



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

Wow! What a week it has been at St. Joseph's! As we welcomed the frosty mornings, our school community was bustling with activity and excitement. It is heartening to witness the enthusiasm of our children and the support from our dedicated volunteers.

On Tuesday, Classes 3 and 4 embarked on an exciting trip to the Electric Palace for the Into Film festival. This experience not only enriched our pupils' appreciation for cinema but also provided them with an opportunity to engage with the arts in a meaningful way. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the volunteers who accompanied the children and made this trip possible. Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Wednesday was another remarkable day at St. Joseph's. We held our second Open Day, where prospective families were welcomed into our school. A special thank you to Gracie and Thorin, who graciously stayed after school to show our visitors around. Your commitment to representing our school so well is commendable.

Later that day, our football team faced All Saint's Great Oakley in a thrilling match at home. I am delighted to report that we emerged victorious with a score of 1-0! Mr. Gueizelar shared that Zach and Avery were resolute in defense, effectively nullifying any threats from the opposition. James scored the only goal early in the first half, securing our position at the top of the group with four wins from four matches, accumulating 12 points, scoring 21 goals, and conceding only 2. A special mention must go to our Player of the Match, James. His consistent performance and unwavering dedication to the team are truly inspiring. James plays with a huge smile on his face and has a remarkable ability to uplift his teammates. His first-class attitude, willingness to listen, and energetic approach to every game make him a vital asset to our team. Well done, James!

On Thursday, Class 3 had the pleasure of visiting the newly refurbished Harwich Library. This space is now more inviting and conducive to learning, and we are grateful to all the volunteers who supported this trip. Your efforts in enhancing our children's' educational experiences do not go unnoticed.

Friday was a day of celebration as we marked the end of Pope Francis' Jubilee Year with our theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." It was wonderful to see so many parents, family members, and friends of St. Joseph's join us for this whole school celebration. A huge thank you to our talented children who presented and sang so beautifully. Their performances were a testament

to their hard work and dedication. Additionally, it was a non-uniform day to support our PTA, and I appreciate everyone who contributed sweet treats for our upcoming Christmas Bazaar.

Looking ahead, next week promises to be just as engaging. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we will hold our first Parent-Teacher meetings of the academic year. This is an excellent opportunity for you to discuss how your child has settled into their class with their teacher. We encourage all parents to attend and engage in these important conversations about your child's progress.

On Wednesday, Classes 1 and 2 will also be going to the Electric Palace for their Into Film festival trip. Please keep an eye on Seesaw for further information from the class teachers regarding these events.

Thursday will be another non-uniform day in support of the PTA, and we kindly ask for any bottle donations for the Christmas Bazaar. Additionally, the book fair will commence on this day, just in time for the festive season. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to explore new books.

Finally, please note that Friday will be a Non-Pupil Day, and the school will be closed as all staff will be engaged in essential training. This professional development is crucial for ensuring that we continue to provide the highest quality education for our children.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community. Let us look forward to another week filled with learning, growth, and joy at St. Joseph's!

I hope you all have a safe, lovely weekend.

Take care – God Bless- Mrs. Golding

Attendance Data

	Last week	This week	Late Marks
Class 1	96.67%	84.29%	2
Class 2	95%	95%	3
Class 3	96.67%	98.79%	9
Class 4	93.03%	96.97%	4



Certificate Winners

Certificates Winners This Week:

Class 1: Darcey and Ellis

Class 2: Bella and Thomasina

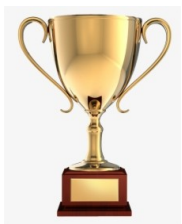
Class 3: Jenson and Isla

Class 4: Reece, Teddie and James

Mrs Golding's Headteacher Award: Jaxx and Isaac

Whole School Attendance this week: 94.69%

Winning Class this week: Class 3 - 98.79%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST GEORGE

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tues 25th November	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Weds 26th November	Class 1 + 2 Electric Palace Visit—details on Seesaw Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thurs 27th November	Non Uniform Day—Bottles—Bazaar Book Fair—Opens at 3.20pm (Continues until Tues 2nd December)
Fri 28th November	Non Pupil Day—School Closed to Children
Mon 1st December	Class 4 Library Visit 1.30pm
Tues 2nd December	Singing at the Memory Café—invited children
Weds 3rd December	Advent Mass 10am at Church
Fri 5th December	Christmas Bazaar—2.30pm
Mon 8th December	HEP Carol Concert—Class 3 + 4 (optional)
Tues 9th December	Class 1 + 2 Christmas Dinner
Weds 10th December	Class 3 + 4 Christmas Dinner
Thurs 11th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day Class 1 + 2 visit to Lime Court for Carols
Mon 15th December	1.30pm Class 4 Don Thompson House Carols
Tues 16th December	2pm Class 1 + 2 Nativity 1.30pm Class 3 Lime Court—Christmas Craft
Weds 17th December	6pm Class 1 + 2 Nativity
Fri 19th December	10am Christingle at Church and 1pm Carols at school 2pm School Closes for the Christmas break
Mon 5th January	Non Pupil Day—Children return Tuesday 6th January

Week Beginning Monday 24th November
Week 1 of the new menu.....

