



Dear Parents, family and friends of St. Joseph's



As we reflect upon another fantastic, albeit shorter, week at St. Joseph's, I am pleased to share the highlights and important events that have taken place.

We commenced our week by gathering in our classrooms to contemplate the Gospel for Sunday, which centres on the solemnity of Christ the King. In this celebration, we are invited to reflect on the kingship of Jesus. The Gospel presents us with a striking image of Jesus in an unexpected position for a king—hanging on the cross. Sister Thérèse eloquently explains that the cross is not a symbol of defeat but rather a glorious victory over sin. As part of our reflection, we are encouraged to crown Jesus as king in our hearts, praying and singing his praises through the hymn 'King of Kings'.

On Monday, Mrs. Dixon and I conducted interviews for the part-time Learning Support Assistant position that was recently advertised. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the children who assisted us during this process; your feedback was invaluable in our decision-making. Further information regarding the appointment will be communicated shortly.

Tuesday and Wednesday after school marked our first set of parents' meetings for this academic year. I trust that these sessions were both informative and supportive in helping you understand how your children have settled into their respective classes. Should you have been unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, who will be more than willing to arrange an alternative appointment.

On Wednesday, our Class 1 and Class 2 children enjoyed an outing to the Electric Palace cinema as part of the Into Film festival. Regrettably, the cinema encountered technical difficulties, resulting in the children only being able to view one of the films scheduled for that day. I commend our youngest children for their safe walk back to school, and I extend my sincere thanks to the teachers, staff, and parent volunteers who accompanied them.

Thursday was another non-uniform day, aimed at supporting the PTA by bringing in a bottle for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar. I am immensely grateful for your generous donations. Additionally, Thursday marked the commencement of our book fair, which will continue into next week, providing an excellent opportunity for our children to explore new reading materials.

Friday was designated as an INSET day, during which the school was closed to allow all teachers and staff to participate in essential training sessions. This professional development is crucial as it equips our educators with the latest pedagogical strategies and insights, ultimately enhancing the quality of education we provide to our students.

Looking ahead, next week heralds the beginning of Advent. On Wednesday, we will hold our Advent Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven at 10:00 AM. All are warmly invited to join us in celebrating this significant period in the Church's calendar. Class 4 will be visiting the new Harwich library on Monday, while some of our children will attend the Memory Café on Tuesday.

As previously mentioned on Seesaw, during our Global Worship on Thursday, we will celebrate the International Day of the Volunteer. We are delighted to welcome a special guest, Les Nicol from the North Essex Support Team (N.E.S.T). Les will address the children regarding the charitable work he undertakes within our local community, including his inspiring 'One Day Free from Poverty' campaign, which provides Christmas hampers and gifts for families in need. N.E.S.T is always appreciative of donations such as new toys, food items, or toiletries to distribute to local children and families. Should you wish to contribute, please ensure that your item is clearly labelled 'N.E.S.T' and delivered to the school by Wednesday, 4th December. I extend my heartfelt thanks for your generosity and continued support in helping us embody our values of compassion and service.

On Friday, we will celebrate all things festive with our much-anticipated Christmas Bazaar. Please keep an eye on Seesaw for further information regarding this event.

Lastly, I would like to kindly remind all families to refrain from parking across or blocking any of our neighbours driveways when dropping off or collecting children. We have received several concerns from local residents who have been hindered in accessing or leaving their homes due to vehicles obstructing their driveways. This situation causes significant inconvenience and, in some instances, prevents residents from attending work, appointments, or responding to emergencies.

As a school, we cherish our positive relationships within the community. I urge you to support us in maintaining these relationships by parking safely, legally, and respectfully at all times.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and for helping us keep our school community strong and considerate.

I hope you all have a safe, lovely weekend.

