



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



Greater love has no one than this,
than to lay down one's life for his friends.
John 15:13

It has felt like such a busy week this week! During Monday's worship, we took a moment to discuss the significance of Remembrance Day. We reflected on the profound words from the Gospel according to John: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13). As a community, we remember those who have bravely given their lives in wars, both past and present. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for their courage and bravery and, together, we pray for peace in our world today.

In addition to our memorial, Monday also saw the celebration of Odd Socks Day. This fun and symbolic occasion serves to celebrate our individuality while raising awareness about the serious issue of bullying. Odd Socks Day is a reminder that being different is not just acceptable; it is something to be cherished. I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who participated by wearing odd socks, showcasing the beautiful diversity within our school community. Additionally, on that day, Mrs. Campbell, including Arwen, Celine, Ivy, and Matilda, attended a Liturgical Dance Day at St. Teresa's, providing them with a unique opportunity for spiritual expression. Meanwhile, our football team participated in a tournament held at Harwich and Dovercourt High School. Although, as reported by Mr. Gueizelar, the outcomes were not in our favour, I am proud to commend the children for their perseverance and sportsmanship. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mr. Gueizelar, Mrs. Gueizelar, and Mrs. Manley for their unwavering support and guidance throughout the event.



Tuesday was a particularly somber day, when our entire school community came together to pay respects to all those who have lost their lives in service, particularly in commemoration of Armistice Day. We held a dedicated worship in their honour and observed a two-minute silence, united in our remembrance. I would like to express immense gratitude to Gracie and Thorin, who assisted me during the worship service, as their contributions were invaluable.

I am proud to say that the children demonstrated remarkable respect throughout the observance.

On Wednesday, most of Class 4 participated in the Crucial Crew session at the Electric Palace. This invaluable programme educates children and older adults about personal safety, covering essential topics such as internet safety, fire safety, road safety, and how to deal with potential dangers, including risks associated with gangs and online exploitation. Through interactive scenarios and workshops, children learn important life skills, including how to identify healthy relationships and respond appropriately in emergencies. This year's workshops included a focus on situational awareness, gang dynamics, and knife crime, equipping our children with the tools necessary for navigating an increasingly complex world.



Thursday was marked by a delightful Poetry session, where Classes 3 and 4 came together to celebrate Michael Rosen Day. The children participated in a live free event dedicated to the celebration of poetry, fostering an appreciation for language and creativity.

Friday brought a warmth and comfort to the school as everyone rolled out of bed and arrived in their pyjamas for Children in Need. I must say, the sight of everyone looking so cosy was truly heartwarming. A big thank you to all who generously donated to this wonderful cause, demonstrating the spirit of compassion and community that characterises our school. Mrs. Colley we let everyone know the total raised.

Next week promises to be equally eventful, with several trips and activities planned. Please ensure you are regularly checking Seesaw for the latest information. On Monday, Classes 3 and 4 will walk to the Electric Palace for the Into Film festival cinema trip—an exciting opportunity for our children to engage with the film industry. On Wednesday, we will host our second Open Day for potential new families to visit and experience what St. Joseph's has to offer. Also on Wednesday, our football team will face All Saints Gt Oakley at home, with kick-off scheduled for 3:30pm. On Thursday, Class 3 is scheduled for a trip to the Library, which promises to be a delightful experience fostering literacy and a love for reading. Friday will feature a Non-Uniform Day, and we kindly ask for donations to support our Christmas Bazaar—



sweets and chocolates would be greatly appreciated. The afternoon will be filled with joyous celebrations as we conclude Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Hope. We will commence our celebratory worship earlier in the day at 2:30pm, highlighting our achievements and the pledges we will be committing to. We warmly invite everyone to join us for this special occasion.

Lastly, I would like to remind parents to please remain on the playground when collecting your children. Class teachers will call the children to you. There is no need for parents to enter classrooms or cross gates, as the safety and well-being of all children is our utmost priority and I kindly ask that we treat all staff members with the kindness and respect that they deserve.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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	94.29%	96.67%	3
Class 2	95.38%	95%	2
Class 3	96.06%	96.67%	11
Class 4	95.12%	93.03%	1



Certificate Winners

Certificates Winners This Week:

Class 1: Awele and Class 1's Year 1s

Class 2: Edie, Emily and Walter

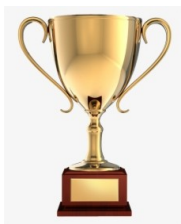
Class 3: Ava-Lilly, Daisy, Jaxx and Zachary

Class 4: Harper, Arwen, Ivy, Celine, Matilda,
Reece, James, Robbie, Avery, Jaxx, and
Teddie

Mrs Golding's Headteacher Award: Sofia
and Ivy

Whole School Attendance this week: 95.22%

Winning Class this week: Class 1—96.67 %



Winning House Team This Week:
ST GEORGE

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tues 18th November	Class 3 + 4 Electric Palace Visit
Weds 19th November	Open Day—Prospective Parents Football Match at St Joseph's V All Saints Gt Oakley
Thurs 20th November	Class 3 Library Visit
Fri 21st November	Non Uniform Day—Sweets and Chocolates—Bazaar 2.30pm End of Jubilee Year Celebration
Tues 25th November	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Weds 26th November	Class 1 + 2 Electric Palace Visit—details to follow 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
Weds 3rd December	Advent Mass 10am at Church
Fri 5th December	Christmas Bazaar—2.30pm
Mon 8th December	HEP Carol Concert
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
Tues 16th December	2pm Class 1 + 2 Nativity
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 17th November
Week 3 of the new menu.....

