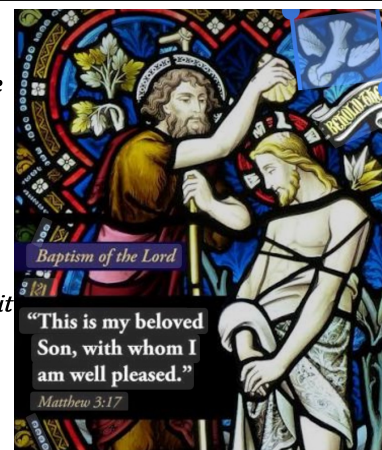




Dear Parents, family members and friends of St. Joseph's,

This week, we began our reflections by thinking about Sunday's service in Church, where we celebrated a very special moment in Jesus' life — The Baptism of the Lord. This significant event marks the moment when Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan, symbolising the beginning of His mission to demonstrate God's love to the world.

In the Gospel according to Matthew, we read: "Jesus went to the River Jordan, where John was baptising people. When Jesus came out of the water, the heavens opened. The Holy Spirit came down like a dove. And a voice from heaven said: 'This is my Son, whom I love. I am very pleased with him.'"



As we reflect on this scripture, we recognise that three important things happened at Jesus' baptism: Jesus was chosen, Jesus was loved, and Jesus was called. At our own baptisms, we are reminded that God says the same to each of us: "You are my child. You are loved. You have a purpose." This message is central to our faith and serves as a guiding principle for our actions and interactions within our school community. In light of our reflections, this week I gave the children the mission of living out our baptism by choosing kindness, using gentle words, and helping others.



On Thursday, we welcomed Esther from the Essex Fire and Rescue service for a whole school assembly on Winter Safety. This included advice about staying safe at home as well as being out and about at this time of year. The children listened intently and had lots of questions. Please do ask them to share what they learned with you to reinforce the importance of staying safe. You may also wish to book a free Home Safety Visit for personalised advice and free fitting of smoke alarms for anyone living in Essex by calling 0300 303 0088.

This week, I have had the pleasure of walking around the school and witnessing the children deeply engaged in their learning. I was privileged to be an audience member for Class 1's tablet safety song, which was both entertaining and educational. In Class 2, I was impressed by the beautiful writing as the children began their COLD write on Information texts. The wonderful writing continued in Class 3, where I was thrilled to see some children present their HOT write for their Roman Action stories. Amelia and Daisy also showcased an excellent COLD task with their diary entry writing. Additionally, I was delighted to observe Class 3 using their stretching skills during their yoga session. Mrs. Manley demonstrated excellent techniques. The brilliant writing continued with Diary Entries as Menelaus the King of Sparta, from Class 4, where Ivy and Gracie expressed their pride in the hard work they had accomplished. Last week, I was equally delighted to see the interesting Science work happening in Class 4, particularly the coffee experiment that Harper and Matilda presented to me. It fills my heart with joy to see our children enjoying the rich curriculum that our dedicated teachers offer.

Looking ahead, to next week, the girls' football match scheduled for this week was unfortunately cancelled due to poor weather conditions. However, it has been rescheduled for this Wednesday at Mayflower, and I encourage everyone to come and support our team. Additionally, Year 5 children will participate in Home Safety sessions next Wednesday. Clubs will be starting next week, and I kindly remind you to ensure that your children have signed the form to reserve a space.

Attendance Data

	Last Week	This Week	Late Marks
Class 1	97.62%	100%	2
Class 2	98.61%	98.89%	3
Class 3	95.45%	94.55%	5
Class 4	91.29%	93.94%	6

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community. Let us strive to embody the values of kindness and love as we move forward together.

Have a lovely, safe weekend.

