



Dear parents, carers, and family members,

It has been a quiet week at school this week, providing us with an opportunity to reflect on the themes that are central to our community. We began our week by focusing on the theme of courage during Monday's worship, drawing inspiration from the remarkable stories of celebrated footballers. Among those we examined were Marcus Rashford, who proudly plays for Manchester United and the England national team, and Mary Earps, the esteemed goalkeeper for both Manchester United and England, who is recognised for her outstanding achievement in winning the Golden Glove award at the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

In addition, we took a moment to reflect on Lionel Messi, who led the Argentinian football team to victory in the 2022 World Cup, scoring pivotal goals in the final against France. These reflections led us to ponder a thought-provoking question: "Why might we use the words 'worshipped' and 'idolised' when describing professional footballers?" Football is undoubtedly an integral part of our culture here in the UK and across the globe. The support for a particular football team fosters a sense of community, uniting individuals regardless of the team's performance. When players contribute to their team's success, children and adults alike often feel compelled to emulate these athletes, expressing their admiration by wearing kits adorned with their favourite player's name and number.

As our discussions continued, we explored courage further through the biblical story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, from Daniel, chapter 3. In this narrative, the three young men resisted the king's demand to bow to a golden statue, remaining steadfast in their beliefs. This compelling tale illustrates the importance of making thoughtful decisions and maintaining the right attitude amidst peer pressure. It serves as a reminder that we are prompted to reflect on our choices daily, understanding that our actions are ultimately influenced by our attitudes and beliefs.

Amid the challenges we encounter, we are reminded that courage enables us to overcome obstacles and pursue our ambitions. The presence of God, depicted as the fourth figure in the fire alongside Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, serves to reassure us that we are never alone during tough times. This narrative has resonated with many of our students, inspiring them to embrace their own acts of bravery in both personal and academic spheres.



On Wednesday, our gala swimmers attended a practice session at the leisure centre in preparation for their upcoming competition next week. They have shown tremendous dedication and skill in their training, and we wish them the best of luck as they represent our school. Their hard work and perseverance exemplify the principles of courage and teamwork that we have been discussing throughout the week.

Thursday proved to be an exhilarating day for Class 3, as they welcomed some exciting new additions to their classroom – shrimp! As part of the Fishkeeper Fry Programme, the class has been learning how to set up their aquarium, test water levels, and introduce plants and fish. The children are thrilled about their new aquatic friends and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of more fish in the coming weeks, including platys and tetras. This hands-on learning experience not only engages them intellectually but also fosters a sense of responsibility for the wellbeing of their new ecosystem.



Additionally, on Thursday, a small group of Year 5 children visited Lime Court to continue our intergenerational link within our community. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their listening skills and confidence, building understanding and respect between generations. They enjoyed an environmental awareness activity, hosted by Libby Scarfe, which resulted in them producing personally curated "beaches in a bottle." There wasn't a dry eye in the house when our wonderful children spontaneously burst into song, treating the residents to an impromptu concert featuring their favourite hymns! Such moments beautifully encapsulate the spirit of community and the joy that comes from sharing talents across age divides.



Looking ahead, next week brings a series of significant events. On Tuesday, we will observe Safer Internet Day, which will prompt all classes to reflect on strategies to remain safe online. This initiative is of paramount importance as we navigate an increasingly digital world, ensuring our children are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect themselves online.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	87.14%	89.52%	9
Class 2	93.75%	94.26%	4
Class 3	96.18%	96.76%	6
Class 4	95.76%	96.06%	13

Following this on Wednesday, our next PINS workshop will take place after school, focusing on Executive Functioning. All parents and family members are warmly invited to attend this informative session, which aims to provide the tools necessary for supporting our children's organisational skills and emotional regulation. On the same day, our school's football team will be playing against All Saints at home, and we encourage you to come and support our young athletes as they showcase their talents and teamwork on the pitch.

Furthermore, on Thursday, several children in Key Stage 2 will be participating in the swimming gala; we wish them the best of luck as they dive into this exciting opportunity.

In other news, on Monday, I provided all Year 6 children with an application form to apply for Head Boy or Head Girl. The role of Head Boy or Girl at St. Joseph's carries significant responsibilities and bestows some wonderful privileges. Interviews for these positions will take place next Friday, and the appointments will be announced after half term. I am eagerly anticipating reviewing the applications, which are coming in thick and fast.

I hope you all have a lovely, safe weekend. Take care—God bless—Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Billy and Bella

Class 2: Ella and Ernie

Class 3: Ava-Lilly and Finn

Class 4: Freddy and Celine

Whole School Attendance this week: 94.66%

Winning Class this week: Class 3—96.76%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST GEORGE

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Weds 12th February	Parent Workshop 3.30pm Executive Functioning Football home match V All Saint's
Thurs 13th February	Swimming Gala
Fri 14th February	Last day before half-term
Mon 24th February	Children return to school 3.20pm SATs meeting Y6 parents
Mon 3rd March	Parent/Teacher mtgs
Weds 5th March	Ash Wednesday Mass at Church 9am 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 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 29 late marks and
3 unauthorised late marks across the school!**

Week Beginning 10th February 2025
WEEK 3 of the Dinner Menu

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->

STREET TAG

The Math Whizzes Challenge is happening now in Harwich & Dovercourt

□ It's time to explore, collect clues, and earn big rewards!

Important Updates:

- There are 4 unique clues, but they are repeated at multiple locations for easy access.
- The main goal is to collect all 4 clues and use them along with provided key insights to solve the question
- Take screenshots of found clues, as these are required to earn your bonus points.
- Each clue is worth 300 points (or 900 points if collected during Power Hour).

□ Clue Locations in Harwich & Dovercourt

Group A

The Mayflower Primary School

The Royal Oak Inn

Heron Wy, Playground

Iceland Supermarket Dovercourt

Group B

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Rainbow Café

Blue Flag Café

Penny Barrington Reflexology

Group C

Mace Park

Parkson Road Park

Borno Pharmacy Dovercourt

Dolphin Sails

Group D

Bathside Park

Cox's Pond

Harwich And Dovercourt Town Sign

Cliff Park

Group E

St Michael's CofE Primary Academy, Ramsey

Mobile Tyre services

Oakley Coronation Park

Cloverwood Store - Premier

□ How to Join the Fun:

- 1□ Open the Street Tag app and tap the drop-down menu (top-right corner).
- 2□ Select "Playground", then go to "Monument Trails."
- 3□ Find "Math Whizzes Harwich & Dovercourt" and tap "Start Trail."
- 4□ Visit the tagged locations to collect hidden clues.
- 5□ Screenshot each clue as proof for your final submission.
- 6□ Tag all locations in a group to gather the necessary clues.
- 7□ Use your clues and key insights to solve the final question.
- 8□ Email your answer + clue screenshots to support@streettag.co.uk to claim 5,000 bonus points!

★ Important Notes:

⚠ Only one submission per user is allowed.

⚠ Screenshots of clues must be included to qualify for bonus points.

🔥 Don't miss out—join the challenge today and rack up those points!

📖 Learn more here: [Unleashing Your Inner Math Explorer: Introducing Math Whizzes on Street Tag — Street Tag](#)

The Street Tag Team

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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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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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