



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



Dear parents and carers,



We began our week with Advent Mass, a truly wonderful celebration that left me with the warm, fuzzy feeling reminiscent of a cherished church experience. The readers at Mass performed beautifully, and I was particularly impressed with the children's thoughtful responses to Father Joseph's questions during the homily. The Advent season is indeed special as it serves as a vital reminder of Christ's importance in our lives, preparing us to celebrate His birth at Christmas while also alluding to His second coming at a future time.

Following the Mass, I hurriedly made my way to Our Lady Queen of Heaven to attend a parish meeting. During this gathering, I had the opportunity to share all the wonderful activities we have engaged in recently, as well as highlight the exciting events scheduled for this term and the upcoming term. I am pleased to announce that I have agreed to lead the Children's Liturgy at Mass on Sunday, which will commence after Christmas on Epiphany Sunday. For more information regarding this, please refer to the parish newsletter. Monday proved to be an exceedingly busy day, as students came to school in non-uniform to support our Christmas Bazaar by bringing in festive treats.

Thank you for all of your contributions.

On Tuesday, we welcomed Becky from Street Tag in Harwich to our assembly. Street Tag is an innovative, gamified healthy lifestyle app that encourages community-wide participation in physical activities such as walking, cycling, and running. I am thrilled to announce that St Joseph's School has emerged as the local winners for the second consecutive year, with an astonishing total of nearly 6,000,000 tags! This remarkable achievement for our small school is a testament to the community effort put forth by everyone involved. During the assembly, Becky presented us with a special certificate and a winning prize of a cheque for £100, so a heartfelt congratulations is in order for all who participated in this initiative.

If you wish to contribute to our continued success in this project, I invite you to get involved in the upcoming round of competition, which will commence on 16th December and extend into the New Year. Additionally, our Book Fair concluded on Tuesday; I would like to extend my gratitude to the children who helped organise the fair, as well as to the staff involved. A big thank you is also due to those who purchased books; for every book bought, we receive a free book that our school and your children can enjoy.

Thursday saw Mrs. Varley welcoming parents to the PINs meeting. I sincerely thank all those who attended this significant event. For those unfamiliar, PINS stands for the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools project. This national pilot initiative aims to improve the outcomes for neurodivergent children and promote inclusivity within mainstream primary schools, while fostering relationships and communication with parents and carers. On Thursday, our Year 6 children also participated in another 'We are Music' practice as they prepare for their performance scheduled for Thursday, 19th December. A Seesaw message has been dispatched to all Year 6 parents with further details.

Today marked the final collection for Bags2School, an eco-friendly fundraising scheme that promotes textile recycling as a means of generating funds for schools, businesses, community groups, local councils, and charities. Thank you to everyone who generously donated, your contributions are greatly appreciated. To conclude our week, we celebrated our fantastic Christmas Bazaar. I would like to extend a massive thank you to the PTA members who supported this event, as well as to everyone who baked, donated, and attended. The cakes were absolutely delicious! It was truly delightful to see Father Christmas and his elves, and I hope you all enjoyed the festivities. We are exceptionally fortunate to have such dedicated staff and PTA members at our school—thank you for making this occasion so special for the children.

Looking ahead to next week, our Class 1 and Class 2 children will be visiting the Lime Court care home on Monday to sing carols and deliver the Christmas cards they have lovingly crafted. This event holds special significance, offering a magical moment for the residents. On Tuesday, Classes 1 and 2 will be enjoying their Christmas Dinner; I kindly request that Class 3 and 4 children bring a packed lunch on this day. Tuesday evening, we will be heading to St Nicolas' Church in Harwich to participate in our joint Harwich Community Carol Concert. A heartfelt thank you to all the children who have diligently practised for this performance. Children should arrive no earlier than 5:30pm at the church.



Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	85.24%	96.67%	1
Class 2	95.20%	98%	0
Class 3	95.29%	92.35%	3
Class 4	96.06%	94.24%	1

On Wednesday, Class 3 and Class 4 will have their Christmas Dinner, and I kindly ask that Class 1 and Class 2 children bring a packed lunch on this day as well. Thursday is designated as Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children, so please ensure your child wears their festive jumper over the school uniform.

Furthermore, Thursday marks the final practice for Year 6 with 'We are Music' before their upcoming performance the following week. To round off the week, Class 4 will be visiting Don Thomson House to sing carols to the residents and present them with heartfelt Christmas cards, which I believe is very special.

I absolutely love this time of year.

Have a lovely, safe weekend.

Take care—God bless,

Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

To be continued on 13th December

Class 1:

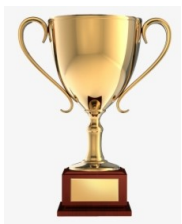
Class 2:

Class 3:

Class 4:

Whole School Attendance: 94.96%

Winning Class: Class 2—98%



*Winning House Team This Week:
Roll over*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 9th December	Class 1 + 2 Carol Singing at Lime Court
Tues 10th December	Class 1 + 2 Christmas Dinner Community Carol Concert—St Nicholas 6pm
Weds 11th December	Class 3 + 4 Christmas Dinner
Thurs 12th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 13th December	Class 4 Carol Singing at Don Thomson House
Tues 17th December	Class 1 + 2 Nativity 6pm
Weds 18th December	Class 1 + 2 Nativity 2pm
Fri 20th December	Last day for Children. School will finish at 2pm 10am Christingle @ Our Lady Queen of Heaven 1pm Carols
Mon 6th January	NON PUPIL DAY
Tues 7th January	Children return to school
Weds 8th January	9.30am Jubilee Mass at School
Thurs 16th January	C4 Electric Palace Kindertransport Workshop
Fri 14th February	Last day before half-term

PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL FINISHES AT
2PM ON FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER

MONDAY 6th JANUARY IS A NON PUPIL DAY

Week Beginning 9th December 2024

Week 3 of the NEW Menu—reminder—price increase to £2.50

(Christmas Dinner Menu towards the end of the newsletter)

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
(WITH CHRISTMAS DINNER)

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

CLASS 1+2 CHRISTMAS DINNER
CLASS 3+4 PACKED LUNCH PLEASE

Wednesday

CLASS 3+4 CHRISTMAS DINNER
CLASS 1+2 PACKED LUNCH PLEASE

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->

Your Speak out. Stay safe. certificate

Awarded to:

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A massive thank you and a big well
done to all pupils for being such great
listeners and taking part in *Speak out*.
Stay safe. with Buddy.



Peter Wanless
Chief Executive

Date:

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Thank you for
helping to keep
more children safe!



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EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR



Running From October up until Christmas!

**THIS YEAR THE PTA WOULD LOVE TO ENHANCE THE PLAYGROUND FOR THE CHILDREN
– FROM BUDDY BENCHES TO CLIMBING FRAMES TO PLAY EQUIPMENT AND EVEN
GAMES / ACTIVITIES FOR 'WET BREAK'.**

**WE ARE ASKING THE CHILDREN AND PARENTS TO COLLECT FUNDS FROM THEIR
FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND BUSINESSES TO HELP US IN THIS EFFORT.**

**WE WILL COLLECT DONATIONS EVERY FRIDAY – EACH CHILD CAN RETURN THEIR FILLED
JAR TO THE CLASSROOM WHERE TOTALS WILL BE MONITORED WEEKLY.**

**THERE WILL BE SPOT PRIZES ALONG THE WAY AND A PARTY AT THE END OF THE
CAMPAIGN FOR THE CLASS RAISING THE MOST FUNDS.**

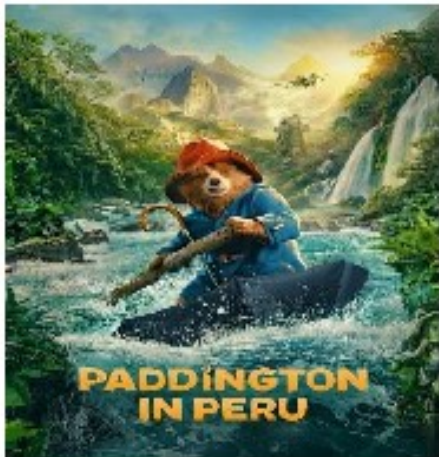


REMEMBER EVERY



COUNTS!!

