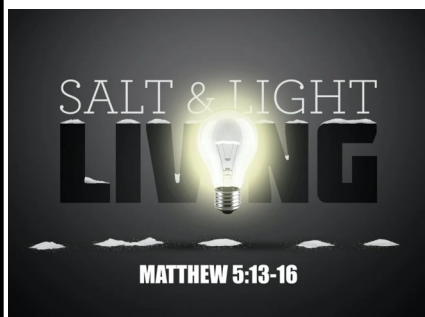




Dear parents, family members and friends of St Joseph's,

This week, we began with our Whole School Collective Worship, focusing on the theme "Let Your Light Shine," inspired by the scripture from Matthew 5:13-16. In this scripture, Jesus reminds us of our important roles in the world. He tells us that we are both salt and light. Just as salt enhances the flavour of food, we are called to enhance the lives of those around us. Light, on the other hand, helps us to see clearly, guiding us in our actions and decisions.



During our worship, we explored what it means to "Let your light shine." Jesus is conveying a powerful message: each of us is significant and capable of making a difference. When we choose kindness, forgiveness, and inclusivity, our light shines brightly. Our actions should not be for show but rather to help others and reflect God's love in our community.

This week's reflection encouraged us to think about how we can embody this message in our daily lives. Our mission is simple: let your light shine. I encourage each of you to look for one opportunity today to be salt and light to someone else.



On Monday afternoon, our boys' football team played against Wix and Wrabness, and I am delighted to report that we emerged victorious with a score of 4-2! Mr. Gueizelar reported that it was a challenging match played on a small, boggy pitch, but our team showed great determination. Avery and Zach were steadfast in defence, and while we scored four goals, we could have added more. The goal scorers were James (2), Reece, and Coen, with Robbie being named Player of the Match. His commanding presence in goal and impeccable handling in tough conditions were crucial to our success, making vital saves when required. Our next football match is after half term against All Saints and we are waiting to hear if we have made the final.

We are all very proud of you, no matter the outcome.

On Wednesday, we welcomed the school photographer, and I must say, everyone looked exceptionally smart! I hope you all enjoy the photos, as this new approach is something we thought would be special for our community.

Looking ahead to next week. Tuesday will be our whole school Safer Internet

Day. We will be discussing how to stay safe online and the importance of digital citizenship.

Safer Internet Day 2026 | Tuesday 10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

On Thursday some of our Key Stage 2 children will participate in the Swimming Gala. We wish them the best of luck!

Friday is our last day before half-term, and we will be finishing with something sweet. Mrs. Standen has organised a cake sale in honour of raising funds for St Helena Hospice at 2.30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to support a great charity, as Mrs. Standen is running two marathons this year, and all proceeds from the cake sale will contribute to her fundraising efforts. We welcome cake donations on the day, so please consider contributing if you can.

In aid of
St Helena Hospice
For the people you love

Attendance Data

	Last Week	This Week	Late Marks
Class 1	99.52%	98.18%	3
Class 2	91.11%	96.30%	3
Class 3	96.36%	97.88%	9
Class 4	96.36%	95.45%	8

I would like to remind everyone that we have noticed an increase in toys and other items being brought into school from home. We kindly ask that all toys and personal items remain at home, as they can be distractions during learning time. We want to ensure that our children remain focused and engaged in their education, and we wouldn't want anything to happen to these items.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Let us all strive to let our light shine brightly in our school community and beyond.

I hope you all have a lovely, safe weekend.

Take care—God bless—Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Halle, Junior, Zariah and Amelia

Class 2: Patrick, Jude and Lincoln

Class 3: Ella, Jack and Ava

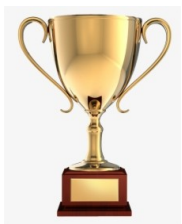
Class 4: Mia, Neve, Teddie and Robbie

Mrs Golding's Headteacher's Award:

Jaxx and Reece

Whole School Attendance this week: 96.87%

Winning Class this week: Class 1 - 98.18%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST PATRICK

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thurs 12th February	12.30pm Swimming Gala—St Joseph's Team
Fri 13th February	Last day before the half-term break Cake Sale—St Helena's Hospice—2.30pm Hall
Mon 23rd February	First day back after half-term
Weds 25th February	Lenten Mass—9.30am at School—Still to be confirmed
Tues 3rd March	Football at St Joseph's Boys V All Saint's
Thurs 5th March	World Book Day—details to follow
Fri 6th March	Non Uniform and Race Day—see below
Fri 13th March	Mother's Day Breakfast/Afternoon Tea—see below
Tues 17th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings—details to follow
Weds 18th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings—details to follow
Tuesday 24th March	2pm Class 3 Performance—Lion King
Thursday 26th March	6pm Class 3 Performance—Lion King
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 June	Father's Day (or Father figures/mums) Games and Ice Cream
Weds 24th June	Sports Day
Weds 1st July	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 3rd July	Summer Fete
Fri 19th July	Last day of school for Children

Week Beginning Monday 9th February
Menu—Week 3—PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO THURSDAY
AND FRIDAY

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	Tomato Pasta Bake Or Jacket Potatoes	Pizza 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

New Menu coming after half-term.....

