



Dear parents, carer and family members,

As we commenced our week, we gathered as a school community to discuss the significance of listening—an essential skill for our daily interactions and moral development. During this worship, I posed a thought-provoking question to the children: whom do they listen to when they require advice? This inquiry garnered a range of thoughtful responses from our pupils, highlighting the diverse influences in their lives.

In our endeavour to further illustrate the importance of attentive listening, a few children assisted me in a game of Chinese whispers. This activity effectively reinforced the notion that listening diligently is crucial—not just to have fun but to comprehend what is truly important in our communication with one another.

During our gathering, I also shared the captivating tale of "Two Friends and a Cricket." In this story set against the backdrop of a busy, noisy city, one friend astonishes the other by confidently stating that he can hear a cricket chirping. Skeptical of this claim, the second friend demonstrates his disbelief by dropping a handful of coins onto the ground. At that very moment, every head within a five-meter radius turned, eager to ascertain whether the fallen money belonged to them. I took this opportunity to emphasise the key message, explaining, "It all depends on what's important to you, and what you're listening for."

Moreover, as Christians, we cherish the belief that the most significant voice to heed is that of God. It is our firm conviction that He desires to communicate with us. To further support this concept, I recounted the biblical account from 1 Samuel 3:1-18, where the young boy Samuel initially hears God's calling yet remains uncertain about responding.



With Eli's guidance, Samuel learns to reply with the words, "Speak, for your servant is listening." This serves as a poignant reminder that while many may think God calls only upon adults, it is crucial to recognise that Samuel was merely a child when he received his divine call. Just as God knew Samuel's name, He is equally aware of everyone's and continues to call upon us all today, inviting them with "Come, follow me." I encouraged the children to listen for God's voice and to respond earnestly as Samuel did: "Here I am!"



On Wednesday, we hosted our inaugural PINS Neurodiversity workshop for both parents and staff. This session was exceptionally informative, and I strongly encourage all to attend the forthcoming workshops in this valuable series. For further details, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Varley.

In sporting updates, our girls' football team faced off against All Saints on the same Wednesday and emerged victorious with an impressive score of 3-1. The goals were contributed by Emmie, Daisy, and Esmae, with particular commendation to Emmie for being named player of the match—congratulations to all the girls who now advance to the semi-finals!

Yesterday, I had the privilege of accompanying Class 4 to the Kindertransport workshop at the Electric Palace. Not only was this event enjoyable, but it also served as a poignant reminder of the adversities faced by children during the Second World War.



Looking ahead to the upcoming week, on Monday Class 4 will participate in another workshop focused on the Beach, nurturing their creativity. Following this, some children will continue this creative engagement at Lime Court, working closely with the residents there. On Tuesday, Emmie and Jasmine from Class 4 will join me at St Thomas More's Catholic School in Colchester to present Bernadette with a cheque from the BCCS concert. On Thursday, we will have a mixed football match away against Chase Lane, with kick-off at 3:20 PM—your support would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, Friday will be particularly special at St. Joseph's as we celebrate the launch of our Jubilee year. Each class will contribute something unique for the worship service, which will commence earlier that day at 2:30 PM.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	99.40%	98.10%	4
Class 2	99.48%	97.92%	2
Class 3	97.79%	96.18%	2
Class 4	98.86%	96.97%	5

As a final note, may I draw your attention to a survey I posted on Seesaw concerning the upcoming Harwich Education Partnership (HEP) Inclusion and Diversity Festival—on the Friday 21st March, please save the date. If you haven't already participated, it would be extremely helpful to gauge parents' views on this event, enabling us to decide how St. Joseph's will partake.

Wishing you all a lovely and safe weekend.

Take care—God bless—Mrs Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Destiny and Patrick

Class 2: Nicco and Isla

Class 3: Albie and Neve

Class 4: Millie and Meadow

Whole School Attendance this week: 97.14%

Winning Class this week: Class 1—98.10%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST PATRICK

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 20th January	Beach of Dreams Workshop C4 (in school)
Thurs 23rd January	Football League Match (mixed) at Chase Lane 3.20pm
Fri 24th January	Jubilee Launch Day—Non Uniform £1 Donation to Catholic Hardship fund—Assembly to start early 2.30pm -to be confirmed
Thurs 30th January	Football League Match (mixed) at Wix 3.20pm
Weds 12th February	Parent Workshop 3.30pm Executive Functioning
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—details to follow
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 20th January 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

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->



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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Calling all 11 - 25 year olds!

LEGO

FREE-BUILD

Let your creativity flow this half-term at our lego free-build session!

Join us this February Half-Term for our free-build LEGO challenge, **Wednesday the 19th from 1pm-4pm!** You can build your own designs, be creative chat, and make friends!

Parents and guardians must give consent in person or over the phone for 11-13 year olds.

No need to book, and completely free!

Contact Teentalk for more details today!

THE ESSEX LOTTERY
Community Fund



Children
in Need



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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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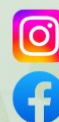
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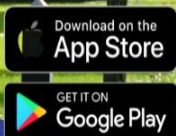


Monthly

STREET TAG PARK BONUS

**10:30 AM - 11:00AM
18th January 2025**

**Up to
10,000
bonus points
up for grabs**



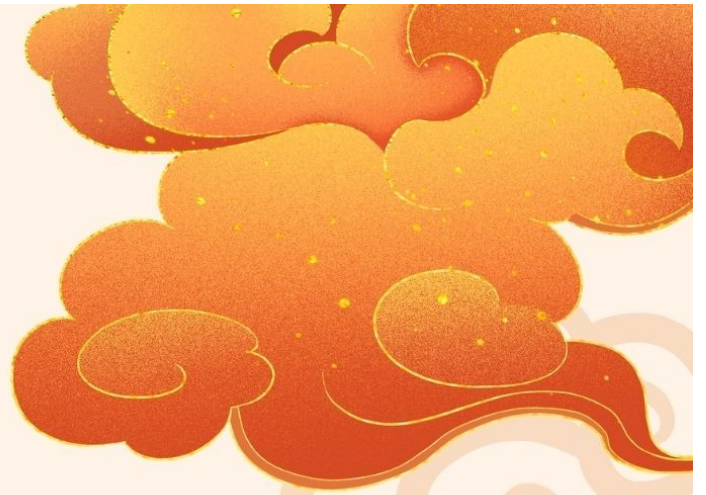
Street Taggers!!!

Don't forget to grab 8000 BONUS POINTS at the STREET TAG PARK BONUS on Saturday 18th January 2025, 10:30am - 11:00am.

Also send a selfie of you in the park to "support@streettag.co.uk" to claim 2000 bonus points. Use #ParkBonusSelfie when sending us your selfie, and include your username & Leaderboard name.

Venues

(Harwich) - Cliff Park - Main Rd, Harwich CO12 4AJ
(Walton) - Bathhouse Meadow CO14 8PZ



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.

