



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,



As we commenced our week, we gathered together with the theme that there is always hope. I initiated our discussions by asking the children how they were feeling today. This simple yet profound question opened the floor to myriad emotions and reflections, allowing our pupils to express their thoughts and share their outlooks.

In our exploration of emotions, I prompted the children to consider what they are most looking forward to in the coming weeks. To illustrate the concept of time and our relationship with it, I shared a short clip from a film featuring a man using a time machine. This sparked a lively conversation among the children about moments in their lives when they might have wished for such a device—moments where they felt overwhelmed or yearned for a simpler past.

It is entirely natural for us to feel sadness regarding certain experiences, and disappointment can often cast a shadow over our optimism. Nevertheless, alongside these feelings, it is essential to recognise and honour the gratitude and joy derived from our past experiences. It is possible that, amid the challenges,

we might even uncover some unexpected positives that enrich our lives.

During our discussion, I cited a poignant quotation: "I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future." As Christians, we embrace the belief that despite our inability to foresee what lies ahead—much like not being able to hop into a time machine to glimpse the future—God accompanies us through every circumstance. We maintain faith that God is greater than time itself, offering us comfort and assurance, even in periods of uncertainty.

To further our conversation, I shared a passage from the Gospel according to Matthew 6: 25-34, which states, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." Life is characterised by unpredictability; while we may face unexpected events in the year ahead, there will undeniably be moments for us to cherish and celebrate together as a community.

On Monday, our day was filled with excitement as we welcomed potential new families during our second Open Day. Our Class 4 children demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm and professionalism as they conducted tours for our visitors, showcasing the wonderful environment we foster here at our school.



In the afternoon, our Girls' football team played an away match at Mayflower. Although the match did not conclude in our favour, every team member exhibited exceptional skills and determination, deserving particular commendation is Harper-Lillie for her outstanding performance. We are proud of their spirit and sportsmanship.

On Thursday, our Year 6 children attended their second session of the programme titled 'We are Music'. This initiative provides a wonderful opportunity for the children to engage with a variety of musical instruments and gain invaluable experience playing in a band. I remain hopeful that we will witness a fantastic performance at the end of the term, showcasing their hard work and talent.

Looking ahead to next week, I would like to remind everyone that Monday will be a non-

uniform day. Any donations of bottles for the bottle tombola for the PA Christmas Bazaar would be greatly appreciated. Moreover, our Year 6 pupils will participate in a Resilience Workshop facilitated by the National Online Wellbeing Service. This interactive workshop will be a delightful experience with our mental health resilience coach, equipping the children with techniques to enhance their emotional wellbeing and ease their transition to Year 7.

On Wednesday, our Girls' football team will have a match at home, with kick-off scheduled for 3:20 PM. Your support for our athletes during these events is invaluable, and we hope to see many of you there cheering them on! Additionally, on Thursday, the Year 6 children will engage in their third 'We are Music' session, further cultivating their musical talents. Finally, on Friday, our BCCS children will

visit St Benedict's for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society concert—a highly anticipated event that I am very much looking forward to. I trust that you have secured your tickets for this promising occasion.



In closing, I would like to emphasise the importance of open communication regarding your child's wellbeing. Should you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to bring them to our attention. It is vital that we work together to support your child effectively. Resolving issues through social media is not conducive to finding solutions, and we value direct communication to ensure we uphold the best interests of our students at all times.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Have a lovely, safe weekend. Take care—God bless, Mrs. Golding

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	97.14%	92.38%	0
Class 2	97.20%	89.60%	3
Class 3	98.53%	97.06%	2
Class 4	97.50%	97.58%	2



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Maksymilian and Aviana

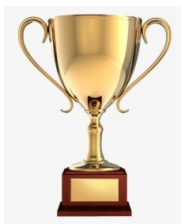
Class 2: Declan and Ella

Class 3: Isaac, Matilda and Harper-Lillie

Class 4: Sonny and Raya

Whole School Attendance: 94.69%

Winning Class: Class 4—97.58%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST DAVIDS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 25th November	PTA Non Uniform Day—Bazaar Bottle donations please
Weds 27th November	Girls Football Match V Wix at St Joseph's 3.20pm
Thurs 28th November	Book Fair at school (until 3rd December)
Fri 29th November	6pm BCCS Concert at St Ben's —selected children
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)
Tues 10th December	Class 1 + 2 Christmas Dinner
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 25th November 2024

Week 1 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 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
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->

*St Joseph's
Primary*



*Catholic
School*

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.





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!!



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



Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 30th November

11am – 2pm

Catholic Church Hall
129 Fronks Road,

Cakes, jams and preserves, chutneys, gifts,
raffle, refreshments,
bric-a-brac





Get festive with Street Tag



Saturday 7th December 2024



Dovercourt and Harwich Hub



10am to 12pm

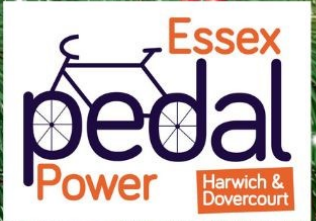
Ho Ho Ho!

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



CAN YOU HELP?

DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE
TO HELP THOSE IN NEED IN
THE LOCAL COMMUNITY?

ESSEX PEDAL POWER ARE
LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS
DECORATION DONATIONS AS
PART OF THEIR FESTIVE
SHARE SHACK.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE
ITEMS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH;
HARWICH.DOVERCOURTEPP@THEAWS.ORG
/ 07749 491791



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