



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,

As another busy week draws to a close at St Joseph's, we have enjoyed numerous enriching activities and discussions that I am eager to share with you. It is vital for us as a community to reflect on our experiences together and the valuable lessons our children are learning.

On Monday, during our worship session, I initiated a thought-provoking discussion with the children by asking them to be completely honest and answer a simple question: "Has anyone said, 'It's not fair' during the past week?" This inquiry allowed us to delve into the concept of fairness, a topic that resonates with everyone, especially the younger ones who are beginning to navigate the complexities of life.

To illustrate this concept, I shared an old Jewish folktale, with the help of Blake and Ned, that offers a fresh perspective on the phrase, 'It's not fair!' The story centres on two brothers; one is married with a family, while the other is single. The single brother, feeling a sense of injustice about the division of grain, decides to secretly deliver some of his grain to his brother. Meanwhile, the married brother, too, feels the same sentiment of unfairness and secretly gives to his sibling in a similar manner. As they both continued this selfless act night after night, they were astonished to find that their barns were perpetually full, despite their nightly exchanges. They finally crossed paths and realised the depth of their actions and the love that connected them. This beautiful discovery left a lasting impression, reinforcing that the essence of life lies not in fairness but in love and selflessness. I further shared a passage from Ecclesiastes 9:11, affirming that life is inherently unequal for everyone. With understanding comes a shift in perspective, helping our children comprehend that the love of family and their relationship with Jesus outweighs material circumstances. Teaching them to release their grip on things beyond their control is indeed one of life's most significant lessons.

Ecclesiastes 9:11

“  
The race is not  
given to the swift  
or to the strong  
but to the one who  
endures to the end.”

On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of welcoming potential parents of children starting school in September. I was genuinely impressed by the number of appointments made and am immensely grateful to our Class 4 children—Emmie, Gracie, Blake, Archie, Ernest, Freddy, Daisy, Esmae, Meadow, and Jasmine—who took the initiative to show our visitors around. Their efforts were commendable; each comment from our visitors reflected their admiration for the children's informative and welcoming nature.



Our sporting achievements on Thursday were equally noteworthy. Remi, Coen, Isabelle, Zachary, Preston, and Harper. B represented us in a Rugby Tournament, showing resilience and teamwork. I am proud to report that our team won their group, scoring an impressive 18 tries, which enabled us to progress to the final against Chase Lane. Although the outcome of the match did not favour us, the spirit in which each player performed was admirable. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Coen, who was awarded Player of the Tournament, a testament to his outstanding dedication and effort. A special thank you is also owed to Mr. Phelan and Mr. Guezelar for their unwavering support and encouragement of our team. For a school of our size, achieving the runners-up position is remarkable—well done to every participant!

Looking ahead, we have an exciting week planned. On Monday, our various school groups, including the School Council, Diversity, Liturgy, and Eco Warriors, will convene for their first meeting. They will discuss their vision for the year ahead and begin crafting their group mottos, fostering teamwork and leadership skills amongst our students. Additionally, several children will attend a 5-a-side football tournament hosted at Harwich School, an opportunity for them to exhibit their athletic talents.

On Tuesday, we will be privileged to host guest speaker Danielle Dean, who will address the entire school during assembly on the topic of Young Carers.

As many of you may know, over 700,000 individuals under the age of 18 in the UK support a family member. At St Joseph's, we are committed to identifying and supporting our Young Carers, and I am thankful to all of you who have responded to our recent letter regarding this essential initiative.

Further information on this subject will be forthcoming.

That evening, we will also hold our first session of Parent-Teacher meetings, providing an opportunity for meaningful dialogue about your children's progress and experiences within the school environment.

### Attendance Data

|         | Last week | This week | LATE marks |
|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Class 1 | 87.62%    | 93.81%    | 2          |
| Class 2 | 95.60%    | 95.20%    | 2          |
| Class 3 | 87.94%    | 96.18%    | 3          |
| Class 4 | 99.69%    | 96.88%    | 4          |

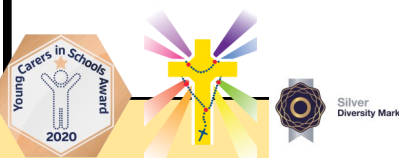
On Wednesday, we will welcome our school nurse team, who will be conducting height and weight assessments for Reception and Year 6 children, ensuring that health remains a priority in our school community. This will be followed by our second session of Parent-Teacher meetings.

On Thursday, our PTA has organised a much-anticipated 'Spooky Disco', which promises to be a delightful event for our children. There remains time to purchase tickets from the office, so do seize the opportunity.

