



St Joseph's Catholic Primary
We follow in St Joseph's footsteps building a community of love, trust, respect and learning.
Inspired by the life of St Josephs, we live, love and learn together



Dear parents and carers,



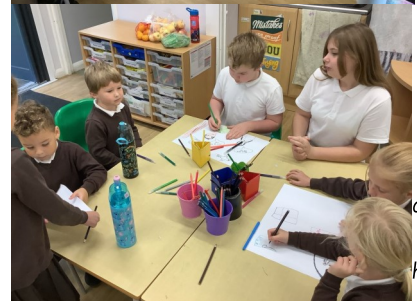
What a busy week it has been at our school! We commenced our week with a collective gathering, where we prayed the first Sorrowful Mystery—The Agony in the Garden—as part of our Rosary Challenge. In the Sorrowful Mysteries, we stand beneath the Cross of Jesus, confronting the profound truth of His insistence that the Christ must suffer and die. Although we may long to cry out in lament, wishing we had been there to ease His suffering, we are reminded of the reality of our human condition and accept the truth that represents Our Lord's journey.



As we transitioned from this moment of reflection, the children dispersed into their respective houses, where they were organised into various school groups. These groups included the School Council, Liturgy Leaders, Diversity Champions, and Eco Warriors, providing our pupils with the opportunity to engage meaningfully within the broader school community. During this initial meeting, each group diligently discussed its purpose, crafted a prayer, formulated a motto, and contemplated one key objective they wish to achieve this academic year, both for the school and the local community. This initiative embodies our commitment not only to academic excellence but also to nurturing responsible and active citizens.



On Monday, following our group activities, Class 4 children showcased their sportsmanship by participating in a 5-a-side football tournament in the afternoon. Although we did not advance to the final, the effort and enthusiasm demonstrated by our pupils were truly commendable. It is always heartening to witness the spirit of teamwork and resilience in our students, regardless of the outcome.



Tuesday marked a significant day as we welcomed Danielle Dean, who conducted an assembly dedicated to Young Carers. At St Joseph's, we make it a priority to support Young Carers in every way possible, recognising the vital role they play both at home and within our community. We believe it is our duty to ensure they receive the attention and support they require. Later that evening, we hosted our first parent-teacher meetings, providing a platform for parents to engage with teachers and discuss their children's progress. On Wednesday, we followed this up with our second set of meetings. I trust these discussions were both informative and supportive, and I extend my gratitude to all those who attended.

Thursday was a particularly enjoyable day as we hosted our PTA Spooky Disco in the evening, which was embraced with great enthusiasm by our children. I sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful time at this event, and I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our exceptional PTA for their hard work and dedication in organising such a fantastic occasion.

As we look ahead to the week after half-term, I wish to remind you that the children in Class 4 will be departing for their residential trip on the following Monday. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn, grow, and build lasting friendships. If you have any concerns or questions about the trip, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via Seesaw. Meanwhile, the rest of the school will be celebrating All Saints, with a Mass taking place at 9.30 am in school. This sacred gathering will be a moment for us to reflect on the virtues and examples set by the saints, fostering a deeper understanding of our faith.

On Thursday of that week, the children in Class 3 can look forward to their first swimming lesson. I encourage parents to watch for communications from the class teacher regarding the necessary procedures. As always, please ensure your child brings everything they will need for swimming lessons to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	93.81%	94.76%	0
Class 2	95.20%	96.40%	3
Class 3	96.18%	97.35%	0
Class 4	99.88%	94.38%	2

I must apologise as there will be no celebration worship on that day, as I will be returning alongside the Class 4 students from their residential trip. I appreciate your understanding as we make the most out of this enriching experience for the children.

Finally, I would like to remind our entire school community that children should not be playing on the outdoor equipment after school hours, even when supervised by an adult. This is to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. As we transition into the colder months, it is essential that all children bring a coat to school each day, regardless of the morning weather. The unpredictable nature of British weather can catch us by surprise; hence, it is prudent to be prepared for all conditions.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable half-term break. May this time provide an opportunity for rest, rejuvenation, and time spent with loved ones. Thank you for your unwavering support of our school.

Take care—God bless

Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

To continue after half-term

Class 1:

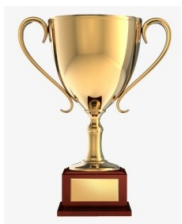
Class 2:

Class 3:

Class 4:

Whole School Attendance: 95.80%

Winning Class: Class 3 97.35%



*Winning House Team This Week:
To continue after half-term*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sat 26th October	Family Bingo OLQH Church Hall 2pm—see below
Mon 4th November	First day back after half-term 9am All Saints Mass NEW TIME 9.30am at School Class 4 Residential Week
Thurs 7th November	First Class 3 Swim
Tues 12th November	Odd Socks Day—details to follow
Weds 13th November	Class 3+4 Electric Palace Cinema Visit
Mon 18th November	Open day for prospective parents—September 2025
Mon 2nd December	Advent Mass at School—9.30am
Fri 6th December	Bag2School collection—see below Christmas Bazaar
Fri 20th December	Last day for Children. School will finish at 2pm

FINAL REMINDER to Year 6 Parents

The statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children
(for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2025) is

31 October 2024

Applications can be made this website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Please do come and speak to us if you need any help.

Week Beginning 4th November 2024

Week 1 of the NEW Menu—reminder—price increase to £2.50

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



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
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!!