Exciting Films Coming to the Electric Palace!



Paddington in Peru- PG

- Fri Dec 6 - 7:30 pm
- Sat Dec 7-10.30am Relaxed Screening
- Sat Dec 7 - 2:30 pm 7:30 pm
- Sun Dec 8 - 2:30 pm 7:30 pm
- Mon Dec 9 - 2:30 pm 7:30 pm
- Tue Dec 10 - 4:00 pm

Wicked- PG

- Fri Dec 20 - 7:30 pm
- Sat Dec 21 - 2:30 pm 7:30 pm
- Sun Dec 22 - 2:30 pm 7:30 pm
- Mon Dec 23 - 2:30 pm 7:30 pm

Moana 2- PG

- Fri Dec 27 - 2:30 pm
- Sat Dec 28- 10.30am Relaxed Screening
- Sat Dec 28 - 2:30 pm
- Sun Dec 29 - 2:30 pm
- Mon Dec 30 - 2:30 pm
- Tue Dec 31 - 2:30 pm
- Thu Jan 2 - 2:30 pm

Bookings available on our website: www.electricpalace.com

Essex Library Service

Winter Reading Challenge



The Dragons' Adventure!

Thursday 2 January to
Saturday 22 February

**Help the dragons get home out of the
cold by completing fun challenges!**

Sign up at any Essex library.



@essexlibraries



Get festive with Street Tag



Saturday 7th December 2024



Dovercourt and Harwich Hub



10am to 12pm

Ho Ho Ho!

Get and get into the Christmas spirit
with a morning of Christmas crafts and
festive physical activities.
Free refreshments.



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BRINGING UNITY TO OUR COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS Share Shack



**SUPPORT PEOPLE
& THE PLANET**

Don't miss out on the festive spirit.

If you are in need of Christmas
decorations / trees, Essex Pedal
Power Christmas Share Shack can
help!

Borrow what you need or exchange
your existing decorations to save
you buying new!

Open every Tue/Weds/Thurs in December
Essex Pedal Power office
Main Road (next to Mayflower School)
CO12 4AJ

harwich.dovercourtepp@theaws.org

07749 491791

**BORROW, SAVE,
CELEBRATE & SHARE**





**HARWICH
KIDZ**

HOLIDAY FUN

**Friday 27th December,
Monday 30th December and
Thursday 2nd January**

**PLEASE BOOK ON THROUGH YOUR
FREE SCHOOL DINNER CODE LINK.**

IF YOU REQUIRE A PAID PLACE PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

HARWICHKIDZ@GMAIL.COM OR 07476 915241

**WE ARE ALSO ON FACEBOOK: HARWICH KIDZ AND
INSTAGRAM : HARWICH_KIDZ**



**AT HARWICH AND DOVERCOURT
RUGBY CLUB
SWIMMING POOL ROAD, WICK
LANE, HARWICH**



CHRISTMAS MENU

MAIN

Traditional Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets

SIDES

Crisp and Fluffy Roast Potatoes

Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables:

Carrots, Peas and Brussel Sprouts

Accompanied with Gravy and Cranberry Sauce

DESSERT

Christmas Tree Brownies

Class 1 and 2 Tues 10th December

Class 3 and 4 Weds 11th December

Please note that on the day of Christmas dinner the only alternative available will be a packed lunch please.

For Class 3 + 4 the cost is £2.50