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

Preparation

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



For further information, please contact:

 07398091022

 vfinneytutoring@outlook.com

 @miss.finney.tutoring



St Joseph's Cake Sale in Support of St Helena Hospice Charity.

CAKE SALE



Friday 13th February 2026 @ 230pm.
Mrs. Standen is Running 2 x Half
Marathon's this Year and all proceeds
from this Cake Sale will support this
great Charity and her fundraising.
We welcome Cake Donations on the Day.

Please come along and support a charity who support so many families.

Parentkind
Member Association



Caroline's (Larry's Mum) Fundraiser
for Macmillan Cancer Support
[justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com)

Thank you for taking time to read! I have set myself a challenge this year to run my first ever marathon in Edinburgh, 24th May 2026. I am currently training for this, it will be a challenge but for a well worthy cause !

Thanks for supporting my fundraising. The number of people diagnosed with cancer is growing, and every one of them needs the best support to meet their unique needs.

That's why Macmillan will do whatever it takes to help everyone living with cancer across the UK get the support they need right now and transform cancer care for everyone who will be diagnosed in the future.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving, once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/caroline-huggins-1?>

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Non-Uniform & Race Afternoon

Friday 6th March 2026



Non-Uniform Day in exchange for Chocolate, Sweets, Crisps or Drink in below colours:

Class 1 – Blue, Class 2 Red,

Class 3 – Green, Class 4 – Yellow.

**Bring The Family and Friends to raise funds for
The School.**

First Race Underway at 2.45pm (6 Races on Card)

Horses Auctioned for Each Race

(Winning Owners to Receive Cash / Prize / Hamper)

There will also be opportunity to have a bet on the horses with winning owners receiving cash rewards.

The PTA Team look forward to seeing you all.



FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2026 MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST / AFTERNOON TEA

Previous Years have proved to be a hugely popular event – chance for children to celebrate this day with their Mum's / Nan's / Carer. Slight difference this year will be the option of Breakfast or Afternoon Tea. Due to increasing numbers, we ask you to reserve your place by Wednesday 4th March 2026 at the School Office ensuring you identify which event you would like to attend – we ask kindly that you only purchase for one of the events.



**915AM
(BREAKFAST) 2PM
(AFTERNOON TEA) IN
THE SCHOOL HALL**

**£3.50 PER PARENT
/ CARER / NAN /
GUARDIAN**

**CUT OFF TO
RESERVE YOUR
PLACE IS
WEDNESDAY 4TH
MARCH 2026**

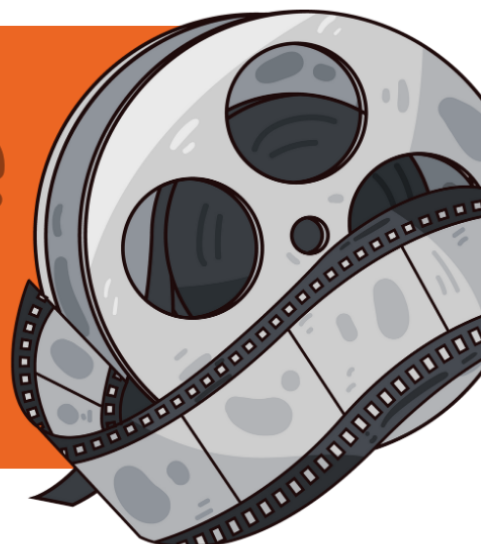
**PLEASE PAY AT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE.**

**SIBLINGS WILL
HAVE BREAKFAST
WITH YOU AS A
FAMILY.**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS, PLEASE
CONTACT GREG ON
07919 186392.**

**Please Indicate any Dietary
Requirements when
Reserving your Place.**

Ride to the Cinema



Join us for a ride from the Dovercourt Cricket Club to the Electric Palace, where we will watch Zootropolis 2 before riding back to the Cricket Club.

Please bring a lock to secure your bike whilst we watch the film. Helmet Required!

