



St Joseph's Catholic Primary
We follow in St Joseph's footsteps building a community of love, trust, respect and learning.



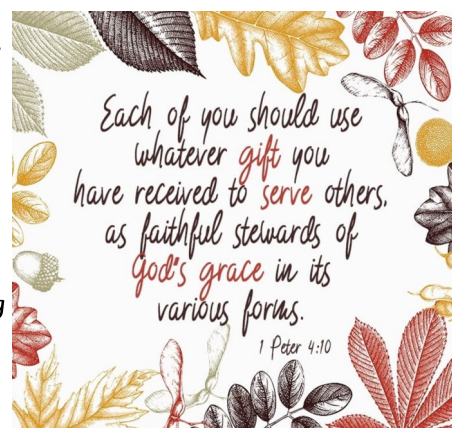
Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends,

As another enriching week at our school draws to a close, I am delighted to share with you the highlights and reflective moments from our recent activities, which have undoubtedly fostered both learning and community spirit among our students.

During Monday's worship, we took a moment to reflect on the concept of talent. We discussed the idea that everyone possesses unique abilities, some of which can be quite surprising. It was heartening to engage the children in recognising that not every individual excels in the same areas; for instance, while some may have prowess in football, others may shine in dancing, singing, or painting. Yet, there are foundational talents that unite us all—qualities such as being a good friend, listening attentively, engaging in meaningful conversations, and providing support to one another.



It is essential to highlight that sometimes talents lie dormant, unnoticed by both the individual and their peers. I encouraged the children to actively seek out and appreciate the hidden gifts within one another. To illustrate this point, I recounted the story of the esteemed artist Dante Gabriel Rossetti. Upon being asked to review some drawings, he initially failed to see any artistic potential. Later, an elderly man, filled with a bittersweet joy, revealed that he himself had created those very drawings in his youth and lamented, "If only I had someone to appreciate me then." Such narratives remind us all of the importance of recognising and valuing the talents of others.



In accordance with our teachings, I shared a pertinent scripture from 1 Thessalonians 5:11, which encourages us to build one another up, much like a sturdy tower. This scripture serves as a motivator for us to cultivate a spirit of encouragement and mutual support. In these challenging times, particularly as we witness various global events, it is vital to remind one another that a brighter future is on the horizon. I also shared insights from 1 Peter 4:10, emphasising that every good gift we have is granted through God's grace, intended for use in serving others. Thus, neglecting to utilise our talents for the benefit of those around us is a disservice to our role as good stewards of such gifts. Utilising what we have to lift one another is foundational in fulfilling our purpose as a community of set-apart individuals.

To prompt further thinking, I posed two questions to the children: Can you think of a time when someone encouraged you and made you feel really good about yourself? Can you think of a way in which you could encourage someone today?

I left them with a challenge—to intentionally encourage at least one person in school during the day, thereby putting our reflections into actionable practice.

On Tuesday, the children in Class 1 embarked on their first trip to our parish church, Our Lady Queen of Heaven. I am pleased to report that the children exhibited exemplary behaviour and thoroughly enjoyed their morning away from school. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the parents and family members who attended the Class 4 Residential meeting that evening. The event was a success, and we look forward to the upcoming trip. Should you have any further inquiries, please do not hesitate to reach out.

On Wednesday, we welcomed a speaker from Essex Fire and Rescue Service who delivered important sessions on Home Safety (for Class 3) and Cyber Safety (for Class 4). We greatly value visits from professionals who equip our children with crucial information for their safety and well-being. I encourage you to engage in discussions with your children, prompting them to share their newfound knowledge on keeping themselves and others secure.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	91.43%	89.52%	0
Class 2	96.92%	98.85%	0
Class 3	98.24%	95.88%	0
Class 4	97.19%	96.56%	2

To conclude our week on a delightful note, we hosted a CAFOD Coffee/Tea and cake afternoon, where we raised an impressive £190.77 for this worthy cause. I extend my deepest thanks to all parents, carers, family members, and parishioners for your support and generosity.

Looking ahead, I would like to remind you that on Tuesday, Essex Fire and Rescue Service will return to lead a special whole-school assembly focused on Firework and Bonfire Safety.

Lastly, we have observed an increasing amount of lost property accumulating. Please ensure that your children's clothing, including PE kits, is clearly labelled with their names to facilitate a swift return of lost items.

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:

Class 2:

Class 3:

Class 4:

Whole School Attendance: 95.58%

Winning Class: Class 2 98.85%



Winning House Team This Week:
It's a rollover.....

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

Mon 7th October	3pm Class 4 Act of Worship—Parents/carers are welcome
Weds 16th October	Open day for prospective parents—September 2025
Thurs 17th October	1pm Y2+Y3 Rugby Tournament—selected children tbc
Mon 21st October	1pm Football 5-a-side—selected children tbc
Tues 22nd October	Parent/Teacher meetings—details to follow
Weds 23rd October	Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight—details to follow Parent/Teacher meetings—details to follow
Fri 25th October	Last day before half-term
Mon 4th November	First day back after half-term 9am All Saints Mass NEW TIME 9.30am Class 4 Residential Week
Mon 18th November	Open day for prospective parents—September 2025
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 30th September 2024
Week 3 of the Menu—reminder—price increase to £2.50

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School**

Monday

Summer Street Food
Selection of hot filled breads
served with a side and crudités

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Tuesday

Spaghetti Bolognaise

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Wednesday

Toad Out The Hole
served with new potatoes, carrots
and gravy

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Thursday

**Chicken and Sweetcorn
Quesadilla**
served with wedges

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Friday

**Fillet of Fish served
with**
served with crispy chips and petit
pois

Baguette/Roll
served with salad

Available everyday
A healthy salad bar, fresh fruit, and
yoghurt

Week 3

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->

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**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!!

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!



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FIRST CLASS PHOTO SPECIAL

TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2024

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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:

