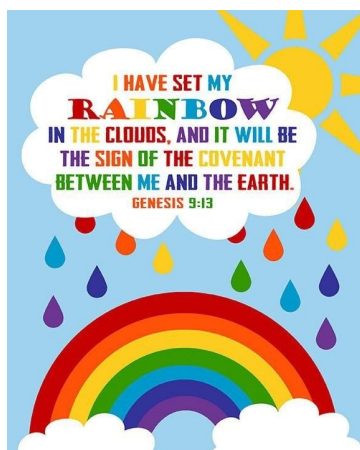




St Joseph's Catholic Primary
We follow in St Joseph's footsteps building a community of love, trust, respect and learning.



Dear parents, carers, and family members,



To begin our week we gathered together to reflect on the special promises that weave through our lives. Promises are integral to our relationships, whether they are commitments to complete our homework punctually or to extend kindness to our friends. In a similar spirit, we are reminded that God also makes promises to us. A prominent example of this is found in the story of Noah, who diligently built an enormous ark to save his family and a multitude of animals from the great flood. This week, I took the time to share the tale of Noah's Ark with the children, encouraging them to consider the special promises we can make to one another. Just as God has vowed to care for us, we too can support and uphold one another in our daily lives.

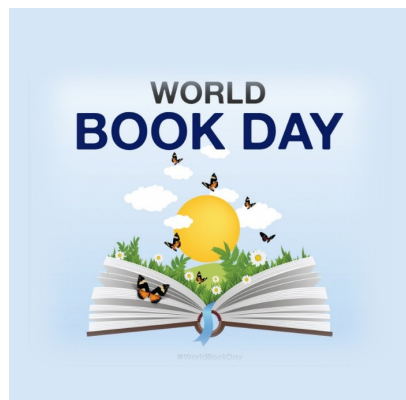
On Monday, some of our Year 6 parents joined Mr. Higgins and myself for a very informative SATs meeting. I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended. I trust that the session provided valuable insights into how we can collectively support our children in their academic endeavours as they prepare for these important assessments.

The week continued to be exciting on Tuesday, when children in Classes 3 and 4 enjoyed their very first cricket session with David from Centurion Community Cricket. This initiative, known as Chance to Shine, is an exceptional opportunity for our students to engage with expert coaches who will enhance their skills and understanding of the sport. We are incredibly fortunate to have such specialists visit St. Joseph's and foster a positive environment for physical education.

Looking ahead, we have an exceedingly busy week planned for our students and their families:

On Monday, we will commence our first round of Parent/Teacher Meetings. These brief sessions will provide teachers with the opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress with you. Each meeting is designed to last approximately ten minutes, so we kindly ask that you arrive promptly to ensure that the schedule runs smoothly. The meetings will be held in the school hall, while in your child's classroom, their books will be readily accessible for you to peruse. I encourage you to take this opportunity to see the incredible work our students have been compiling throughout the term.

On Wednesday, please be aware that we will open the school at an earlier time. The gates will open at 8:15 and close at 8:30, in preparation for Ash Wednesday Mass which begins at 9:00 at Our Lady Queen of Heaven. As it is a significant day in the Church calendar, I urge you to arrive punctually to ensure a seamless start to the day's activities, which will include both the Mass and the continuation of our Parent/Teacher meetings.



On Thursday, we are thrilled to celebrate World Book Day, an occasion that fosters a love of literature within our community. We have invited the children to come dressed as their favourite book characters. However, for those who may prefer a more comfortable alternative, we welcome the idea of wearing clothes suitable for reading. To support this celebration, we initiated a costume swap on Friday, and I extend my gratitude to those families who have already donated. For any parents with old costumes that no longer fit, please bring them in by Wednesday, as we will have a rail set up outside the office for this purpose. The teachers are eager to organise some engaging activities to enrich the day's experience for our students.

