



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,

What a busy week it has been at St. Joseph's! We began our week with a focus on Joy. I shared the inspiring story of Jesus attending a wedding at Cana, as recounted in the Gospel according to John. In this scripture, Jesus resolved a pressing problem by turning water into wine, transforming frowns into smiles and enhancing a joyous occasion. We reflected on how we might also contribute to solving problems in our everyday lives. Supporting those in need is not a matter of showing off; it requires a keen awareness of how others are feeling and a genuine concern for their well-being. Acts of kindness can significantly improve the happiness of those around us and create a more positive atmosphere for everyone involved.



On Monday, Class 4 eagerly participated in a 'Beach of Dreams' project, where they designed vibrant flags intended for a procession scheduled for May. This initiative is part of our local community's efforts aimed at raising awareness for environmental conservation. In the afternoon, a select group of Class 4 children visited Lime Court to engage in an intergenerational experience of Art and Local History. This opportunity allowed our students to reminisce and engage in meaningful conversations with older members of our community. It was truly heartwarming to witness the children connecting with and supporting our local community in such a thoughtful manner.

On Tuesday, Emmie and Jasmine accompanied me to St. Thomas More's School to present the BCCS cheque to Bernadette. This occasion provided the children with a valuable opportunity to ask insightful questions about how the funding would be utilised and the significance

of the BCCS. I am delighted to report that, alongside other schools in the trust, we successfully raised an astounding £3,500. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to this commendable cause.



Throughout the week, our students have been buzzing with excitement regarding the launch of the 'Healthy Snack Heroes' initiative. During Global Worship on Tuesday, we discussed the importance of choosing healthy snacks during break time, recommending items such as fruit, vegetables, or even a plain biscuit, like a Rich Tea biscuit. We encourage parents to support us in promoting healthy choices by reminding children that snacks like crisps or sweet treats, included in their packed lunches, should be considered part of their meal. The healthy snack, such as fruit, is intended for their enjoyment during morning break. Our children in Key Stage 1 are already benefiting from a healthy snack provided by the school. We have planned various enjoyable incentives to encourage our young learners to opt for healthy choices, so please engage them in conversation about the exciting initiatives taking place around the school. Furthermore, we are showcasing a new display that highlights the children who are consistently enjoying healthy snacks each day—do take a moment to have a look! Please see Florence from Class 2 poster to show what snacks you could bring.



On Thursday, despite the inclement weather, our mixed football team faced off against Chase Lane in an away match. Unfortunately, the outcome was a 3-0 defeat. Nonetheless, Mr. Guezelar expressed pride in the team's effort, and we extend a special mention to Teddie for making his debut and to Ned, who was awarded Player of the Match for his exceptional performance.



Friday marked a significant milestone at St. Joseph's as we launched our special Jubilee year, themed 'Pilgrims of Hope'. I extend my sincerest thanks to all parents and family members who attended our special assembly, where we unveiled our 'Door of Hope' and each class presented their Jubilee-focused work or reflections.

Looking ahead, our football team will be playing away at Wix next Wednesday, with kick-off scheduled for 3:20 pm. We warmly invite all supporters to come and cheer them on.

In the afternoon on Friday, representatives from our various school groups (Liturgy, School Council, Diversity, and Eco Warrior) will convene to discuss an event they wish to organise. Further information regarding this will be communicated at a later date.

I would like to kindly remind everyone that all Key Stage 1 children are required to be escorted to their classroom doors, even during breakfast club, as we aim to ensure their safety by preventing them from walking down the drive unaccompanied.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	98.10%	99.52%	3
Class 2	97.92%	97.92%	1
Class 3	96.18%	97.94%	3
Class 4	96.97%	96.97%	6

Additionally, a letter was distributed yesterday requesting your thoughts on the upcoming HEP Inclusion and Diversity Festival. Please return the slip as soon as possible, as your feedback is highly valued.

In a move to promote student leadership, I am pleased to announce the decision to appoint a Head Boy and Head Girl at St. Joseph's. This opportunity will be available to any Year 6 student who believes they are up to the challenge. More information will follow soon.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to all the sponsors who have generously contributed to our PTA's upcoming event, 'I'm a Teacher – Get Me Out of Here!' This promises to be an enjoyable experience for all involved, particularly (and perhaps not as much for us teachers!) as we engage in some light-hearted challenges.

Wishing you all a lovely and safe weekend.

Take care—God bless—Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Walter and Emily

Class 2: Thomasina and Diamond

Class 3: Arwen and Daisy

Class 4: Avery and Reece

Whole School Attendance this week: 97.95%

Winning Class this week: Class 1—99.52%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST ANDREW

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Weds 29th January	Football League Match (mixed) at Wix 3.20pm Date has changed (was Thurs 30th Jan)
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
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 27th January 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->

Healthy Snack Heroes!

Plain Rice Cakes

Any choice of fruit

Please support our children's healthy choices by providing any of the items listed for their playground snack.

Crackers

Vegetable sticks such as carrots, cucumber, peppers or any other vegetables your child enjoys.

KS1 children have a healthy snack provided in school.





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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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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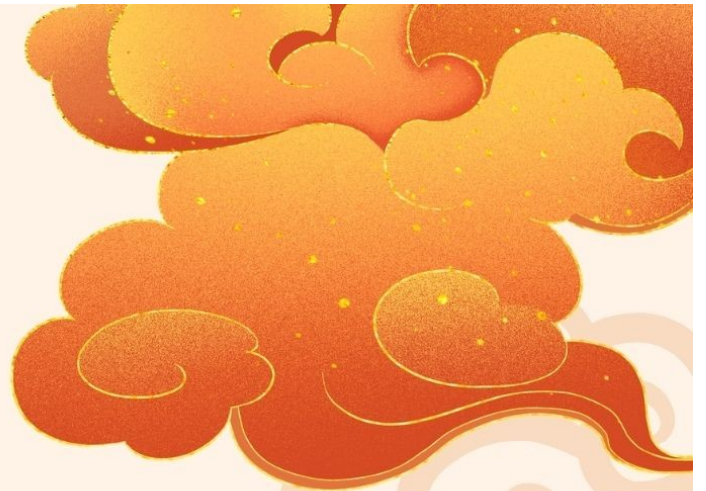
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Chinese New Year with Street Tag



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.