Finally, I would like to apologise in advance for the absence of our usual celebration worship on Friday, as I will be attending a family funeral. I appreciate your understanding during this time.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. I wish you all a delightful and safe weekend. Take care—God bless.

Mrs. Golding



# Certificate Winners

Class 1: Finley and Antoni

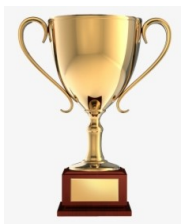
Class 2: Belle and Jeremy

Class 3: Jacob, Aleks, Coen, Harper,  
Zachary, Remi and Preston

Class 4: Millie and Gracie

Whole School Attendance: 95.71%

Winning Class: Class 4 96.88%



*Winning House Team This Week:  
St George*

## **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

|                    |                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 21st October   | 1pm Football 5-a-side—selected children tbc                                                                            |
| Tues 22nd October  | Parent/Teacher meetings                                                                                                |
| Weds 23rd October  | Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight<br>Parent/Teacher meetings                                                      |
| Thurs 24th October | Spooky Disco—see below tickets are £3 per child                                                                        |
| Fri 25th October   | Last day before half-term                                                                                              |
| Sat 26th October   | Family Bingo OLQH Church Hall 2pm—see below                                                                            |
| Mon 4th November   | First day back after half-term<br><del>9am</del> All Saints Mass NEW TIME 9.30am at School<br>Class 4 Residential Week |
| Tues 12th November | Odd Socks Day—details to follow                                                                                        |
| Weds 13th November | Class 3+4 Electric Palace Cinema Visit—details to follow                                                               |
| 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<br>Christmas Bazaar                                                                    |
| Fri 20th December  | Last day for Children. School will finish at 2pm                                                                       |

### **A 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](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

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

*Week Beginning 21st October 2024*  
*Week 2 of the Menu—reminder—price increase to £2.50*

St Joseph's Catholic Primary  
School

**Monday**

**Jacket Potato with a selection of fillings**  
Served with sweetcorn

**Baguette/Roll**  
served with salad

**Tuesday**

**Pulled Pork in a Bun**  
served with cous cous and coleslaw

**Baguette/Roll**  
served with salad

**Wednesday**

**Roast of the Day**  
served with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

**Baguette/Roll**  
served with salad

**Thursday**

**Turkey Pizza Pinwheel**  
served with mini cubed potatoes

**Baguette/Roll**  
served with salad

**Friday**

**Fish Fingers**  
served with crispy chips and baked beans

**Baguette/Roll**  
served with salad

**Available everyday**

A healthy salad bar, fresh fruit, and yoghurt

Week 2

# 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!!**



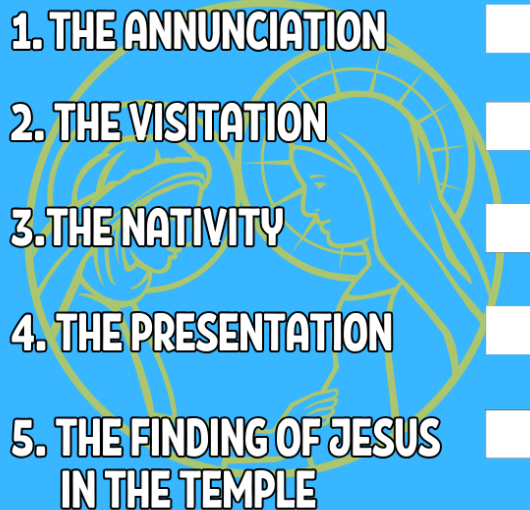
# the Rosary Challenge!