Friday marks the World Day of Prayer, during which Mark from CAFOD will join us at St. Joseph's. He will enlighten us about this important day and introduce CAFOD's Big Lent Walk campaign. This initiative encourages schools to collectively walk 200km over 40 days in a concerted effort to combat global poverty. We look forward to engaging conversations and shared actions that reflect our commitment to social responsibility.



ASH WEDNESDAY

"All go to the same place; all come from dust, and to dust all return."

-Ecclesiastes 3:20

Our Healthy Snack Heroes launched at the beginning of term continues to be a great success! Please do take a moment to look at our display in the Reception area as the children are very proud to be included. Your support is always much appreciated, and on that note there's a couple of reminders I'd like to draw your attention to...

Firstly, I kindly remind parents of the importance of punctuality. We have noted an increase in the number of children arriving late or being picked up later than necessary. While we understand that occasional delays may occur, we must stress that regular tardiness can significantly impact your child's educational experience at the start of the day.

Secondly, I must address the subject of uniform standards, which appear to be slipping recently. As members of St. Joseph's, we should take pride in wearing our uniform, which represents our school community, this includes our PE kits which should be unnamed clothes, as our uniform policy states. Additionally, many items of clothing remain unlabelled, leading to a higher likelihood of loss. I encourage all parents to ensure that their child's uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled to minimise confusion.

Lastly, please ensure that your child is equipped with a named drink bottle to stay hydrated throughout the school day.

Do remember that Seesaw is our primary mode of communication. It is where teachers will inform you of PE days, important dates, and other valuable information. Regularly checking Seesaw and your children's bags for letters sent home will ensure that you remain informed.

I hope you all have a lovely, safe weekend.

Take care—God bless—Mrs. Golding

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	94.76%	95.24%	6
Class 2	91.20%	90.31%	3
Class 3	92.35%	87.65%	4
Class 4	98.75%	97.81%	9



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Annabelle, Jude and Thea

Class 2: Adam and Ishmael

Class 3: James S and Remi

Class 4: Emmie and Ivy

Whole School Attendance this week: 92.55%

Winning Class this week: Class 4—97.81%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST PATRICK

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 3rd March	Parent/Teacher mtgs
Weds 5th March	Ash Wednesday Mass at Church 9am SCHOOL OPENS AT 8.15AM Parent/Teacher mtgs
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day
Fri 7th March	World Day of Prayer CAFOD in school
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
Friday 4th April	Last day for Children before Easter break PTA event.....I'm a teacher..... details to follow
Tues 22nd April	First day back after the Easter break for Children and Staff

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 21 late marks and
4 unauthorised late marks across the school!***

Week Beginning 3rd March 2025
WEEK 2 of the Dinner Menu
(No Roast on Wednesday—This will be Pizza)

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Week 2

Monday

Chinese Chow Mein

Served with noodles and mini spring roll

Jacket Potato

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

Tuesday

Katsu Cottage Pie

served with broccoli

Jacket Potato

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

Wednesday

Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Jacket Potato

With a choice of Cheese, Tuna, or Beans

Thursday

Pasta with Peas & Bacon

served with crispy leaf salad

Jacket Potato

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

Friday

Fillet of Fish

served with crispy chips and peas

Jacket Potato

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

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->



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!



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Think Pharmacy First

Most pharmacies in England are now providing the NHS Pharmacy First service which allows community pharmacists to provide advice and, where appropriate, supply NHS medicines to treat the following conditions:

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (aged 18 years and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)

If you or your child has symptoms that suggest you or they may have one of these conditions,

you can walk into a pharmacy and be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation room. Your GP surgery or NHS 111 may also refer your child (or you) to the service if you

contact them but they believe it is appropriate for you to be seen by a pharmacist.

If your child or you have symptoms that suggest one of the above conditions, why not give the

Pharmacy First service a try?

Watch the [animation](#) on Pharmacy First from Community Pharmacy England.

For more information, visit [nhs-services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/](https://nhs.uk/services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/)



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SOON.....