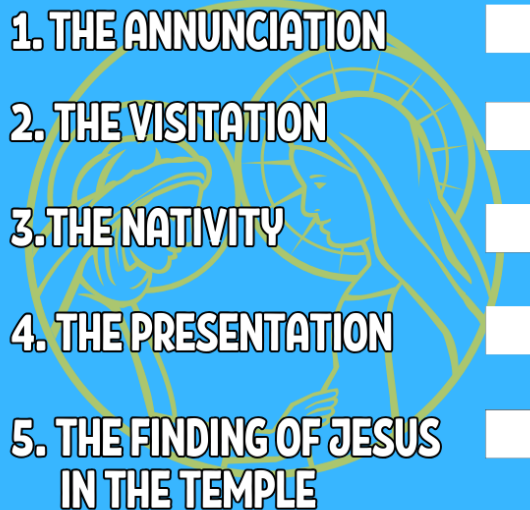
the Rosary Challenge!

RECORD SHEET

THE CHALLENGE

The Rosary Challenge is to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary, each weekday in October. To pray each Mystery, watch our video from Lourdes, listen to the scripture passage and hold it in your heart as you pray an Our Father, ten Hail Marys and a Glory Be.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

- 
1. THE ANNUNCIATION ☐
 2. THE VISITATION ☐
 3. THE NATIVITY ☐
 4. THE PRESENTATION ☐
 5. THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE ☐

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

- 
1. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN ☐
 2. THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR ☐
 3. THE CROWNING WITH THORNS ☐
 4. THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS ☐
 5. THE CRUCIFIXION ☐

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

- 
1. THE RESURRECTION ☐
 2. THE ASCENSION ☐
 3. THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ☐
 4. THE ASSUMPTION ☐
 5. THE CORONATION ☐

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

- 
1. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS ☐
 2. THE WEDDING AT CANA ☐
 3. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM ☐
 4. THE TRANSFIGURATION ☐
 5. THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST ☐

FAMILY BINGO

Saturday 26th October

2pm

50p a card

Raffle

Catholic Church Hall
129 Fronks Road

Please bring a plate of food for the
buffet (ingredients written down)



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

Join us for
**HARWICH
GUY CARNIVAL**

ESSEX PEDAL POWER !

**SATURDAY
26
OCT 2024**

OUR THEME

BESIDE THE SEASIDE

DRESS CODE: LIGHT, BRIGHT &
COLORFUL.

SAILORS, PIRATES, UNDER THE SEA,
NAUTICAL & COASTAL ATTIRE WELCOME

**WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN IN OUR
CHOSEN THEME & BRING YOUR BIKE!**

MEETING AT 6PM, OUTSIDE THOMPSON COOPER

More info - harwich.dovercourtepp@theaws.org /07749491791

COME AND JOIN US



Ideas welcome



*EPP carnival theme:
Beside The Seaside*



*Free drinks and snack
at workshop*

CARNIVAL CREATIONS WORKSHOP

*Join us and make items and costumes ready for the
Harwich Guy Carnival*



EVERYONE WELCOME

**FRIDAY 18TH
OCTOBER
3.30-5.30PM**

**EPP OFFICE
HARWICH ARTS &
HERITAGE CENTRE**

BOOKING REQUIRED - SPACES LIMITED

More info or to book - harwich.dovercourtepp@theaws.org / 07749491791

HARWICH GUY CARNIVAL

ESSEX PEDAL POWER

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:





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OCTOBER HALF TERM



TAKE PART IN OUR AUTUMN GARDEN TRAIL



STORYTIME IN THE GARDEN

31ST OCTOBER 11AM & 2PM



CRAFT ACTIVITIES EVERY DAY

**TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER -
SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**

 Beth
Chatto's
Plants & Gardens

Beth Chatto Plants & Gardens, Clacton Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7DB
www.bethchatto.co.uk email: customerservices@bethchatto.co.uk

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Kid Around

It's about being a parent where you live!



Competitions

Half term day's out

Feeding fussy eaters

Spooky Special

click this link: <https://www.kidaround.biz/magazine/>

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

**Every Thursday from 10:00 to 14:00
From 7th 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:
Kingsland Church
86 London Road, Colchester CO3 9DW
FREE PARKING & REFRESHMENTS
On the local bus route

For More Info:

info@lesleybaileytraining.co.uk
07908616149

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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**

Flu Vaccine Catch up Clinics

Has your child missed their school vaccinations?

We are running catch up walk-in clinics for the flu vaccine this winter, your nearest clinic is:

**Greenstead Children's Centre,
Colchester, CO4 3QE**

10am to 3pm

- Tuesday 29 October (half term)**

**It's easy to catch up simply
walk in on the day.**

For information on school aged
vaccinations please visit our website:
eput.nhs.uk/childrensvaccines

#GetWinterStrong





**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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Providing NHS services

Speak to your pharmacist if you suspect you have:

- **Sinusitis**
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
(children aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



**Visit your
Pharmacy First!**

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SEND SUPPORT
FOR FAMILIES



JOIN ONE OF OUR GROUPS
FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF
SEND CHILDREN.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO COME
TOGETHER TO LOOK INTO A
DIFFERENT TOPIC EACH WEEK,
AND EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES,
VIEWS, AND ADVICE.

VARIOUS LOCATIONS
THROUGHOUT ESSEX,
INCLUDING ONLINE



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**Is your child struggling and feeling overwhelmed?
Maybe you are a new to parenting and want to learn tips early?
Perhaps you are struggling with certain behaviours?**

Whatever your situation, our 'Positive Parenting' courses have got it covered. Join like-minded people for support and to gain further advice.

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WRITING SKILLS WHILST LIVING IN
THE UK.**

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