## 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 ☐



**BROUGHT TO YOU BY ST JOSEPH'S  
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

# Spooky Disco Dress to Impress

**SCHOOL HALL, THURSDAY 24TH  
OCTOBER (415PM TO 530PM)**

Tickets At School Office - Games / Tuck Shop



**Parentkind**  
Member Association

# 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)



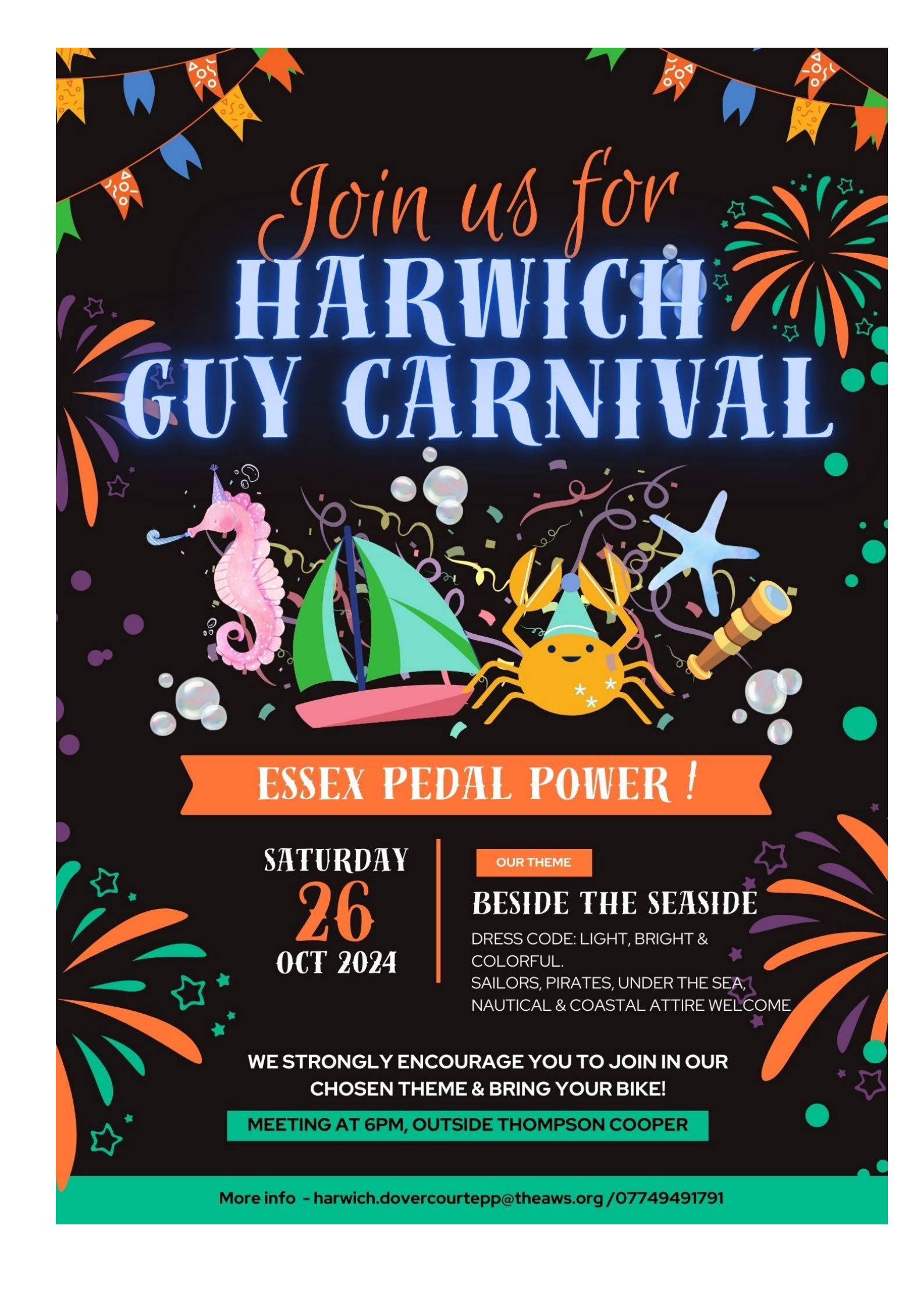
# BAG 2 SCHOOL



Our next Bag2School collection  
has been arranged for

FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:harwich.dovercourtepp@theaws.org) / 07749491791**

HARWICH GUY CARNIVAL

ESSEX PEDAL POWER

# Disney Jr. is coming to The Electric Palace!



Audiences are invited to bring their little ones to enjoy the magic of Disney on the big screen, with a new fun-filled cinema experience featuring Mickey Mouse, Spidey and His Amazing Friends, Ariel, Bluey and more. Whether it's their first time in the cinema, or they regularly enjoy the movies, it's one not to miss! DISNEY JUNIOR CINEMA CLUB 2024 brings together songs, interactive games, and episodes for pre-schoolers.

## **Two Screenings:**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am**

Tickets available on our website [www.electricpalace.com](http://www.electricpalace.com)

or you can pay on the door. Doors will open at 10am.

We hope to see you & your little ones there!

# 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:





# KIDS

## go FREE

### at BETH CHATTO'S

#### PLANTS & GARDENS

## 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](http://www.bethchatto.co.uk) email: [customerservices@bethchatto.co.uk](mailto: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:

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**Hawthorn Avenue, Greenstead Estate CO4 3QE**  
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