Take care – God Bless- Mrs. Golding

## Attendance Data

|         | Last week | This week | Late Marks |
|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Class 1 | 84.29%    | 97.02%    | 2          |
| Class 2 | 95%       | 93.06%    | 0          |
| Class 3 | 98.79%    | 96.69%    | 5          |
| Class 4 | 96.97%    | 93.56%    | 2          |



# Certificate Winners

Celebration worship will continue again Friday  
12th December

Class 1:

Class 2:

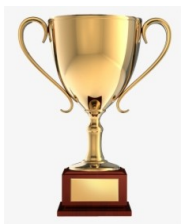
Class 3:

Class 4:

Mrs Golding's Headteacher Award:

Whole School Attendance this week: 95%

Winning Class this week: Class 1 - 97.02%



*Winning House Team This Week:  
Rollover....*

## **DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

|                     |                                                                                                  |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fri 28th November   | <b>Non Pupil Day—School Closed to Children</b>                                                   |
| Mon 1st December    | Class 4 Library Visit 1.30pm<br>Book Fair—3.20pm to 4pm                                          |
| Tues 2nd December   | Singing at the Memory Café—invited children<br>Book Fair—3.20pm to 4pm                           |
| Weds 3rd December   | Advent Mass 10am at Church                                                                       |
| Fri 5th December    | Christmas Bazaar—2.30pm                                                                          |
| Mon 8th December    | HEP Carol Concert—Class 3 + 4 (optional)                                                         |
| Tues 9th December   | Class 1 + 2 Christmas Dinner                                                                     |
| Weds 10th December  | Class 3 + 4 Christmas Dinner                                                                     |
| Thurs 11th December | Save the Children Christmas Jumper day<br>Class 1 + 2 visit to Lime Court for Carols             |
| Mon 15th December   | 1.30pm Class 4 Don Thompson House Carols                                                         |
| Tues 16th December  | 2pm Class 1 + 2 Nativity<br>1.30pm Class 3 Lime Court—Christmas Craft                            |
| Weds 17th December  | 6pm Class 1 + 2 Nativity                                                                         |
| Fri 19th December   | 10am Christingle at Church and 1pm Carols at school<br>2pm School Closes for the Christmas break |
| Mon 5th January     | Non Pupil Day—Children return Tuesday 6th January                                                |
| Tues 6th January    | Children back to school                                                                          |
| Fri 13th February   | Last day before the half-term break                                                              |
| Mon 23rd February   | First day back after half-term                                                                   |

**Week Beginning Monday 1st December**  
**Week 2 of the menu.....**

## Autumn Menu - Week Two

| Monday                                  | Tuesday                                | Wednesday                            | Thursday                                           | Friday                                          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Chicken Burger<br>Or<br>Jacket Potatoes | Chicken Curry<br>Or<br>Jacket Potatoes | Cottage Pie<br>Or<br>Jacket Potatoes | Sausage +<br>Tomato Pasta<br>Or<br>Jacket Potatoes | Fish Cake and<br>Chips<br>Or<br>Jacket Potatoes |
| Wedges<br>Sweetcorn<br>Salad Bar        | Rice<br>Salad Bar                      | Mixed Vegetables<br>Salad Bar        | Salad Bar                                          | Beans<br>Salad Bar                              |
| Fruit and<br>Yoghurt                    | Fruit and<br>Yoghurt                   | Fruit and<br>Yoghurt                 | Fruit and<br>Yoghurt                               | Fruit and<br>Yoghurt or<br>Treat Friday         |

*\*Cool water, fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily*



**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

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->



# MISS FINNEY TUTORING

ages 3 - 11

Tutoring group spaces are  
available in the following

subjects:

- Phonics
- Mathematics
- English
- SATs Preparation
- Phonics Screening Test

Offering tutoring in a small  
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children ages 3-11.



Preparation

For further information, please contact:



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We have asked the Teachers to produce a 'wish list' of items they  
and the children would like for their classrooms.

