



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



Welcome back everyone! It was so lovely to see you all after the summer holidays. I trust you all enjoyed a well-deserved and refreshing break. We have swiftly settled back into our routine this week, kicking things off with our whole school worship on Wednesday. During this gathering, I spoke to the children about how the first day of school resembles the start of an exciting new chapter in their lives—an opportunity to fill a blank page with their unique stories. I also shared a passage from the Gospel according to Matthew, where Jesus reassures the disciples of His constant presence, a comforting reminder that He is always with us, particularly during times that may prove to be challenging.

I AM WITH YOU
always

MATTHEW 28:20

As many of you are already aware, there has been a significant amount of work taking place on the school grounds over the summer. We feel very fortunate to have received new perimeter fencing around the site, which includes the addition of new automatic gates at the front. We appreciate your patience during this transition period, as we may encounter a few teething problems initially, but I am confident that we will all adjust to these improvements in no time.

I would like to take a moment to express my immense pride in all our new reception children, who have made a wonderful start to their educational journey. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Wiltshire have shared delightful stories of their experiences, and I am assured that soon, coming to school will become a breeze for them. Additionally, we are excited to welcome a new member to our team, Miss Perkins, who has already begun to make a positive impression in Class 3. She has relayed how grateful she is for the warm welcome she has received from all of you.

I know some of you may have heard the very exciting news that Mrs. Smith is expecting a baby. I would like to invite you all to join me in congratulating her on this wonderful announcement.

Looking ahead to next week, we have a photographer scheduled to visit our school on Tuesday. They will be capturing more up-to-date photographs of our lovely children and staff for our website. On this day, we kindly ask that the children come to school dressed smartly. Please do not worry if it coincides with a PE day; we simply request that the children wear their correct PE kit. (Annual individual and sibling photos with the school photographer are scheduled for 25th September).

Furthermore, I am pleased to announce that our first celebration worship of the school year will take place next Friday. This year, we are introducing a new format for the presentation of certificates. To enhance their significance, there will be a thematic approach to the certificates each week. Themes will include friendship, creativity, jewels, and reading. Each Monday, I will inform the children as to which certificate they should strive to achieve. This change aims to instill a greater sense of meaning within each award. The final week of the half term will culminate in the prestigious St. Joseph's certificate, alongside continued recognition of attendance, house points, Catholic Social Teaching, and sporting achievements.

Attendance Data

	This week	LATE marks
Class 1	97.62%	
Class 2	98.72%	
Class 3	96.08%	
Class 4	95.83%	

Lastly, so we are all looking super smart, I would like to remind everyone to ensure that all skirts are of knee-length, that hair is tied back neatly, and that minimum jewellery is worn. For further details, please refer to our school website. Additionally, please note that no jewellery should be worn during PE lessons for safety reasons.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we embark on another exciting academic year together.

I hope you all have a lovely—safe weekend.

Take care—God bless, Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Certificate will begin next week

Class 1:

Class 2:

Class 3:

Class 4:

St Joseph Award Winners:

Whole School Attendance: 96.68%

Winning Class: Class 2 97.62%



*Winning House Team This Week:
Starts next week.....*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tues 10th September	Website Photos
Fri 13th September	3pm Celebration Worship—all welcome
Mon 16th September	9am New School Year Mass—NEW TIME 9.30am
Weds 18th September	Flu Immunisations — Provisional Date 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
Fri 27th September	MacMillan Coffee 2.30pm School Hall—No Assembly
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

NUT FREE

We ask that you DO NOT provide the following in your child's lunch box or for snack:

- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
 - Nutella
 - Peanut butter
- Cakes made with nuts
- Any nuts

**Although we strive to be a nut-free school, it is impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that no nuts will be brought onto the premises.*

IMPORTANT—FIRST DAY CALLING

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on **01255 503493** to report their absence. **Please press option 1 and leave a message.** Please do this before 9am.

If we have not heard from you by 9.15am we will begin calling **all** of the contacts you have provided us with in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If we still haven't been able to ascertain where your child is then we **will** make a home visit. If we do not get a response we will report it to the **police** as your child will be classed as a 'missing child'. This procedure is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe. Please collect a leave of absence form from the school office if you intend to take leave and return this to the office. Please also be aware that the local authority do issue fines for term time holidays in most instances.

**DURING THE LAST SCHOOL YEAR WE MADE
OVER 10 HOME VISITS**

Week Beginning 9th 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->

Uniform/Hair/Earrings

All children are required to wear the **correct school uniform**.

This includes school shoes and not trainers. Please do catch Mrs Golding on the gate if you have an issue.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING! Already this week we have dealt with lost property—items without names. If your child's uniform is named we can put it back on their peg. If it goes home with another child it is more likely to be returned.

No **jewellery** except one pair of small studs is allowed in school. **Earrings** must be removed for all sport (including swimming).

Staff are not allowed to remove them so if your child cannot do it unaided please remove them at home for PE days.

Children are allowed to wear **watches** but NOT watches that enable communications.

Hair accessories should be small and in school colours.

With the weather unpredictable at the moment a named **waterproof jacket** is advised. Children do still go out for fresh air even if it is drizzling.



Breakfast Club

There are spaces at Breakfast Club —You are welcome to come along on the day. 8am is arrival time. Please see Mrs Campbell for more information. The cost is £2.50 per day and charges follow on ParentPay at the end of the week.

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 1072983.
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



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.



A performance is taking place at the Arts and Heritage Centre next Friday 13th Sept. This is the production that the Year 5's were told about at the Creative Arts Conference last term. There are 2 performances:

4pm with tickets costing £4.50 and 7pm with tickets costing £6.

Tickets can be purchased at:

[https://
www.harwichfestival.com/
events-calendar/](https://www.harwichfestival.com/events-calendar/)

'Three generations of ladies in the front row, we were all mesmerised and I was in tears. Just beautiful. Thrilling to show my daughter real theatre'
Audience comment from the 2022 tour

Atom and Luna are twins. They never break any rules, and never ever go into the deep dark wood.

But when life takes an unexpected turn all those rules are turned upside down. Atom and Luna must head out on a quest to save their friend Iffy Sney and find the truth about themselves.

★★★★★

'This mysterious and thoughtful fable carries its watchers deep into a tangled tale of fairies, woodsmen, wolves and witchcraft. Lachlan Young's script, which mixes dramatic action with story telling is an absolute delight'
Arts City Liverpool

An other-worldly adventure for ages 6-106

Age guidance 8+ | Running time: 70 minutes



TOURING AUTUMN 2024

Harwich Arts Centre 13 September (preview) harwichfestival.com	Chelmsford Theatre (studio) 29-30 September chelmsfordtheatre.co.uk	Waterside Arts, Sale 20 October watersidearts.org
Helston, Cam to Cove (Cornwall) 18 September camtocove.co.uk	The Key, Peterborough 5-6 October keytheatre-peterborough.com	Leeds Carriageworks 26-27 October carriageworkstheatre.co.uk
Barnfield Theatre, Exeter (Northcott) 21-22 September exeternorthcott.co.uk	Applause Rural Touring 10-12 October applause.org.uk	Riding Lights Theatre, York 29-30 October ridinglights.org
Jaywick Sunspot 25 September sunspotjaywick.co.uk	Theatre Royal Winchester 13-14 October theatreroyalwinchester.co.uk	Theatre Hullabaloo 1-2 November theatrehullabaloo.org.uk
Half Moon Theatre London 28 September halfmoon.org.uk	Theatre Porto 17-19 October theatreporto.org	

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

Social Group



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**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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