easter break PTA event.....I'm a teacher..... details to follow
Mon 21st April	BANK HOLIDAY—EASTER MONDAY
Tues 22nd April	First day back after the Easter break for Children and Staff
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

REMINDER

Our school classrooms open at 8.35am. Our registers are taken at 8.50am. Children that arrive between 8.50am and 9am are given a late mark. This is a code 'L' in the register.

If your child arrives after 9am they are given an unauthorised late mark. This is a code 'U' in the register.

If your child has 10 unauthorised late marks in any 10 week period you could be fined by the local authority and this could lead to a prosecution.

WE DON'T WANT THIS TO HAPPEN TO ANY OF OUR PARENTS.

***This week there were 17 late marks and
5 unauthorised late marks across the school!***

Week Beginning 10th March 2025
WEEK 3 of the Dinner Menu
New Menu coming after Easter.....

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

Chunky Fish Cakes
 served with baked beans

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

Available everyday

A healthy salad bar, fresh fruit, and yoghurt, water and milk

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->



HEP ARE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE OUR

Inclusion & Diversity Festival

Friday 21st March

Lots of exciting activities and experiences for the whole family to enjoy!

Plus a diverse range of foods available to purchase!

JOIN US IN AND AROUND THE
HARWICH AREA... MORE DETAILS!
TO FOLLOW SOON!



"THIS PROJECT IS SUPPORTED BY TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL AND THE UK GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND. THE DIVERSITY BENCH, THAT WILL BE LAUNCHED DURING THE FESTIVAL IS SPONSORED BY GALLOPER WIND FARMS. OUR THANKS GO TO BOTH, WITHOUT WHO THIS EVENT COULD NOT GO AHEAD."

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FREE

FAMILY SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR PARENT & CARERS

ONLINE



**An opportunity for parents/carers, to come along and connect with a community dedicated to positive growth and development.
All sessions are online**

Sibling Rivalry

11/03/2025 1900 - 2100 Search 'Sibling' via our website

Sleep For Wellbeing

13/03/2025 0930 - 1130 Search 'Bitesize Sleep' via our website

Managing Big Emotions

25/03/2025 1900 - 2100 or 28/03/2025 1230 - 1430
Search 'Big Emotions' via our website

Family Wellbeing

27/03/2025 0930 - 1130 Search 'Family Wellbeing' via our website

Visit our website **aclessex.com** and type the key words above in to the
'Find a course...' box

**COMMUNITY & FAMILY
LEARNING**



Essex County Council



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.

Saracens Easter Camps



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9TH APRIL

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