# Christmas Wish List

The gifting wishes will be tied to the school gates (colour coded for each class) from as early as next week, if you would like to take part, take a label or 2 home with you. Wrap up your selected gift and return to reception by Wednesday 17th December making sure the Class Name label is securely attached to the gift (Please label the gift from Santa)

The following Day, Teachers and Children will open and enjoy their class presents together and hopefully Santa will be on hand to make the special delivery.

**Parentkind**  
Member Association

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THE  
CLUB!**



## OPEN TRAINING SESSION DATES

Sunday 26th October - 10am

Sunday 2nd November - 10am

Sunday 30th November - 10am

Sunday 7th December - 10am

School Years Reception to Year 5  
Boys & Girls of all abilities welcome

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THOSE WHO ENJOY THE  
ENVIRONMENT AND  
CULTURE THEY CREATE



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## Online Course

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- Recognize and understand their emotions
- Develop self-regulation skills
- Build resilience and emotional intelligence
- Strengthen communication and relationships

**Date: 02/12/2025**

**Time: 09:45 - 11:45**

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| <b>COURSE TITLE</b>                            | <b>VENUE</b>       | <b>START DATE</b>               | <b>START TIME</b> | <b>END TIME</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>FL ZONES OF REGULATION</b>                  | <b>ONLINE LIVE</b> | <b>02/12/2025<br/>(2 WEEKS)</b> | <b>09:45</b>      | <b>11:45</b>    |
| <b>FL UNDERSTANDING AND<br/>MANAGING ANGER</b> | <b>ONLINE LIVE</b> | <b>4/12/2025<br/>(2 WEEKS)</b>  | <b>19:00</b>      | <b>21:00</b>    |
| <b>FL MANAGING BIG<br/>EMOTIONS</b>            | <b>ONLINE LIVE</b> | <b>10/12/2025</b>               | <b>19:00</b>      | <b>21:30</b>    |
| <b>FL UNDERSTANDING DYSLEXIA</b>               | <b>ONLINE LIVE</b> | <b>10/12/2025</b>               | <b>12:30</b>      | <b>14:30</b>    |
| <b>FL ROUTINES RULE</b>                        | <b>ONLINE LIVE</b> | <b>12/12/2025</b>               | <b>12:30</b>      | <b>15:00</b>    |

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# **The 12 Safety Tips for Christmas**

## **Presented by 'The 2 Johns'**



*"I Know them"*



The Johns would like to invite you to join a complimentary online event. This will provide you with an introduction to a world that we, as adults, did not grow up in but your children are fully embracing.

They will give you tips on: -

The Internet Express  
WhatsApp & Snap Chat  
What to do if it goes Wrong  
Indecent Images of Children

Gaming  
Screen time  
Sexploitation  
Stranger Danger

The Exploiters  
Cliff Top Parenting  
Where can I Get Help  
The Power of Influence

The two Johns, yes, they are both named John and have spent many years working in the police in various overt and covert roles tackling online and offline child exploitation. They are regarded as experts in their field and annually work in hundreds of primary and secondary schools interacting with thousands of children, teachers and parents. They also regularly deliver lunch and learn sessions to parenting networks in the private sector.

Over the past fifteen years, the two Johns have been key speakers at numerous major events throughout the country. In Essex they are regularly commissioned by the Safeguarding Children's Board, Community Safety Partnerships and schools to deliver both staff training and bespoke sessions for large numbers of children. This includes their highly successful 'Walk Online Roadshow' which is delivered to many thousands of children annually.

The 2 Johns



'Keeping Children Safe'

**Thursday 11th December**  
**at 20:00hrs**

(Scan the QR code to register)



**EST E Safety Training**

[www.esafetytraining.org](http://www.esafetytraining.org)



**@JohnsThe2**



Harwich Library  
Saturday's 2.30pm-3.30pm



Ask us how to book a session!





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## 📍 Harwich Library

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Drop-in 9:30 am to 4:30 pm  
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**ACTIVITIES**

WITH ARTIST  
DATE