Tuesday 17th February

Cricket Club, 1.30pm

**£4 Per Child, but
Adults are Free!**

Spaces Limited, please book by
emailing:
harwich.dovercourtepp@theaws.org





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!



libraries.essex.gov.uk

   
[@essexlibraries](https://twitter.com/essexlibraries)


Essex County Council

ESSEX YEAR
OF
OPPORTUNITY



Spring Term

The Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



This term we are in Chelmsford, Harlow, Colchester and Basildon



Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>

In Partnership with



FREE ENTRY

**REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE**



Scouts
Tendring

TABLETOP SALE

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2026
10:00AM - 2:00PM



Stall 6ft Table Hire: £10
To book email:
international@tendringdistrictscouts.co.uk
or scan the QR code



TENDRING DISTRICT SCOUT CENTRE

Valley Road, Clacton. CO15 6NA

All proceeds will support our young people on
International Scouting Expeditions in 2027



FUNDRAISING FOR ESSEX INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONS 2027

Support Tending Young People Reach Their
Fundraising Target For Expeditions in 2027



PLEASE SUPPORT US BY SCANNING THE QR
CODE AND DONATING

DONATE £10



DONATE YOUR
CHOSEN VALUE



WSJ, POLAND

NORTH AMERICA

KENYA

JOIN US FOR MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA OPEN TO ALL



**Saturday 14th March 2026
2pm until 4pm**

**Tendring District Scout Centre
Valley Road, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, CO15 6NA**

£10 per adult (first child under 18 free) £2.50 for each extra child.
Gluten Free/Vegetarian options available on request, please let us know
when booking. If you have any other allergies please let us know.



**Book Now
using the
QR Code**



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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE
YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026





COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL GETTING TEENS TO TALK	ONLINE LIVE	05/02/2026 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL ROUTINES RULE	ONLINE LIVE	10/02/2026	09:45	11:45
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	ONLINE LIVE	11/02/2026	19:00	21:00
FL ROUTINES RULE	ONLINE LIVE	13/02/2026	12:30	14:30

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COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL GETTING CHILDREN TO LISTEN	ONLINE LIVE	20/02/2026	12:00	14:30
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	ONLINE LIVE	20/02/2026	09:00	11:30
FL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ATTEND/ENJOY SCHOOL	ONLINE LIVE	23/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL UNDERSTANDING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	23/02/2026 (5 WEEKS)	12:30	14:30
FL SEND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES	ONLINE LIVE	24/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL FAMILY WELLBEING	ONLINE LIVE	24/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL ASSERTIVE PARENTING	ONLINE LIVE	24/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00

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COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL BUILDING POSITIVE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP	ONLINE LIVE	24/02/2026 (5 WEEKS)	09:45	11:45
FL ROUTINES RULE	ONLINE LIVE	24/02/2026	13:00	15:00
FL FAMILY WELLBEING	ONLINE LIVE	24/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL POSITIVE PARENTING	ONLINE LIVE	24/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL UNDERSTANDING ADHD AND AUTISM IN CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	24/02/2026 (5 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL UNDERSTANDING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	24/02/2026 (5 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00

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COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL UNDERSTANDING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	25/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	10:00	12:00
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	ONLINE LIVE	25/02/2026 (2 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL MANAGING ANXIETY FOR SEND	ONLINE LIVE	25/02/2026 (2 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL RAISING BOYS	ONLINE LIVE	26/02/2026 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL SUPPORTING FAMILY MATHS	ONLINE LIVE	26/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ATTEND/ENJOY SCHOOL	ONLINE LIVE	26/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL ESOL FOR FAMILIES	ONLINE LIVE	26/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL GETTING AN ADHD/AUTISM DIAGNOSIS ADULT	ONLINE LIVE	26/02/2026 (2 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00

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COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S ANXIETY	ONLINE LIVE	26/02/2026 (3 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL ASSERTIVE PARENTING	ONLINE LIVE	26/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL ZONES OF REGULATION	ONLINE LIVE	26/02/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:45	11:45
FL UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S ANXIETIES	ONLINE LIVE	26/02/2026 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL FAMILY FIRST AID	ONLINE LIVE	26/02/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL POSITIVE PARENTING	ONLINE LIVE	26/02/2026 (6 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL UNDERSTANDING ADHD AND AUTISM IN CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	26/02/2026 (5 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL - A GUIDE TO SIBLING HARMONY	ONLINE LIVE	27/02/2026	12:30	14:30

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Harwich Library
Saturday's 2.30pm-3.30pm



Ask us how to book a session!

