



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,



What a busy week it has been! We commenced our week by reflecting on how we can be a positive influence within our community and beyond. I encouraged the children to consider what brings them joy and to identify the good things they observe around them. Conversely, I prompted them to acknowledge the negative aspects prevalent in our world, such as fighting, diseases, war, selfishness, and bullying. It can be overwhelming at times, and we may feel quite insignificant when confronted with the magnitude of these issues, particularly global conflicts. Yet, it is essential to recognise that while we may not be able to influence the entire world, we certainly play a role in shaping the environment around us.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines 'influence' as "the capacity to have an effect on the character, development, or behaviour of someone or something". Each one of us possesses the ability to influence our friends, families, schoolmates, and the broader community. We are presented with the choice to be a force for 'good' or 'bad'. As Christians, we hold

the belief that the teachings of the Bible encourage us to channel our influence towards positive outcomes: to uplift, assist, support, and extend kindness to others. Each interaction we have is an opportunity to be a good influence, and every action we undertake presents a chance to contribute positively.

I engaged the children in a discussion on how they might influence others positively on a daily basis. Simple actions, such as sharing toys, can inspire fellow children to adopt similar behaviours. By tidying up after playtime, they not only maintain an orderly environment but may also encourage classmates to do the same, delighting both parents and teachers alike. Furthermore, respecting school books fosters a culture of care, discouraging damage and promoting good habits among peers. In addition, reading to younger siblings or friends can illuminate the importance of literacy, fostering a love for reading in others. Conversely, negative behaviours, such as disrespect, shouting, or unkindness, can inadvertently promote similar actions among peers—especially with younger children impressionable to our examples.

It is crucial for each of us to recognise that we possess a choice in how we influence others. Our decisions can either uplift those around us or lead them down a less favourable path.

On Monday, our Year 6 children participated in a resilience workshop, a valuable and interactive session led by our mental health resilience coach. They acquired techniques that will serve them well in their daily lives and assist them as they transition into Year 7. We also had a non-uniform day, and I would like to extend my gratitude to all families who contributed a bottle for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar.

Wednesday saw our Girls' Football team competing at home against Wix, and I am thrilled to announce their triumphant victory of 1-0. This remarkable achievement is historic for our school, marking the first time a girls' team has represented us, and I commend the ten players who can proudly say they were the pioneers of this initiative. Mr. Guezelar applauded the sense of togetherness that resonated throughout the match, particularly during the celebratory moments following our goal. A special acknowledgement goes to our Captain, Esmae, who not only scored the pivotal goal but also exemplified exceptional leadership. The Player of the Match award was rightfully bestowed upon Daisy for her indefatigable performance, infectious smile, and leadership on the pitch. Well done to all!



On Thursday, we were delighted to host the Book Fair at St. Joseph's. I encourage all families to support our small school community by visiting the Book Fair, which will be available after school from 3:20 to 4:00 PM on Monday and Tuesday next week. Additionally, our Year 6 children attended their next 'We are Music' session, and it is heartening to observe their skills blossoming.

Friday proved to be equally busy, as our Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) choir made their way to St Benedict's for a day of rehearsal in preparation for their concert that evening. I eagerly anticipate witnessing their shining performances, which I am sure will be magical. All proceeds from ticket sales, raffles, and refreshments will directly benefit the BCCS, supporting children who may not experience the joy of a festive season.

Our Pennies for the Playground has been a huge success—thank you so much to all those who have donated over these weeks, this week we have raised a fantastic—£94.50. Every penny will go into equipment for the children to use at playtime.

Looking ahead to next week, we will commence our Advent journey with a Mass on Monday at 9:30 AM, and I warmly invite all members of our community to join us in this celebration. This will also be another non-uniform day, during which we encourage donations towards the Christmas Bazaar. The PTA kindly requests festive tombola items such as sweets and chocolates while reminding families that we are a nut-free school to ensure the safety of all students.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	92.38%	85.24%	0
Class 2	89.60%	95.20%	0
Class 3	97.06%	95.29%	0
Class 4	97.58%	96.06%	0

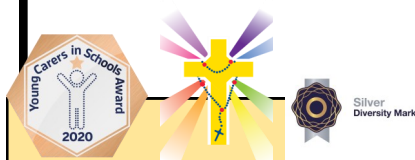
On Thursday, Mrs Varley extends an invitation to all parents for another PINS meeting, which will take place from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the craft room. Concurrently, our Year 6 children will again participate in their 'We are Music' session.

Finally, on Friday, we will be collecting donations for Bags2School. As we approach the Christmas Bazaar set for 2:00 PM, there will be an early finish on that day. I kindly request parents to collect their children from their respective classrooms. For Class 3 and 4 parents, please gather at the bottom of the slope, and you are most welcome to enjoy the Bazaar. It is imperative to remember that children cannot leave the premises unless accompanied by an adult. Any children who are not collected will remain in class until the designated home time.

Have a lovely, safe weekend.

