



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



We began our week with a lovely Mass focused on new beginnings. A heartfelt thank you to Father Joseph for leading the service, and to all the children who contributed by reading or bringing up gifts. It warms my heart to see us gather together, as it creates a truly special atmosphere to commence the school year. The children sang beautifully, echoing the sentiments expressed by Ernest during our introduction when he spoke of asking God's help with our learning, friendships, sports, hobbies, and all aspects of school life.

As we embark on this new academic year, it is natural for some of us to feel a tinge of apprehension, particularly if we are entering our final year or starting anew. Alternatively, many of us may feel a surge of confidence and excitement as we embrace the year ahead. Regardless of how we feel, we come together to place ourselves before God and seek His guidance throughout this year. We took this moment to express our gratitude for the blessings that marked our summer holidays and to ask for the Lord's continuing blessing upon our school community for the year to come.

Following the Mass, I attended a local parish meeting at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, where I spoke about the numerous plans we hope to undertake together. Maintaining a strong line of communication with our parish is vital for our school, and we are truly fortunate to have such a supportive community close by.

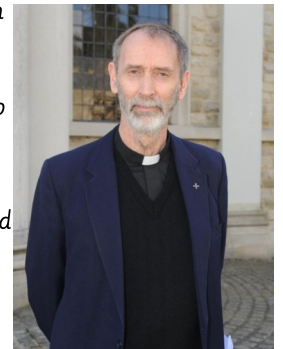
This Wednesday, our children displayed remarkable bravery as we welcomed the school nurses for the flu immunisations. I hope this initiative prepares them for the rest of the year and helps keep those pesky germs at bay.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the parents and carers who attended my attendance meeting prior to our celebration worship. I trust you found it helpful and informative. Please remember that if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's attendance, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher, Mrs. Colley, or myself. Attendance is a shared responsibility, and it is imperative that we work together to ensure our children's presence and engagement at school. I have attached a poster summarising the key points that were discussed, and further information can be accessed on our website under the Attendance section.

Looking ahead to next week, we have a flurry of activities planned. Wednesday promises to be particularly busy, as we will have the school photographer present. I would kindly ask that all children arrive in full school uniform, presenting their utmost best for the occasion. If Wednesday is usually a PE day, please note that this will change; the class teachers will inform you of the rescheduled date.



Additionally, we are expecting a very important visitor on Wednesday—Bishop Alan Williams will be in school from 2pm. To honor his visit, we will hold a special service at 2:30pm. All parents, carers, and parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Should we conclude the service early, you may take your child home from the usual classroom door. The children are busily preparing something special for Bishop Alan's visit, and I eagerly look forward to witnessing their creativity.



Lastly, on Friday, instead of our usual celebration worship, we will come together to raise money for MacMillan. If you have a penchant for baking, or even if you do not, we kindly request donations of homemade cakes, biscuits etc. to be brought in on Friday morning for the sale. Please ensure that all cakes are accompanied by a list of ingredients for those with allergies.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	97.32%	93.33%	0
Class 2	97.60%	97.69%	4
Class 3	97.98%	97.65%	2
Class 4	96.48%	98.44%	4

I would like to extend a massive congratulations to Adam for winning the Street Tag prize—well done! A huge thank you to everyone involved; we did it—we won! Furthermore, I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Gueizelar for his tremendous effort in securing our participation in the Bronze School Mark award. This achievement marks a significant milestone for St. Joseph's, and we are extremely proud of our bronze accolades. Silver awaits us next!

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: Thomas and Orla

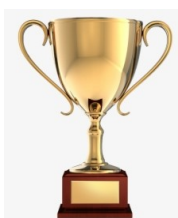
Class 2: Florence, Jenson and Lexi

Class 3: Ava-Lilly, Ellie and Lottie

Class 4: Esmae, Ernest and Daisy

Whole School Attendance: 97.08%

Winning Class: Class 4 98.44%



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 25th September	School Photos Bishop Visit
Fri 27th September	MacMillan Coffee 2.30pm School Hall—No Worship
Tues 1st October	5pm Meeting for Parents about the Residential
Fri 4th October	2.30pm Tea/Coffee and Cake sale in aid of CAFOD
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	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
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

YEAR 6 PARENTS

New Secondary Admission Round (Year 6 to 7 September 2025)

The application period for admissions to Year 7 in secondary school for September 2024 opened yesterday on Thursday, 12 September 2024. Parents/carers of current Year 6 Essex resident children will be able to make their applications using Essex County Council's website. Last year, 99% of Essex parents applied online. All of the application information, including the admissions booklets and policies are published on the Essex County Council website:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/topic/admissions>

Year 6 parents/carers the need to apply for a secondary school place by the

Statutory National Closing Date of Saturday 31st October 2024.

Open evenings have been announced—please see:

<https://www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk/>

<https://hdhs.org.uk/parents/admissions/>

<https://sites.google.com/aetinet.org/tendring-technology-college/>

<https://www.manningtreehigh.com/>

Week Beginning 23rd September 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->

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

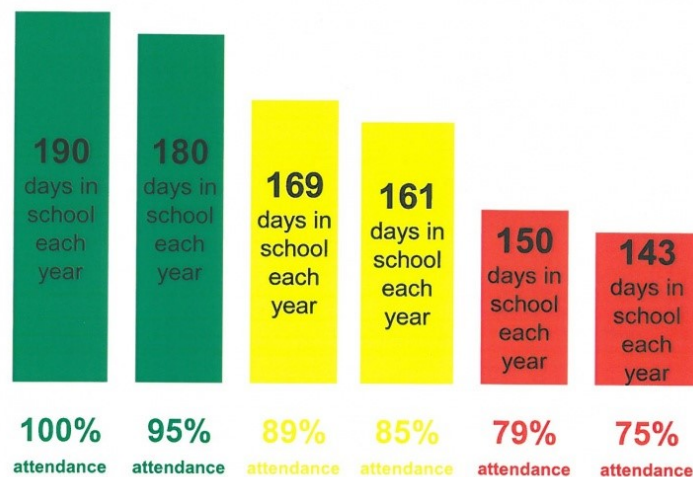
95%-90%
Cause for
concern

100%-96%
Excellent



GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS.....

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



Best chance of success

Poor attendance - less
chance of success

Very poor attendance -
serious impact on
education and life chances

SAFETY ZONE

AT RISK

DANGER ZONE

**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

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 1072988.
Full T&Cs at asda.com/cashpotforschools. Rewards T&Cs at asda.com/rewards/terms. Ends 30.11.24

Let's do something amazing

Let's do a Macmillan Coffee Morning



Come along and help us do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Place: ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HALL

Date: FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2024

Time: 230pm

Contact: GREG - 07914 186392

All donations of cakes to reception on morning of 27th Sept.



Simply scan this QR code with your phone to donate direct to your host's Coffee Morning.
It's easy, quick and secure.
Thank you.

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (263077), Scotland (SC035730), and the Isle of Man (1102). Also operating in Northern Ireland, the 1892 (NI) 03 1100 0000

Greg will be on hand to collect homemade cakes on the morning of the 27th September in Reception.

We would love to see some homemade specialities and would love to invite our Reception Parents along to our first fundraiser of the year.

All homemade to ensure ingredients are labelled to coincide with Natasha's Law.

We will be serving hot and cold drinks from the School Kitchen.

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)

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