



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, Carers, and Friends,

During our worship on Monday, we explored the beautiful concept of diversity and how each one of us is unique. The children and I discussed the fact that some individuals in their classes may share the same name, yet each person still possesses their own essential qualities. I likened our uniqueness to the various ingredients that create a delicious dish; together, they combine to make something wonderful. To illustrate this point further, I brought in some shopping items, hoping to engage the children in guessing what yummy creation I intended to make later on.

After revealing the ingredients, I read from Romans 12:4-5, a passage from a letter written by Paul. The scripture reminds us, 'For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.' This profound message, highlighting both the diversity and unity within the human body, mirrors the way our different ingredients come together to create something significant.

Just as bread requires various elements to become whole—such as water, flour, salt, and yeast—so too do we need one another's unique talents and qualities to enrich our community. Without water, bread would be dry; without flour, bread wouldn't exist. Each ingredient has a vital role to play, and when they all come together, they create a perfect loaf.

This is a powerful metaphor for our belief that God created people in a delightful variety of kinds, races, faces, shapes, and sizes, each regarded as important. It is vital to recognise that God intended for us to share and thrive in the world made for us.



In our school community, we celebrate differences too. Some children excel at football, others shine in reading, while some possess talents in music or drama. There are those who exhibit kindness, helpfulness, or the ability to comfort peers in distress. It is this variety that makes our school a special place, and each child is an integral part of our collective identity.

This month, in recognition of our faith, we have been dedicating time each day to honour Our Lady through the Rosary Challenge. The challenge encourages each child to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary every weekday throughout October. Each decade consists of: 1 x Our Father, 10 x Hail Mary, 1 x Glory Be.

To facilitate this, we reflect on a Mystery of the Rosary during each decade. These Mysteries, moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary, provide a rich context for prayer and personal reflection. There are four sets of five Mysteries, and I encourage each of you to explore these with your children.

In addition to our spiritual activities, I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who participated in Class 4's Acts of Worship at the conclusion of their RE Unit on Ourselves. It was heartwarming to see such support from our community. On Tuesday, we had the pleasure of welcoming Esther from Essex Fire and Rescue Services for a whole-school assembly focused on Bonfire and Firework Safety. The children were keen to engage, posing thoughtful questions after the presentation. I encourage you to engage with your children about the lessons they've learnt during their follow-up SMILE sessions this week, ensuring they understand the importance of staying safe during this season.

This Thursday was particularly thrilling as our school hosted its inaugural football match against Mayflower School. The excitement was palpable, and I was immensely proud of our team's performance, which culminated in a fantastic victory of 5-1. Notably, Blake scored three goals, Ned contributed with one more, and there was an own goal from Mayflower. Esmae was selected as the Player of the Match for her exceptional listening skills, fantastic attitude, and wonderful team spirit. Well done to all our talented players who came together to make this event a memorable one.

Furthermore, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our Pennies for the Playground PTA campaign. This week we have raised an impressive £151.45, earmarked for equipment that will enhance our playground, allowing all our children to enjoy better play facilities. A special shout-out goes to Tia from Class 2 and Jasmine from Class 4 for their remarkable fundraising efforts—thank you both!

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	89.52%	87.62%	0
Class 2	98.85%	95.60%	1
Class 3	95.88%	87.94%	4
Class 4	96.56%	99.69%	0

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to announce our first Open Day for prospective parents on Wednesday. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase the nurturing environment we provide and to share the ethos of our school with new families. Additionally, on Thursday, some children in Year 2 and Year 3 will be taking part in a Tag Rugby tournament, fostering both teamwork and sportsmanship.

As a final note, I kindly remind all parents that, in the mornings, we ask that you do not enter the school building. If you have messages for your child's class teacher, please relay them through the office or speak briefly to the teacher at the class door. We encourage all children to go to the toilet independently, as they are able to access these facilities without assistance.

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

Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: William, Jude and Bella

Class 2: Violet, Freddie, Ava and Harry

Class 3: Amelia, Lizzie, Coen and Lottie

Class 4: Thorin, Effie, Sonny and Emmie

Whole School Attendance: 92.95%

Winning Class: Class 4 99.69%



Winning House Team This Week:
St George

Attendance Matters:

Our school classrooms open at 8.35am. Our registers are taken at 8.50am. Children that arrive between 8.50am and 9am are given a late mark. This is a code 'L' in the register.

If your child arrives after 9am they are given an unauthorised late mark. This is a code 'U' in the register.

If your child has 10 unauthorised late marks in any 10 week period you could be fined by the local authority and this could lead to a prosecution.

WE DON'T WANT THIS TO HAPPEN TO ANY OF OUR PARENTS.

Please work with us to support your child's attendance.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Weds 16th October	Open day for prospective parents—September 2025
Thurs 17th October	1pm Y2+Y3 Rugby Tournament—selected children
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 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 9am All Saints Mass NEW TIME 9.30am at School 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 Christmas Bazaar
Fri 20th December	Last day for Children. School will finish at 2pm

Non Pupil Days

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Week Beginning 14th October 2024
Week 1 of the Menu—reminder—price increase to £2.50

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School**

Monday

Freshly made Pizza
served with Salad

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Tuesday

Minced Beef Burrito
served with baked jacket wedges
and coleslaw

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Wednesday

**Chicken and Vegetable
Pie**
served with new potatoes and fine
green beans

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Thursday

**Sausage and pasta in
Tomato Sauce**
served with garlic bread and
broccoli

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Friday

Fish Cake
served with crispy chips and baked
beans

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Available everyday
A healthy salad bar, fresh fruit and
yoghurt

Week 1

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
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!!



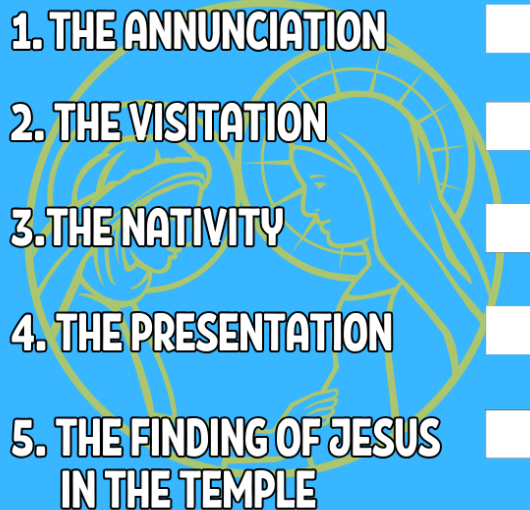
the Rosary Challenge!

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 6th DECEMBER 2024

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

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 19th October 10.30am

Sunday 20th October 10.30am

Tickets available on our website 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:





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at BETH CHATTO'S

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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**

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