



**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,

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



It feels like it has been ages since I last wrote to you all. As we draw another week to a close, I am excited to share the myriad of activities and achievements that have unfolded in our school community over the past week. It has certainly been a very busy time, with our students engaging in meaningful experiences both curricularly and extracurricularly.



On Monday, we held a special worship service to commemorate Remembrance Day. During this poignant occasion, we took time to remember all the brave men and women who have served our country and the families who have been affected by the ravages of war. The atmosphere was solemn as we observed a two-minute silence, during which the children respectfully listened to the Last Post played by a bugler. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed by purchasing a poppy and supporting this important moment. It is vital that we instil in our children an understanding of the sacrifices made for our freedom.

Tuesday saw our school participating in Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week, with this year's theme being 'Choose Respect'. This initiative allowed the children to wear mismatched socks and engage in discussions regarding the significance of treating one another with kindness and respecting individuality. The ethos behind this light-hearted event carries a serious message that we hope will resonate with our pupils for many years to come. I am proud to announce that the Anti-Bullying Alliance has awarded our entire school with a certificate recognising our commitment to fostering a respectful community.

On Wednesday, Classes 3 and 4 were treated to a delightful outing at the Electric Palace Cinema, where they had the pleasure of watching "Kung Fu Panda 4". I hope the children thoroughly enjoyed this wonderful experience. We are fortunate to have such excellent facilities right on our doorstep. This trip was made possible through our participation in the Into Film Festival. Into Film is an esteemed educational charity that underscores the importance of film in the educational, cultural, and personal development of children and young people. Their commitment to putting film at the core of education supports our pupils' academic, cultural, and social growth, and we are proud to collaborate with them.



Thursday was equally eventful. Our Year 6 children commenced their first session with 'We Are Music'. This registered charity, based in Harwich, focuses on fostering community engagement through popular music. They provide free music sessions and band experiences to facilitate musical development. The children greatly enjoyed their initial session and are eagerly looking forward to next week's continuation. It is inspiring to witness the development of some budding musicians among our students.

Additionally, on Thursday, our football team played an away match against Chase Lane. It was indeed a closely contested game, culminating in a thrilling finish with a score of 1-1. Congratulations to our goal scorer, James, whose efforts on the pitch were commendable. A special mention also goes to Avery, who was awarded the Player of the Match for her outstanding performance. We are very proud of our team's dedication and sportsmanship.

Towards the end of the week, we partook in the annual Children in Need event, with the children arriving at school dressed in either their special Pudsey outfits or non-uniform. I am grateful to all who contributed through their kind donations; your generosity plays a vital role in supporting this noble cause. For those who may still wish to donate, you can do so by visiting the following link: [BBC Children in Need Donation](https://www.bbc.com/children-in-need/donate).

Looking ahead to next week, we will be hosting our second Open Day on Monday. This occasion is a wonderful opportunity for prospective parents and families to tour St Joseph's and observe our vibrant learning environment. I am particularly hopeful that our Class 4 children will shine as they guide visitors around our school, showcasing their pride and enthusiasm for our community.

### Attendance Data

|         | Last week | This week | LATE marks |
|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Class 1 | 96.67%    | 97.14%    | 1          |
| Class 2 | 97.60%    | 97.20%    | 1          |
| Class 3 | 98.82%    | 98.53%    | 4          |
| Class 4 | 99.38%    | 97.50%    | 2          |

After school on Monday, our girls' football team will be competing in their first match away at Mayflower. I encourage all supporters to come out and cheer for our team. The encouragement of our school community means a great deal to our young athletes and enhances their sporting experience.

In closing, I would like once again to express my gratitude to all members of our school community for your ongoing support and engagement. It is your commitment that helps us to create an environment where our children can thrive academically, socially, and personally.