Autumn Menu - Week One

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pizza with Sweetcorn or Jacket Potatoes	Pasta Bolognaise Or Jacket Potatoes	Turkey Pin Wheel Or Jacket Potatoes	Sausage + Mash Or Jacket Potatoes	Fish Fingers and Chips or Jacket Potatoes
Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Cubed Potatoes Salad Bar	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

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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We have asked the Teachers to produce a 'wish list' of items they
and the children would like for their classrooms.

Christmas Wish List

The gifting wishes will be tied to the school gates (colour coded for each class) from as early as next week, if you would like to take part, take a label or 2 home with you. Wrap up your selected gift and return to reception by Wednesday 17th December making sure the Class Name label is securely attached to the gift (Please label the gift from Santa)

The following Day, Teachers and Children will open and enjoy their class presents together and hopefully Santa will be on hand to make the special delivery.

Parentkind
Member Association

**JOIN
THE
CLUB!**



OPEN TRAINING SESSION DATES

Sunday 26th October - 10am

Sunday 2nd November - 10am

Sunday 30th November - 10am

Sunday 7th December - 10am

**School Years Reception to Year 5
Boys & Girls of all abilities welcome**

Email us at hdrufcyouth@gmail.com for more info.

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TEAMWORK, RESPECT,
ENJOYMENT, DISCIPLINE,
AND SPORTSMANSHIP
ARE WHAT MAKES OUR
CLUB SPECIAL FOR
THOSE WHO ENJOY THE
ENVIRONMENT AND
CULTURE THEY CREATE**



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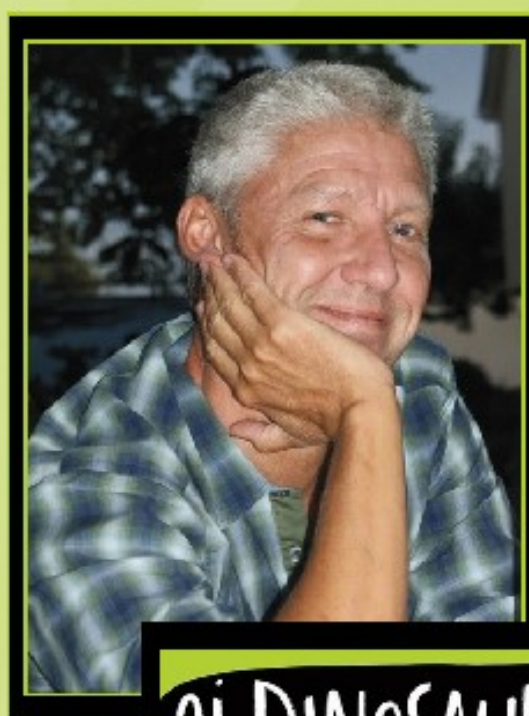




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Meet Children's Author Kes Gray

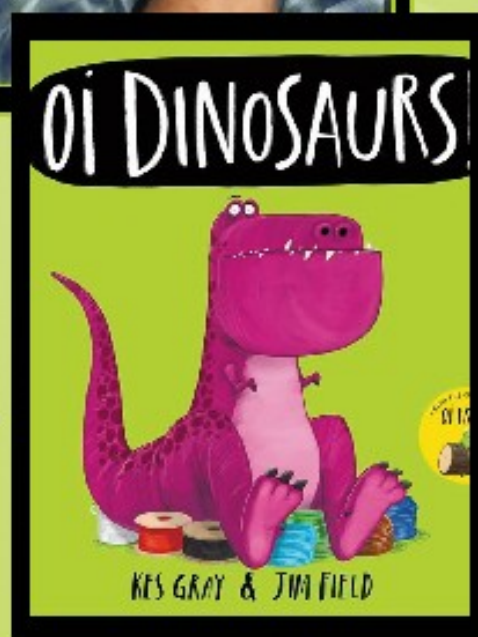
- Meet Kes Gray – Award-winning author of Oi Frog! and Oi Dinosaurs!
- A fun-filled morning for readers of all ages
- Book available for purchase and signing by Kes Gray



22 November
Harwich Library
10:30am-11:30am



Free event
Booking required!