Take care – God bless – Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Sofia and Antoni

Class 2: Annabelle and Adam

Class 3: Albie and Esmée

Class 4: Tymek and Eddie

Mrs Golding's Headteacher's Award: Amelia C

Whole School Attendance this week: 96.40%

Winning Class this week: Class 1 - 100%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST GEORGE

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tues 20th January	9.30am—11am SEND Coffee Morning at Mayflower
Weds 21st January	Girls Football at Mayflower KO 3.30pm ...ish
Weds 4th February	School Photos—Desk Top Portraits
Thurs 12th February	Swimming Gala—St Joseph's Team—Details to follow
Fri 13th February	Last day before the half-term break
Mon 23rd February	First day back after half-term
Thurs 5th March	World Book Day—details to follow
Tues 17th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings—details to follow
Weds 18th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings—details to follow
Fri 27th March	PTA Auction Last day of Spring term
Mon 13th April	First day back for children after Easter
Mon 4th May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Mon 11th May	SATs Week—Y6
Fri 22nd May	Last day before half-term
Mon 1st June	First day back after half-term
Fri 19th July	Last day of school for Children



Week Beginning Monday 19th January

Menu—Week 3

Autumn Menu - Week Three

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage Rolls Or Jacket Potatoes	Chilli Con Carne Or Jacket Potatoes	Roast Chicken Or Jacket Potatoes	Ham and Cheese Swirl Or Jacket Potatoes	Fish Fingers and Chips Or Jacket Potatoes
Mash Potato Beans Salad Bar	Rice Salad Bar	Roast Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Salad Bar	Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Beans Salad Bar
Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt	Fruit and Yoghurt or Treat Friday

**Cool water, fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily*



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Schools meals are free for children in Class 1 and 2. Paying children in Class 3 and 4 are charged £2.75.

*Thank you
Mrs Colley*

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->



MISS FINNEY TUTORING

ages 3 - 11

Tutoring group spaces are
available in the following

subjects:

- Phonics
- Mathematics
- English
- SATs Preparation
- Phonics Screening Test

Offering tutoring in a small
classroom environment for
children ages 3-11.



Preparation

For further information, please contact:



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Happy Days School Photo Subscription Information

We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to sign up to our amazing value monthly subscription service for all your school photos for just £4.00 per month.

Just to clarify how simple it is, you sign up one time only, you will add all your children's information into the form, set up a simple direct debit payment for just £4.00 per month (to be taken on the last day of every month) and we do the rest.

How often do we visit?

We aim to visit your school 3 times throughout the school year to shoot the following:

Traditional school portraits and sibling photos
Desktop portraits
Class groups

(The actual number of visits will be determined by your school)

What do you get and how does it work?

When we photograph your children, you will automatically receive one 5x7 inch print of every portrait photo we take and any sibling shots. We aim to capture 3 shots per child and 3 sibling shots (if applicable). You do not need to do anything to order these prints, they will automatically be sent to your school with our bulk orders, generally 2-3 weeks after the photo day.

Please note your subscription will not include historical photos, only photos taken during the term after first payment will be included.



You will also receive one 8x6 printed class photo when we do these in the summer term.

On top of the physical prints, you can also download all your portrait and sibling images free of charge by visiting www.hdporders.com and entering your unique access code which your child will bring home on photo day. Unfortunately, class group photos will not be available in digital format, on these visits you will receive prints only.

Finally, as a subscription customer you will also receive 50% OFF our great value packages and extra prints online, should you wish to order additional prints/sizes for family members.

Subscription Cost

	Per Family	Total Cost
Term 1 Download all Images p/child @ £24.00 3 - 7x5 Portrait photos @ £11.00 (Sibling downloads & prints included)	£4 p/month	£48.00
Term 2 Download all Images p/child @ £24.00 3 - 7x5 Portrait photos @ £11.00		
Term 3 1 - 8x6 Class Group Photo Printed p/child @ £12.00 each.		
Savings Regardless if a family has just the 1 child in school or 10! The total cost is still just £4 p/month. The savings are massive.	1 Child 61% £78.00	2 Children 83% £237.00
	3 Children 88% £363.00	

How do you sign up?

If this is something that you would be interested in joining

PLEASE REGISTER HERE:

www.happydays.photos

No later than Tuesday 20th January 2026

When registering please use your school code of:

SJPC012

If you have previously signed up for this service, you do not need to do this again. Your current subscription and payments will simply continue.

Do you already have a subscription but need to add another child?

If you have an existing subscription and want to add a new sibling to your account, please email support@happydaysphoto.co.uk

Please include the school name, children's names, dates of birth and class name/year group

AFTER SCHOOL



BIKE CLUB

LEARN SKILLS. HAVE FUN. EAT SNACKS.

