



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



Dear parents, carer and family members,

As we embarked upon this week at our school, we gathered together to reflect upon the theme of humility. In a society often characterised by individuals clamouring for attention with the mantra, "look at me, look at me," it has become ever more evident that true heroism resides in those who selflessly care for and consider the needs of others. Throughout the week, we were reminded of the profound wisdom imparted by many Christians around the world who regard Jesus as the 'Servant King'—a figure who exemplified and cherished humility, inviting others to pursue a similar path.

To be humble entails cultivating an accurate self-perception; it is the ability to recognise our moments of achievement (wow!) as well as our shortcomings (ow!), while simultaneously striving to uplift those around us rather than seeking fame or recognition for ourselves. In a world that often valorises success, power, and financial gain, we must not forget that God calls us to seek humility, service, and love. As Pope Francis beautifully articulated, "Humility is a difficult word to understand, but it's a wonderful quality!"

Embracing humility allows us to truly listen to others, appreciate the inherent goodness within everyone, and to acknowledge our own imperfections.

During our reflection, I shared with the children the Gospel according to Luke, specifically the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18: 9-14). The parable serves as a compelling reminder: "For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great." In this account, the Pharisee's tendency was to seek validation through self-aggrandisement, proudly proclaiming his superiority over others. This directly contravenes the essence of humility. True humility involves putting others first and accepting that we are all works in progress. Notably, in this biblical narrative, it is the humble tax collector who finds favour in the eyes of God, highlighting that recognition is granted to those who elevate others rather than themselves.

I pose a challenge to our school community: How might you, in your daily lives, choose to uplift others rather than diminish them? Engaging your families in thoughtful discussions around this theme could provide valuable insights. I also encourage everyone to take a moment to offer a prayer, asking God for guidance in nurturing this virtue within our lives.



Separately, our Class 1 students exemplified the principles of Catholic Social Teaching this week by visiting our parish church, Our Lady Queen of Heaven. They selflessly donated food items to the church's food bank, embodying the spirit of Christ in their actions. It is wonderful to witness our young ones actively participate in community support and outreach.

Furthermore, we are thrilled to celebrate the success of our football team, who achieved a commendable victory during their away match against Wix, winning 5-1. The goal scorers included James with two goals, Blake with three, and Teddie contributing one. This performance showcases not only the individual talents but also the potential growth of our team. A special mention goes to Teddie, who was awarded Player of the Match for his exceptional dominating performance throughout the game. Additionally, our thoughts and condolences are with Blake, whose family was mourning the loss of his Grandad. His dedication of the goals scored to his Grandad's memory is truly touching and speaks volumes of his character.



On Thursday, our school welcomed the Autism Reality Bus, an insightful interactive experience aimed at raising awareness about the challenges faced by autistic children.

This experience was enlightening for both staff and governors, offering invaluable perspectives on the day-to-day experiences of these children within our educational environment. Personally, I found the experience to be somewhat overwhelming, yet it proved to be a profoundly useful engagement that shed light on numerous important aspects. We are exceedingly grateful to Mrs. Varley for facilitating this opportunity for our school community.

Today, we divided into our School Groups—School Council, Liturgy, Diversity, and Eco Warriors—focusing on events each group wishes to launch school-wide. Each group demonstrated enthusiasm and creativity in their planning, and further information regarding these initiatives will be shared shortly.

As we look ahead, next week marks Children's Mental Health Week, during which we will explore the theme of "Know Yourself - Grow Yourself" during our Global Worship and SMILE lessons across the school. This is an important opportunity for our students to engage in meaningful discussions about self-awareness and personal growth.

Attendance Data			
	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	99.52%	87.14%	2
Class 2	97.92%	93.75%	3
Class 3	97.94%	96.18%	3
Class 4	96.97%	95.76%	6

On Tuesday, we will have the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Hix, our Primary Lead from the diocese, who will be visiting our school. Her insights and guidance will be invaluable to our community.

Additionally, on Thursday, Mrs. Scarfe and Mrs. Dixon will accompany selected children from Class 4 to Lime Court, where they will engage with community residents. This unique experience will allow students to learn directly from elderly members of our community, gaining insights into local history, the seaside environment, and traditional practices, such as crabbing net making and reading offshore shipping charts. We aim to foster an appreciation for our local heritage and the importance of preserving it for future generations.

Wishing you all a lovely and safe weekend.

Take care—God bless—Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Thomas and Orla

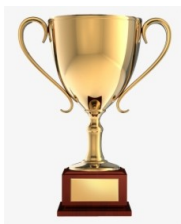
Class 2: Jax and Edie

Class 3: Jack and Veronica

Class 4: Millie, Meadow, Teddie and Archie

Whole School Attendance this week: 93.84%

Winning Class this week: Class 3—96.18%



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 Details to follow
Thurs 13th February	Swimming Gala—details to follow
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—details to follow
Weds 5th March	Ash Wednesday Mass at Church 9am Parent teacher mtgs—details to follow
Thurs 6th March	World Book Day
Fri 7th March	World Day of Prayer
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

Week Beginning 3rd February 2025

WEEK 2 of the Dinner Menu

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

Roast Chicken

served with Mashed potatoes and savoy cabbage and cauliflower

Jacket Potato

With a choice of Ham, 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



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->

3-Day, Feb Half Term Digital Workshop Harwich



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Game
Making**

**Robot
Building**

Coding

**Come along and experiment with
some amazing tech in our brilliant
3-day digital half-term workshop.**



When: 18th, 19th & 20th February 2025

Time: 10am - 3.30pm each day

Where: Vibe Youth Centre, Main Rd, Harwich CO12 4AH

Who: Suitable for ages 9 to 14 years. No experience needed.

**Lunch
Provided**

For more info and to book:

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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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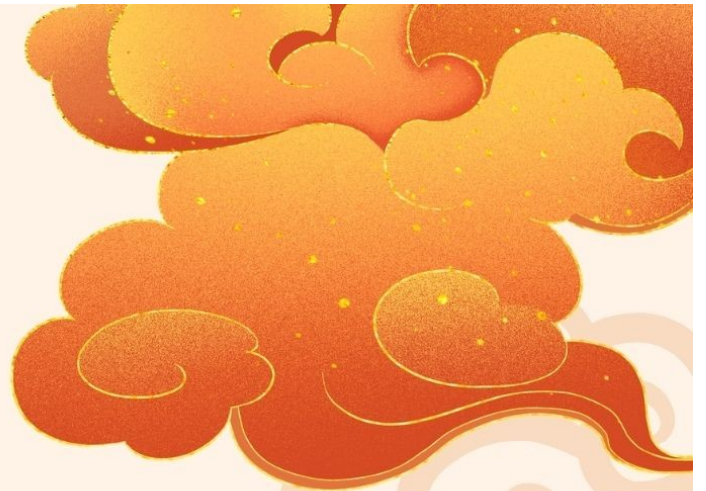
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The Teenage Brain	{CODE: DOL2C45Y24}	11/02/2025
Understanding Teens	{CODE: DOL4C46Y24}	27/02/2025
Understanding Teenage Anxiety	{CODE: DOL4C47Y24}	27/03/2025

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Chinese New Year with Street Tag



Dovercourt and Harwich Hub



Saturday 1st February



10am to 12pm



Enjoy a FREE morning of crafts, Tai Chi, and learn how to write and say 'Happy Chinese New Year' with the Chinese Society.

Come along for free refreshments and celebrate with Street Tag.

