



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



Dear parents and carers,

We began our week contemplating love—who loves us and whom we love. The children provided some truly beautiful answers. We firmly believe that God loves people immensely. This brings us great comfort, as it signifies that there is someone who always cherishes us, regardless of who we are or what we do. This week, we reflected on the parable of the Lost Sheep from Luke 15:3-7. It serves as a poignant reminder that, no matter how many of us there are in our school, our families, or in the world at large, each one of us holds

great significance and value in God's eyes. Embracing this understanding should help us to never feel isolated and always recognise how special we truly are.

On Tuesday, we welcomed a photographer to the school to capture up-to-date images for our website. I cannot wait to share with you some stunning photographs that exemplify our beautiful children. I will ensure that a selection of these images will be displayed around the school for everyone to enjoy.

Each half term, our school groups convene to discuss themes pertinent to the school or forthcoming events. As part of this tradition, we rotate the house groups, providing every child with the opportunity to engage with each school group throughout their time at St. Joseph's. We are pleased to announce the newly appointed groups: our Liturgical group will consist of children from **St. George**, the Diversity group will comprise students from **St. Andrews**, our Eco Warriors will include those from **St. Patrick**, and the School Council group will consist of children from **St. David**.



All children should now have received their Seesaw logs, an essential tool for accessing our primary communication platform. Through Seesaw, teachers will send messages, share weekly class newsletters, and provide homework assignments. Should you encounter any difficulties accessing Seesaw, please do not hesitate to speak with us for assistance.

Looking ahead to next week, we will hold a Whole School Mass on Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the school hall. This gathering represents a wonderful opportunity for us to unite as a community in celebration of the new academic year. We warmly invite all parents and parishioners to join us in this meaningful occasion.

On Wednesday, our school nurses will be present to administer flu immunisations. Please ensure that you complete your child's flu immunisation consent form, even if you do not wish for your child to receive this vaccination. You can access the form using this link: [Flu Immunisation Consent](#).

Additionally, I will be hosting a short meeting on Friday for any parents interested in learning more about our new attendance policy and the changes that took effect on 19th August.

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	97.62%	97.32%	0
Class 2	98.72%	97.60%	1
Class 3	96.08%	97.98%	1
Class 4	95.83%	96.48%	2

Finally, I kindly request that if your child travels to school by bicycle or scooter, they refrain from riding along our drive. It is essential for the safety of all children, as the drive can become quite busy at times. Also, please encourage the use of designated pedestrian walkways, which are marked in orange. No vehicles should be entering or leaving the premises during these times for added safety.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I hope you all have a delightful and safe weekend.

Take care—God bless—Mrs. Golding
Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Reception children, Emily and Walter

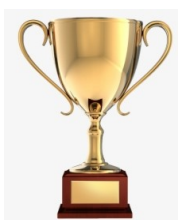
Class 2: Lily, Jax and Adam

Class 3: Preston, Rupert and Daisy

Class 4: Finn, Jasmine and Ava

Whole School Attendance: 97.35%

Winning Class: Class 3 97.98%



Winning House Team This Week:
St Patrick

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 16th September	9am New School Year Mass—NEW TIME 9.30am—At School 3pm Deadline to complete Flu consent
Weds 18th September	Flu Immunisations Piano Lessons Begin
Fri 20th September	2.45pm meeting to find out about the new attendance regulations 3pm Celebration Worship
Weds 25th September	School Photos Bishop Visit
Fri 27th September	MacMillan Coffee 2.30pm School Hall—No Worship
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 16th 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->

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

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and we will donate **££s** to schools.

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SCHOOLS**



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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

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.


Scan me to donate

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 (SC035720), and the Isle of Man (1102). Also operating in Northern Ireland, the 1892 (1106) & 1107 (1106) Ltd

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.

STREET TAG UPDATE

Please copy the Pencode "**Newsletter_OMTG**" to gain 1000 points!

We are thrilled to announce that season 2 is now LIVE!🌟

Strap on your walking shoes, lace up those running sneakers, hop on your bike, roll on your wheelchair, or glide on your scooter to stay active, earn points, and claim awesome prizes for your school!

Don't miss out on the adventure and the journey towards better fitness and improved mental health. 🦿♂️🦾

Season 2 Dates:

11th September to 6th November, 2024

Prizes:

There are prizes up for grabs at the end of the season! See below:

- ☐ 1st Place - £100 to the school PTA
- ☐ 2nd Place - £75 to the school PTA

But that's not all!

The top 2 child accounts that travel the most miles and the top 2 users with the most referrals will each receive a £10 gift card at the end of the season.

Additional Tips:

1. Tags are worth 50 points and 150 during your power hour.
2. You can play Street Tag anywhere. If you go anywhere in the UK, you will find tags for you to collect. No tags? Add your own!
3. If you have the scan in the background setting on, you don't have to take your phone out of your pocket
4. You can play offline and sync your tags each evening.
5. You can sync your smartwatch to the app to register all your steps. 100 steps = 10 points
6. As a parent/guardian, you can add 2 children to your account.
7. The buildings on the map are Polytags and offer lots of extra points.

Thanks a bunch for being a part of the Street Tag community in Harwich, Dovercourt & Walton. Together, we're making our neighborhoods healthier, happier, and more active.

Warm regards,

The Street Tag Team.



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- FUN, FAST & FREE
- NO EQUIPMENT NEEDED
- WEAR WHAT YOU WANT
- BEGINNERS WELCOME

WEEKLY SESSIONS RESTARTING ON 17TH SEPTEMBER
EVERY TUESDAY | 5.00PM - 6.00PM | AGES 8-16*
HARWICH AND DOVERCOURT HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL
*SAFELY ORGANISED INTO RELEVANT AGE GROUPS

TO BOOK A PLACE SCAN THIS QR CODE OR CONTACT
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LIMITED SPACES ACT QUICKLY TO GRAB ONE

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:



Following on from the positive impact of our Trauma Card [Healthwatch Essex Launch Trauma Card To Empower Trauma Survivors | Healthwatch Essex](#), we would now like to talk to young people aged 18 and under about creating a similar resource specifically for their age group.

We understand that young people are often living with the effects of traumatic events in their lives, and that some situations can be additionally challenging for them, as a result. We want to hear from them about what they would find useful in a resource designed to help them in these situations.

This link [Help Us Create a Children and Young Person's Trauma Card \(healthwatchessex.org.uk\)](#) contains the option for young people to give their input and feedback through an online form – just click the pink button to tell us your views.

Please share the contents of this message with anyone aged 18 and under.

Information & Guidance Manager and
Safeguarding Lead
Healthwatch Essex

11-16

Social Group



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HARWICH

**Are you aged 11-16?
Do you find social
situations a challenge?**

**Join our small and friendly social
group! Meet others, chat, play games,
activities, and more!**

The theme of the social group sessions is:



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



**Over the course of these next few weeks we have plenty
of autumn and winter themed activities planned, such as
paper mache modelling and snow globe creations!**

Thursday from 4pm-6pm

Running from the 12th of September to the 19th of December

All our activities are completely FREE!

All you have to do is sign up!

Contact us today to find out on how to join the fun!

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**Next Start date
30th September**

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CACHE Certificate in
Understanding Challenging Behaviours
CACHE Certificate in the
Principles of SEN
Levels 1, 2 & 3

**Six Week
Course**

Mon - Fri

9:30 - 11:30am

12:30 - 2:30pm

4 - 4:30pm

**(last optional session for
reflection and support if needed)**





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