EVERY THURSDAY
3:30PM – 4:30PM
MAYFLOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

COME AND PRACTICE YOUR
BIKE SKILLS WITH US!
AGES 7-13
BRING A BIKE AND A HELMET
SNACKS PROVIDED

SCAN QR CODE



CONTACT:
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February half-term childcare based at St Michael's

When school's out but work isn't, having familiar childcare in place can make half-term much easier to manage.

This February half-term, Holiday HQ begins at St. Michael's, delivered by Junior Adventures Group, offering structured, active holiday childcare for children aged 4–11 with activities adapted across age groups.

Holiday HQ: Destination Imagination

This February's theme, Destination Imagination, invites children to step into imaginative roles each day — from **underwater explorers and creative engineers to sports stars and intelligence agents** — through hands-on activities, team challenges and creative play.

 **Monday 16 – Friday 20 February (from 7.30am to 6pm or anywhere in between)**

Session Timings & Costs:

- Short Day: 9.30am - 3.30pm - £30

- Early Drop Off: 8.30am - 9.30am - £4

- Late Collection: 3.30pm - 5.30pm - £8

As with all Holiday HQ camps, each day includes

-  Themed Hero Activities
-  Make & Take creative workshops
-  Skill Zone teamwork challenges
-  Sports and active games

What parents can continue to expect

- 👤 Ofsted-registered childcare with familiar, DBS-checked staff
- 🕒 Reliable holiday cover you can plan around
- 📅 48-hour cancellation if plans change
- 💷 Tax-Free Childcare accepted, where eligible

Ways families can save on February half-term

👨👩 Sibling discount

An **extra 10%** off automatically applied when booking more than one child

+ Multi-day discount

Book **4+ days** in the same week and receive an **additional 4%** off, automatically applied at checkout

All eligible discounts are combined automatically at checkout, helping families get the best available price.

Less stress for you. Themed fun for them.

Your feedback is vital in helping us understand demand and shape a holiday camp provision that best supports families within the school community.

Please take a few minutes to share your views — your responses will directly inform whether this holiday provision can be introduced.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StMichaelsCofEPrimary>

😊 Have any questions?

☎ 0333 577 1533

✉ hello@junioradventuresgroup.co.uk



Winter Reading Challenge

10 January to 22 February

Join at your local library!



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Course Code	Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Venue	Start Time	End Time
HO5C40OL25	FL Sibling Rivalry	12/01/2026	19/01/2026	Online Live	09:30	11:30
HO2C40OL25	FL Managing Big Emotions	13/01/2026	20/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO2A40OL25	FL About Boys Course 5-11	13/01/2026	03/02/2026	Online Live	09:45	11:45
HO2C44OL25	FL Sibling Rivalry	13/01/2026	13/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO2C42OL25	FL About Boys Course 5-11	14/01/2026	04/02/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO3A43OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	14/01/2026	11/02/2026	Online Live	09:30	11:30
HO4B41OL25	FL Setting Boundaries	15/01/2026	22/01/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO4C42OL25	FL Zones of Regulation	15/01/2026	15/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO4C52OL25	FL Praise, Rewards and Limit Setting	15/01/2026	15/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO5C41OL25	FL Understanding Neurodivergent Children	16/01/2026	27/02/2026	Online Live	18:00	20:00
HO1A40OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	19/01/2026	09/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO1B40OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	19/01/2026	09/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO2A42OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	20/01/2026	10/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO2B42OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	20/01/2026	10/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO3C40OL25	FL ESOL for Families	21/01/2026	04/03/2026	Online Live	18:00	20:00
HO4C53OL25	FL Talking So Your Children Will Listen	22/01/2026	29/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO4C44OL25	FL Fussy Eaters	22/01/2026	22/01/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO4A45OL25	FL SEND Support for Families	22/01/2026	12/02/2026	Online Live	09:45	11:45
HO4A50OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	22/01/2026	12/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO4B42OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	22/01/2026	12/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO5B40OL25	FL Zones of Regulation	23/01/2026	23/01/2026	Online Live	12:30	14:30
HO5A44OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	23/01/2026	13/02/2026	Online Live	10:00	12:00
HO5B46OL25	FL ESOL for Parents	23/01/2026	13/02/2026	Online Live	13:00	15:00
HO2C45OL25	FL Managing Anger in Young People	27/01/2026	03/02/2026	Online Live	19:00	21:00
HO5B48OL25	FL Sibling Rivalry	30/01/2026	30/01/2026	Online Live	12:30	14:30

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