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*



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->

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

**Open Days for Parents/Carers
Applying for Reception School Places to
Start School in September 2026**

Wednesday 22nd October from 10am to 4.30pm

Wednesday 19th November 1.30pm to 6.30pm

**Tours run throughout the day—Please call to book
your place. We look forward to seeing you.**



***Please email us to book at:
admin@st-josephs-dovercourt.essex.sch.uk
Or call 01255 503493***



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.

**RUGBY'S VALUES OF
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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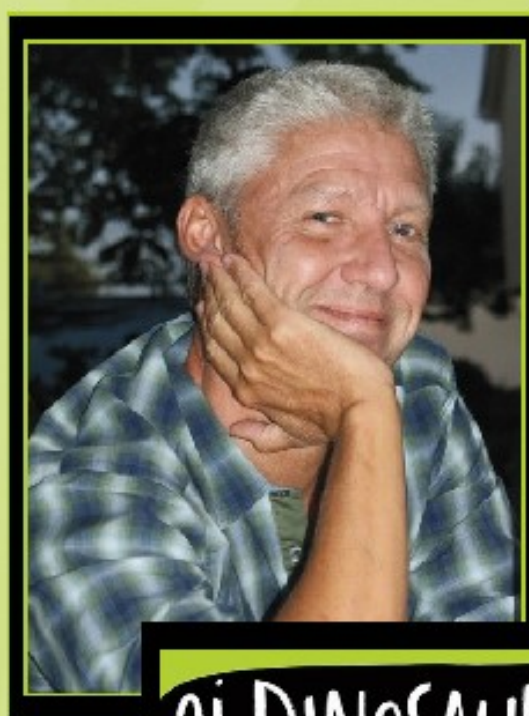




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Meet Children's Author Kes Gray

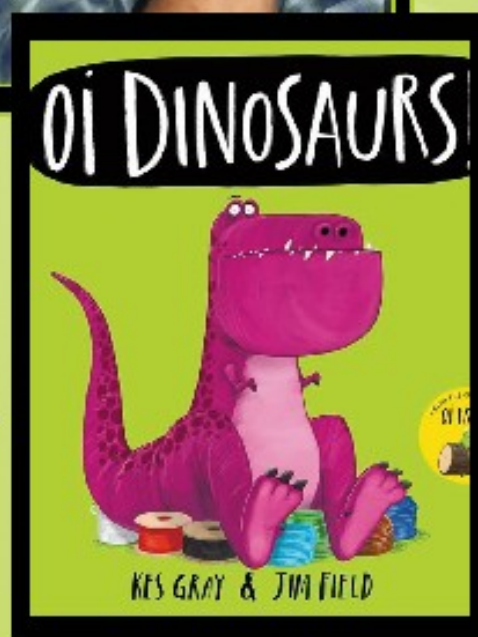
- Meet Kes Gray – Award-winning author of Oi Frog! and Oi Dinosaurs!
- A fun-filled morning for readers of all ages
- Book available for purchase and signing by Kes Gray



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



Free event
Booking required!





£ 3 0

OR £25 FOR FRIENDS
AND RHS MEMBERS

Festive Wreath Making

Join us to make your own beautiful festive wreath using a natural base and plant material gathered from Beth's garden.
From 18th November - 20th December



Book online or in our shop
www.bethchatto.co.uk/courses

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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
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Charity
**Victorian
Christmas
Market**

Saturday 15 November 2025
9.30 am – 3pm

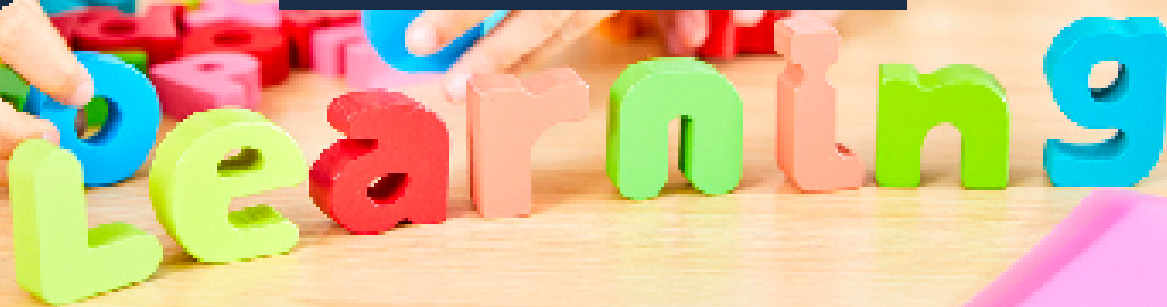
Princes Theatre, Station Road,
Clacton on Sea, CO15 1SE

£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

aclessex.com

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Fantastic
For Families

action art **PLAY**

📍 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

