



St Joseph's Catholic Primary
Inspired by the Life of St Joseph, we live, love and learn together.



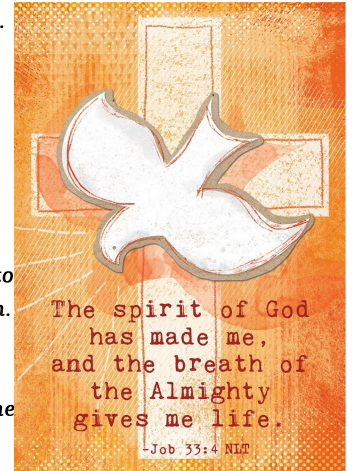
Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week this week! The children have been immersed in a variety of activities, particularly in the lead-up to our very special visitor on Wednesday. The excitement was palpable as we prepared for a day filled with memorable moments.

On Wednesday morning, all the children looked exceptionally smart for our school photos. It was a delightful sight to see the children gather for their sibling photos; such moments create lasting memories that we hope you will treasure for many years to come. Capturing these special occasions is an integral part of our school community, and we are glad to include all our families in this cherished tradition.

Our excitement did not end there, as Wednesday afternoon brought us the esteemed Bishop Alan Williams.

He enjoyed a lovely tour of the school and took the time to visit each class, witnessing the engaging learning experiences taking place. The warm enthusiasm of our pupils was evident; he was greeted with numerous smiles, waves, and even a few hugs! The children were eager to share what they had been learning, and Bishop Alan took great pleasure in hearing their stories. Particularly memorable was his interaction with Class 4, where he reminisced about his past as a Science teacher, enriching their Science lesson with his own experiences.



Following the tours, we held a special service in honor of the Bishop. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the children who contributed their voices and readings during our service, making it a heartfelt occasion.

A special thank you also goes to each class and their teachers for the hard work and effort that went into their presentations and performances. It truly felt special to be a part of this wonderful 'school filled with happiness'. I wish to commend Mrs. Potter, Lily and Teddy's mum, for the beautiful flower arrangements she so thoughtfully prepared for our special service.

After the service, I had the pleasure of inviting Bishop Alan to join our staff and governors for tea and cake, providing him with an opportunity to learn more about the wonderful activities taking place at St. Joseph's. Later that evening, I felt privileged to attend the Mass in which he presided over, celebrating the confirmations of the young members of our parish. Such occasions reinforce our sense of community and our commitment to nurturing our children's faith.

Our week then concluded with our Macmillan cake sale, an event that brought together parents and carers for a worthy cause. Thank you to all the parents and carers who provided delicious treats—your generosity played a significant role in its success. We are also grateful to everyone who came along to purchase goodies. The amount we raised will go towards supporting families affected by cancer, making a real difference in our community.

Looking ahead to next week, we have some exciting activities planned. On Tuesday, Class 1 will be visiting and exploring our church—Our Lady Queen of Heaven—as part of their Religious Education topic. Also on Tuesday at 5 p.m., I will be holding a Class 4 Residential meeting for parents, where we will discuss upcoming opportunities. Wednesday will be another engaging day, as Class 3 will participate in a Home Safety session with the Essex Fire and Safety Service, focusing on how to remain safe at home. Following that, Class 4 will have a Cyber Safety session, furthering our commitment to the safeguarding of our pupils.



Finally, we are pleased to invite all parents and parishioners to join us on Friday at 2.30pm for a CAFOD family feast. We will be serving tea, coffee, and cake, providing an opportunity for our community to come together for another good cause.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	93.33%	91.43%	0
Class 2	97.69%	96.92%	0
Class 3	97.65%	98.24%	1
Class 4	98.44%	97.19%	2

For parents who are considering enrolling their children in school for September 2025, please note that we will be holding our open day on Wednesday 16th October and Monday 18th November. A flyer with the times for visits is attached to the newsletter—do take a moment to review it and make an appointment.

We approach the end of this half term, we will be organising parents' evening events. Further information will be shared with you in due course. In previous years, we have hosted open classrooms and 'meet the teacher' events at the beginning of the school year; however, these formats have not always engaged as many parents as we would like. Consequently, we encourage all families to access their child's Seesaw login. If you have questions for your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to use Seesaw to arrange a chat or clarify any queries. Additionally, the class pages on our website offer further information.

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:

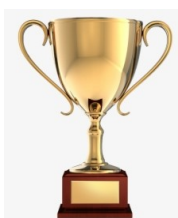
Class 2:

Class 3:

Class 4:

Whole School Attendance: 96.37%

Winning Class: Class 3 98.24%



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

Tues 1st October	5pm Meeting for Parents about the Residential
Fri 4th October	2.30pm Tea/Coffee and Cake sale in aid of CAFOD
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 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
Or call 01255 503493***

ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.
Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.
The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = 2 Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160



4 children & 2 parents =

£1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

4

2ND TIME

2 parents and

1 child = £320

2 children = 640

3 children = 960

4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for
concern

100%-96%
Excellent



GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS.....

being in school at least 95% of the time
or between 180 and 190 days



THERE ARE ONLY 190 SCHOOL DAYS EACH YEAR, THAT MEANS 175 DAYS NOT AT SCHOOL FOR SHOPPING AND HOLIDAYS

We've got some exciting news to share with you.

Parentkind – a charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com.

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts-in to support our Primary school, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

The supermarket has joined forces with Joe Wicks to support the initiative – look out for the TV advert, radio ads and social media coverage!

It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the Asda Rewards app, register and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools (make sure you have the latest version of the app installed)
2. Choose our Primary School – search CO12 3SU and select St Joseph's.
3. Shop instore across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com and start filling your Cashpot as you shop.

Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most.

Remember, anyone can sign up – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school.

This initiative is on top of the existing Asda Rewards benefits you get as a shopper – so you won't lose out on any of your own earnings or Cashpot, so everyone is a winner!

For more details, visit asda.com/cashpotforschools

Help Daniel

CARVE

his way to a better future

FAMILY FAST DAY

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2024

Give today so that people
around the world can
learn new skills and fulfil
their God-given potential

£10 can teach someone to read

£60 can provide training like carpentry and sewing for those
who missed out on school so they can earn a living

£400 can buy all the tools, equipment and teaching materials
for six months of carpentry training



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cafod.org.uk/envelope



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INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards
and we will donate **££s** to schools.

**CASHPOT
FOR
SCHOOLS**



With
Parentkind

HERE'S HOW:

- 1** Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2** Choose your primary school
- 3** Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4** Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5** We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.



Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & @George.com. Subject to availability. UK 16+. App & Opt In required.
0.6% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072933.
Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 30.11.24

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:



11-16

Thursday 31st October
12:30pm-2:30pm

JOIN US THIS HALF-TERM FOR PETRIFYING PUMPKINS & CREEPY COOKIES

We will be carving pumpkins and
decorating cookies this half-term,
and you can join the fun!



TO FIND OUT MORE AND
TO JOIN IN ON OUR **FREE**
ACTIVITIES, CONTACT
US TODAY!



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