



Dear Parents, family and community members,

We began the week by gathering together to discuss an important message: "We Are All Called to Be Saints." This reflects our commitment to nurturing a school environment that fosters spiritual growth and moral integrity. Our focus scripture for this week was Matthew 5:1-12, also known as The Beatitudes. This profound passage teaches us that saints show us how to live like Jesus, and indeed, we are all called to be saints too. It is essential that we inspire our children to embody these virtues in their daily lives.



On Tuesday, our school football team played at home against Chase Lane in what proved to be another exciting fixture. Mr. Gueizelar reports that the team delivered a convincing performance, demonstrating exceptional skill and tenacity despite initially going one goal down. Their resilience and camaraderie allowed them to regain the lead, thus ensuring they maintained maximum points at the top of the league with an impressive record of three wins from three matches. The goals for this match were scored by James, Teddie, and Reece. A special mention goes to Robbie, who exhibited brilliant form throughout the game, effectively dealing with various long-range attempts from the visitors. Reece was named Player of the Match, having finally secured his first goal for the school in what was a remarkable team effort. His ability to finish a nuanced team move showcases the dedication and skill he has displayed thus far this season.

Later in the week, on Wednesday morning, we held a somber yet beautifully poignant Remembrance Day Mass. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the children who participated by reading. Their contributions added depth to our remembrance of those who have served and sacrificed for our country. Also, thank you to all the parents, family members and parishioners for joining us. Later that same day, we conducted our Fireworks assembly to ensure that our children were informed about the important safety rules surrounding fireworks.

On Wednesday morning and afternoon, a number of our pupils participated in a Cross Country event organised by Wix and Wrabness primary school. Mr. Gueizelar reported that the girls started first and performed phenomenally, overcoming nerves to deliver admirable runs. Harper finished in sixth place, Ella in tenth, and Remy in eleventh—each of them showcasing determination and positivity.

The boys' event followed, where Zach, who was in second place, showed remarkable patience and strategy, successfully overtaking his competitor from Mayflower to ultimately finish in first place. Congratulations are also due to Jack, who finished sixth and contributed to an unforgettable day for Class 3.

In the afternoon, the girls faced a particularly competitive field, with many running this distance for the first time. Special commendations go to Celine, Violet, and Ivy for their outstanding efforts. The final race featured the boys, and James delivered a splendid performance, finishing in fourth place, while Avery and Jacob also gave their all to conclude the day's events. The smiles on the faces of the children throughout both morning and afternoon gatherings were a testament to their spirit and tenacity, reflecting greatly on the ethos of our school.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Gueizelar, Mrs. Gueizelar, and Mrs. Campbell for accompanying and supporting the children during this special event.

Thursday morning, was loud as our Year 6 children attended the "We are Music" workshop, which will continue over the next four weeks. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to try playing lots of instruments that we do not have available at school but also to support the local music community in Harwich. That evening, we welcomed back our former Year 7 and Year 8 pupils for a catch-up session to see how they have settled into their secondary schools. It was truly wonderful to reconnect with them.



As we approached the end of the week, we were deeply grateful for the generous donations received for our food bank initiative. We aim to continue this initiative once a term, as it provides an opportunity for our school community to assist those in need.

Looking ahead to next week, we have several events planned. On Monday, we encourage the children to come to school wearing odd socks in support of Anti-Bullying Week. In the afternoon, some children will accompany Mrs. Campbell to St. Teresa's primary in Colchester for a Liturgical dance day.



On Wednesday, Class 4 will walk to the Electric Palace for their Crucial Crew session, which promises to be educational and enjoyable. On Friday, we will celebrate Children in Need, during which we invite the children to come dressed comfortably in their pyjamas as we have a day full of fun events planned by the teaching staff.

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	91.90%	94.29%	1
Class 2	98.46%	95.38%	2
Class 3	93.75%	96.06%	5
Class 4	93.33%	95.15%	2



Certificate Winners

Certificates Winners This Week:

Class 1: Nora and Eddie

Class 2: Edie and Teddy

Class 3: Morgan and Ellie

Class 4: Finn L and Celine

Mrs Golding's Headteacher Award: Rupert and Gracie

Whole School Attendance this week: 95.31%

Winning Class this week: Class 3 -96.06 %



Winning House Team This Week:
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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 10th November	Anti Bullying Odd Sock Day
Weds 12th November	Class 4 Electric Palace—Crucial Crew
Fri 14th November	Children in Need
Tues 18th November	Class 3 + 4 Electric Palace Visit—details to follow
Weds 19th November	Open Day—Prospective Parents
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 tbc
Fri 5th December	Christmas Bazaar—details to follow
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 10th November
Week 2 of the new menu.....