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



# Certificate Winners

To continue next week

Class 1: Thea and Annabelle

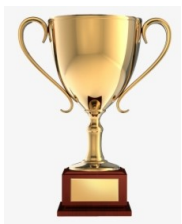
Class 2: Freddie and Declan

Class 3: Jack, James Mc and Emma

Class 4: Effie, Jasmine, Reece, Avery,  
James, Robbie, Blake, Esmae and Ned

Whole School Attendance: 97.68%

Winning Class: Class 3—98.53%



*Winning House Team This Week:*  
**ST DAVIDS**

## **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

|                     |                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 18th November   | Open day for prospective parents—September 2025<br>3.20pm Girls football match at Mayflower (spectators welcome) |
| Mon 25th November   | PTA Non Uniform Day—Bazaar Bottle donations please                                                               |
| 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<br>PTA Non Uniform Day—Festive confectionary please                                 |
| Thurs 5th December  | PINS meeting for Parents—details to follow                                                                       |
| Fri 6th December    | Bag2School collection—see below<br>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<br>10am Christingle<br>1pm Carols                               |
| Mon 6th January     | <b>NON PUPIL DAY</b>                                                                                             |
| Tues 7th January    | <b>Children return to school</b>                                                                                 |

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

**MONDAY 6th JANUARY IS A NON PUPIL DAY**

*Week Beginning 18th November 2024*  
*Week 3 of the NEW Menu—reminder—price increase to £2.50*

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

**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 Catholic Primary School

**Open Days for Parents/Carers  
Applying for Reception School Places to  
Start School in September 2025**

**Wednesday 16th October from 10am to 4.30pm**

**Monday 18th November 1.30pm to 6.30pm**

**Tours run throughout the day—Please call to book  
your place. We look forward to seeing you.**



***Please email us to book at:  
[admin@st-josephs-dovercourt.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephs-dovercourt.essex.sch.uk)  
Or call 01255 503493***



## **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 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

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



# Get festive with Street Tag



Saturday 7th December 2024



Dovercourt and Harwich Hub



10am to 12pm

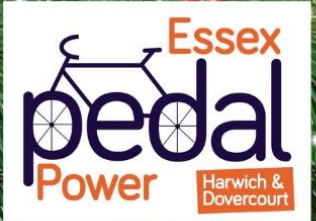
Ho Ho Ho!

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](mailto: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 Lifeboat Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**10:30am to 2:30pm**

**At the Park Pavilion in Harwich**

**Entry £1 for adults**

**Lots of stalls selling lovely things,  
RNLI shop, Harwich Sing Tendring Voices Kids,  
please pop in for a coffee and a slice of homemade  
cake!**

**All proceeds will help support  
Harwich Lifeboat saving lives at sea.**



**The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea**

Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), a charity registered in England and Wales (209603),  
Scotland (SC037736), the Republic of Ireland (20003326) and the Bailiwick of Jersey (14)



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## DEVELOPING SELF-CARE, RESILIENCE & WELLBEING FOR PARENTS & CARERS RAISING CHILDREN WITH SEND & CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR

**Every Wednesday from 10:00 to 14:00  
From 20th November for 4 weeks**

EMBRAVE.  
EMBRACE.  
EMPOWER.

### Learn How to:

- ✓ Develop a positive and empowering relationship with yourself & others
- ✓ Discover the power of self-care and self-acceptance
- ✓ Find new ways to prioritise your mental health and well-being
- ✓ Practice and rehearse strategies for building your skills and strengthening your resolve to journey on
- ✓ Share and explore your travels so far
- ✓ Take note of and celebrate the skills you have acquired along the way
- ✓ Build parents'/carers' resilience, so they are well placed to enjoy their journey bringing up their children

Only Limited  
Spaces Available!

**Book Now!**

#### Location:

**Greenstead Community Centre**  
**Hawthorn Avenue, Greenstead Estate CO4 3QE**  
**FREE PARKING & REFRESHMENTS**  
**On the local bus route**

#### For More Info:

**info@lesleybaileytraining.co.uk**  
**07908616149**



**COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**



# **YOUNG CARERS CLUB**

**MONDAYS, 3:30PM TO 5:30PM**

- ★ **DIFFERENT SPORTS**
- ★ **HOMEWORK SUPPORT**
- ★ **NEW SKILLS**
- ★ **GAMES**
- ★ **CRAFT**
- ★ **FUN!**



## **WHO?**

Young carers in school years 5-9

## **WHEN?**

Mondays, 3:30-5:30pm

## **WHERE?**

Shrub End Community &  
Sports Centre, Boadicea Way,  
Colchester, CO2 9BG

Clacton-on-Sea Leisure Centre,  
Vista Road, Clacton-on-Sea,  
CO15 6DB

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT**

**01206 755160**

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AND UNITE OUR COMMUNITIES**

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