



Dear parents, carers, and family members,

What a half term it has been! What a week it has been!

Unfortunately, we did not commence the week with our usual Monday morning worship, as I was attending an important meeting alongside other head teachers from the Harwich Education Partnership (HEP). This gathering was centred around the forthcoming

HEP Inclusion and Diversity Festival, which is on the 21st March. Early discussions suggest it is shaping up to be a vibrant celebration, offering a fantastic opportunity for the Harwich community to come together to embrace and celebrate inclusivity and diversity. Further information regarding the festival and our specific involvement will be communicated to you after the half term. I would like to extend my gratitude to all those who have returned the necessary slips; your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Tuesday proved to be an exceptionally busy day within the school. We took part in Safer Internet Day, where each class took the time to comprehend the vital importance of staying safe online. Our students were particularly fortunate as they were granted the opportunity to sample some delicious Chinese cuisine in celebration of Chinese New Year. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Beijing Chinese Restaurant for this remarkable treat, and my sincere thanks to Mr. Gueizelar for organising this delightful event. In addition to this, a group of



Year 6 students visited Harwich and Dovercourt High School to contribute to the creation of The Diversity Bench, which will be installed on the seafront as part of the HEP Inclusion and Diversity Festival. This festival represents a valuable occasion for local schools to collaborate with the community, showcasing exhibitions, creative performances, and practical activities.



On Wednesday, we hosted our second Essex PINS neurodiversity workshop, focusing on learning and executive functioning. This session was incredibly informative, and it was gratifying to see some parents join us to share in this valuable learning experience. Thank you to everyone who attended; your engagement is crucial. The next session is scheduled for Wednesday 12th



March, and I would like to extend a warm invitation to all who wish to join us. Additionally, our football team competed at home against All Saints' School. Although we faced a challenging match and unfortunately lost 4-0, Mr. Gueizelar praised the team for their commendable performance and sportsmanship.

Thursday was equally momentous, as several of our Key Stage 2 children represented St Joseph's in a swimming gala. According to Mrs. Standen and Mr. Gueizelar, this was a thrilling event in which we remarkably secured second place. For a school of our size, this achievement is truly commendable. Well done to all those involved—may you wear those medals with pride.

Today, we conducted interviews for the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl. I have been genuinely overwhelmed by the level of interest, with 13 out of 17 children applying for this prestigious role. It is certain that making a final decision will be a challenging task. Regardless of the outcome, I want to take this opportunity to express how proud we are of each student for stepping forward to apply for this esteemed position. Unfortunately, we can only appoint one Head Boy and one Head Girl, but I extend my very best wishes to all applicants.

Looking ahead to after the half term, please note that on Monday, we will be holding our Year 6 Parents SATs meeting in Class 4.

### Attendance Data

|         | Last week | This week | LATE marks |
|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Class 1 | 89.52%    | 94.76%    | 11         |
| Class 2 | 94.26%    | 91.20%    | 3          |
| Class 3 | 96.76%    | 92.35%    | 4          |
| Class 4 | 96.06%    | 98.75%    | 7          |

As we conclude this busy week and prepare for the upcoming half term, I would like to convey my gratitude to all staff, students, and parents for your unwavering commitment and support. Enjoy the break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for more exciting learning opportunities.

We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 24th February.

Take care—God bless—Mrs. Golding



# Certificate Winners

Class 1: Jude, Thomas and Antoni

Class 2: Larry, Tia and Nicco

Class 3: Eddie, Jaxx, Harper-Lillie, Lottie  
and Zachary

Class 4: Diana, Teddie, Reece, Ivy, Gracie,  
Robbie, James, Ned, Meadow, John, Emmie  
and Ava

Whole School Attendance this week: 94.38%

Winning Class this week: Class 4—98.75%



*Winning House Team This Week:*  
**ST PATRICK**

## **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

|                   |                                                                                                 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 24th February | Children return to school<br>3.20pm SATs meeting Y6 parents                                     |
| Mon 3rd March     | Parent/Teacher mtgs                                                                             |
| Weds 5th March    | Ash Wednesday Mass at Church 9am<br>Parent teacher mtgs                                         |
| Thurs 6th March   | World Book Day                                                                                  |
| Fri 7th March     | World Day of Prayer                                                                             |
| 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—details to follow                                                        |
| Mon 31st March    | 10am Stations of the Cross at Church                                                            |
| Friday 4th April  | Last day for Children before Easter break<br>PTA event.....I'm a teacher..... details to follow |

## **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 24th February 2025

## WEEK 1 of the Dinner Menu

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Week 1

### Monday

#### Mild Mexican Chilli

served with baked jacket wedges and sweet crunchy coleslaw

#### Jacket Potato

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

### Tuesday

#### Chicken Nuggets

served with new potatoes and leaf salad

#### Jacket Potato

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

### Wednesday

#### Honey Roast Gammon

served with roast potatoes, mashed swede and carrot

#### Jacket Potato

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

### Thursday

#### Meatballs in an Italian style tomato sauce

served with wholegrain pasta and leaf salad

#### Jacket Potato

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

### Friday

#### Fish Fingers

served with crispy chips and baked beans

#### Jacket Potato

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

#### 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->

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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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# 11-16

## Social Group

Join our small and friendly social group! Meet others, chat, play games, activities, and more!

### February Half Term

### Thursday 20th @ 1pm - 3pm

Join us to make your own delicious box of handmade Truffles, chocolates and fondants



All our activities are

## completely **FREE!**

All you have to do is sign up!

Contact us today to find out on how to join the fun!



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COMING  
SOON.....



Swimming Crash Course

# Dovercourt Bay Lifestyles

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

- 9am Stage 2  
(Age 5+ no armbands)
- 9:30am Stage 1  
(Age 5+)



£29.75

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