The 12 Safety Tips for Christmas

Presented by 'The 2 Johns'



"I Know them"



The Johns would like to invite you to join a complimentary online event. This will provide you with an introduction to a world that we, as adults, did not grow up in but your children are fully embracing.

They will give you tips on: -

The Internet Express
WhatsApp & Snap Chat
What to do if it goes Wrong
Indecent Images of Children

Gaming
Screen time
Sexploitation
Stranger Danger

The Exploiters
Cliff Top Parenting
Where can I Get Help
The Power of Influence

The two Johns, yes, they are both named John and have spent many years working in the police in various overt and covert roles tackling online and offline child exploitation. They are regarded as experts in their field and annually work in hundreds of primary and secondary schools interacting with thousands of children, teachers and parents. They also regularly deliver lunch and learn sessions to parenting networks in the private sector.

Over the past fifteen years, the two Johns have been key speakers at numerous major events throughout the country. In Essex they are regularly commissioned by the Safeguarding Children's Board, Community Safety Partnerships and schools to deliver both staff training and bespoke sessions for large numbers of children. This includes their highly successful 'Walk Online Roadshow' which is delivered to many thousands of children annually.

The 2 Johns



'Keeping Children Safe'

Thursday 11th December
at 20:00hrs

(Scan the QR code to register)



EST E Safety Training

www.esafetytraining.org



@JohnsThe2



Harwich Library
Saturday's 2.30pm-3.30pm



Ask us how to book a session!





Beth Chatto Christmas Fair

Saturday 22nd Nov



£6 PRE BOOKED
£5 FOR FRIENDS
CHILDREN UNDER 16 FREE

Celebrate the festive season with us!

Explore over 40 unique craft stalls, each offering beautifully crafted gifts, decorations and seasonal treasures.

You can also look forward to live music, choirs, storytelling and access to the garden.



Book online
www.bethchatto.co.uk/courses

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Charity
**Victorian
Christmas
Market**

Saturday 15 November 2025
9.30 am – 3pm

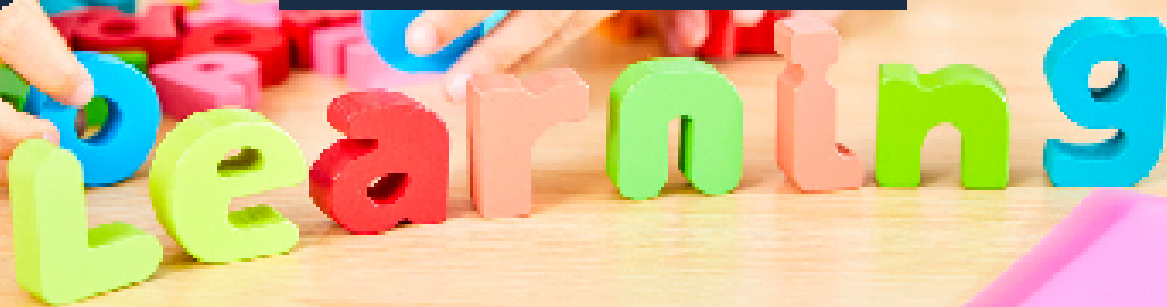
Princes Theatre, Station Road,
Clacton on Sea, CO15 1SE

£1 per person
(under 16s are free)

- Father Christmas
- Queen Victoria and her entourage
- Christmas cards & decorations
- Jewellery, candles, gifts
- Crafts, toys, tombolas
- Books, fair trade goods
- Stocking fillers, preserves
- Refreshments, lunches and cakes

All proceeds to charities attending





Community & Family Learning Courses

COURSE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL RAISING GIRLS	20/11/2025	27/11/2025	19:00	21:00
FL SETTING BOUNDARIES	20/11/2025	27/11/2025	18:00	20:00
FL SETTING BOUNDARIES	21/11/2025	21/11/2025	12:00	14:30
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	25/11/2025	02/12/2025	13:00	15:00
FL SIBLING RIVALRY	28/11/2025	28/11/2025	12:30	14:30

If you would like to enrol on to a FREE course please Visit our website aclessex.com and type the course title in the 'Find a course...' box

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📍 Harwich Library

Saturday 29th November
Drop-in 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
(no need to book)

FREE & **FUN**
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ACTIVITIES

WITH ARTIST
DATE