Autumn Menu - Week Two

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Burger Or Jacket Potatoes	Chicken Curry Or Jacket Potatoes	Cottage Pie Or Jacket Potatoes	Sausage + Tomato Pasta Or Jacket Potatoes	Fish Cake and Chips Or Jacket Potatoes
Wedges Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Rice Salad Bar	Mixed Vegetables 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->

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***

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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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AND SPORTSMANSHIP
ARE WHAT MAKES OUR
CLUB SPECIAL FOR
THOSE WHO ENJOY THE
ENVIRONMENT AND
CULTURE THEY CREATE**



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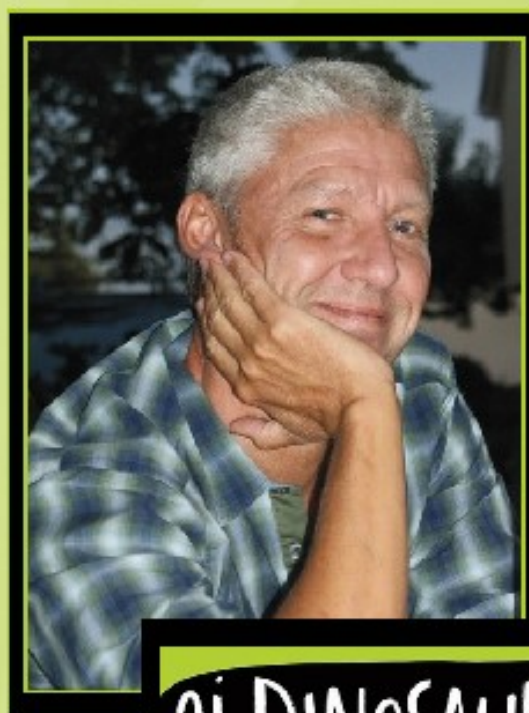




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Meet Children's Author Kes Gray

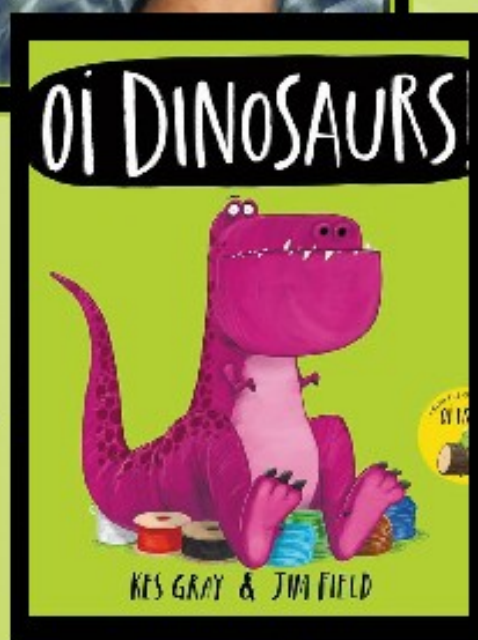
- Meet Kes Gray – Award-winning author of Oi Frog! and Oi Dinosaurs!
- A fun-filled morning for readers of all ages
- Book available for purchase and signing by Kes Gray



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



Free event
Booking required!





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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



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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.



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Charity
**Victorian
Christmas
Market**

Saturday 15 November 2025
9.30 am – 3pm

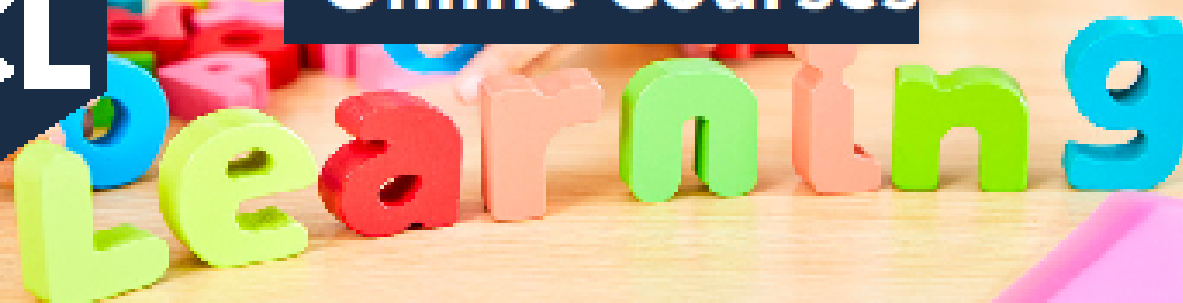
Princes Theatre, Station Road,
Clacton on Sea, CO15 1SE

£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 SUPPORT SEND CHILD MANAGE BIG EMOTION	11/11/2025	18/11/2025	12:30	14:30
FL MANAGING ANGER IN YOUNG PEOPLE	11/11/2025	18/11/2025	18:00	20:00
FL SEND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES	12/11/2025	17/12/2025	18:00	20:00
FL SLEEP WORKSHOP	13/11/2025	13/11/2025	13:00	15:00
FL INTERVIEW SKILLS FOR PARENTS	14/11/2025	14/11/2025	12:00	14:30
FL TALKING SO CHILDREN WILL LISTEN	14/11/2025	21/11/2025	09:00	11:30

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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

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