Take care—God bless,

Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

To be continued on 13th December

Class 1:

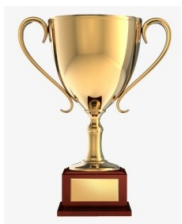
Class 2:

Class 3:

Class 4:

Whole School Attendance: 93.63%

Winning Class: Class 4—96.06%



*Winning House Team This Week:
Roll over*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 2nd December	Advent Mass at School—9.30am PTA Non Uniform Day—Festive confectionary please
Thurs 5th December	PINS meeting for Parents—details to follow
Fri 6th December	Bag2School collection—see below 2pm Christmas Bazaar (Cake donations needed please)
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
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 1pm Carols
Mon 6th January	NON PUPIL DAY
Tues 7th January	Children return to school

PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL FINISHES AT
2PM ON FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER
MONDAY 6th JANUARY IS A NON PUPIL DAY

Week Beginning 2nd December 2024

Week 2 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

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 yoghurt, water and milk



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->

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Christmas Bazaar

Friday 6th December 2024

(2pm until 4.30pm)

Stalls Including

Santa's Grotto - Come and Meet Santa & His Elves.

Hot Dogs on Sale from the Kitchen

Homemade Cake Stall / Hot Chocolate

Bottle / Festive Tombola

Teddy Tombola

Candy Cane Game / Elf on the Shelf / Spinning Wheel

Santa's Peg Game / Xmas Scratch Cards / Raffle

Hair Tinsel / Bracelets

Plus Performances from our BCCS Choir

We welcome all Parents, Carers, Families and friends to join us.
Entrance is FOC and there are no Parking Restrictions in place during
December.





BAG 2 SCHOOL

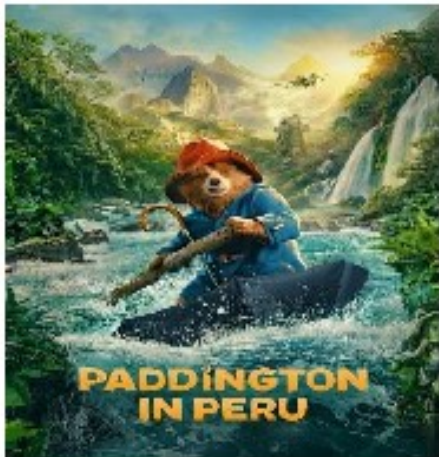


Our next Bag2School collection
has been arranged for

FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER 2024

Any questions – please ask your school
collection organiser GREG - 07919 186392

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.



CVST

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**



School Age Community

The School Age team at Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services will provide two weekly drop-ins within our Family Hubs across Colchester and Tendring. One of these is for parents and a second for young people. The Family Hub drop-in is available for all young people including those who may be home educated or unable to access the support they require in the school environment. **No need to book, just come along.**

- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Improving sleep
- Nutrition support
- Physical and sexual health
- Health needs assessment
- Personal hygiene
- Managing health conditions
- Signposting, advice and support.

Berechurch Family Hub, School Road, CO2 8NN

Every Monday 13:30-15:30 drop-in for parents/carers.

Every Thursday 15:30-16:30 drop-in for young people.

Sydney House Family Hub, Maldon Way, CO16 7PA

Every Monday 10:00-11:00 drop-in for parents/carers.

Every Thursday 15:30-16:45 drop-in for young people.

Contact the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services

Tel: 0300 247 0015

(Mon-Friday 9am-5pm)

Services commissioned by:



DOVERCOURT BAY

Lifestyles

New Swimming Lessons

From Monday 25th November
Mandy will be running classes:

10.00am Pre School 1 / 2 - 30 minutes

10.30am Parent & Baby Class - 30 minutes

From Tuesday 26th November
Josh will be running classes:

STAGE 4 - 3.30pm

STAGE 2 - 4.00pm

STAGE 1 - 4.30pm

STAGE 3 - 5.00pm

Scan Me!





**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

VISION ZERO

NO ROAD DEATHS



What is an e-scooter?



The rules

Electrically powered scooters are classed as a mechanically propelled vehicle, which means the same rules apply to e-scooters as other motor vehicles. These rules also apply to other personal electric transporters, with the exception of mobility scooters. Electric scooters are treated the same as any other motorised vehicle, this means they must have MOT, Vehicle Excise Duty ("tax") and insurance.

In order to obtain an MOT and insurance to be used legally in public, an e-scooter must be approved by the Vehicle Certification Agency for its construction and use for transport on the public highway.

No such approval exists for privately owned e-scooters. If you are using a private e-scooter on public roads, or footways, the police can seize it and you could be liable for prosecution for traffic offences, and even receive points on your licence.

Risks include:

- Lack of maintenance affecting braking and tyre performance.
- Charging of devices in the home introduces fire risk, especially if batteries have become damaged or wet.
- Scooters can easily over balance on bumps or holes due to their small wheels.
- Handling can be unpredictable, especially when reacting to hazards.
- There can be a temptation to ride while intoxicated or distracted.



Renting

A number of rental schemes have been set up in towns and cities in the UK, including Basildon, Chelmsford, Braintree and Colchester in Essex. These schemes allow people to use rented e-scooters legally.

To use these schemes, you must:

- Be aged 18 or over.
- Hold a UK driving licence.
- Only ride on roads and cycle-paths within the hire scheme areas, pavement riding is not permitted.
- Not carry passengers or allow others to use a scooter you have hired. Wearing a helmet is highly recommended, and riders have the same responsibility to obey traffic laws as anyone driving a car.

use rented e-scooters legally



