



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

We began our week by gathering together for our weekly Monday worship, where we focused on the theme "Love Your Neighbour," with the thought of the week being "Choose love." During our worship, we reflected on the Gospel reading from **Matthew 5:38-48**, where Jesus challenges us to extend our love beyond friends and family to include our enemies. In this passage, Jesus teaches that true love involves forgiveness and the rejection of revenge. He encourages us to consider how we can embody love in our daily interactions.

As a response, we were encouraged to say sorry to those we may have hurt and to forgive those who have upset us.

We prayed together, asking for strength to choose love and create a kinder school environment. Let us carry this message forward: to choose love, forgiveness, and to serve one another in peace.



Tuesday was a very busy day; it was Safer Internet Day at St. Joseph's, and throughout the week, each class focused on the importance of staying safe online. Additionally, during the morning, the whole of St Joseph's participated in an online art and engineering workshop. This workshop explored art patterns, designs, textures, and colours linked with East Anglia Railways, viaducts, piers, and the making of modern Essex. It encouraged curiosity, creativity, and problem-solving through hands-on STEAM learning. A big thank you to Miss Perkins for organising this engaging event. In the afternoon, Classes 3 and 4 participated in a singing workshop led by Clare from Harwich Sing. It was indeed a very creative day!

On Wednesday, Class 3 embarked on a local visit study to investigate the positive and negative influences in our environment. They examined issues such as pollution and litter but also highlighted the positives, including the beach, parks, and surrounding areas.



Thursday was an exceptional sporting day, as some of our Class 3 and 4 children represented St. Joseph's in the Swimming Gala. Upon receiving news from Mr. Gueizelar, I have never been prouder—not just because of the number of medals our amazing children won, but from the reports of how supportive they were of each other. It truly warmed my heart. Mr. Gueizelar reported that we are officially the 'Small School Champions' of the Harwich Schools Swimming Gala, finishing as runners-up to Chase Lane by a remarkably close margin. This is a massive achievement for such a small school. A huge thank you to Mr. Gueizelar, Mrs. Standen, and Mrs. Jobling for accompanying and supporting the children. The biggest well done goes to all the children: James, Robbie, Reece, Thorin, John, Gracie, Ivy, Emma, Lottie, Zach, Remi, and Ella. We certainly have some Olympic athletes among us!

I was also brought to tears when I received an email after the Gala from Mrs. Seaman at Spring Meadows, praising our amazing head girl, Gracie, who was spoken about with such admiration for her kindness and supportive nature. She is a credit to her family and our school.



This afternoon, we held our cake sale in honour of Mrs. Standen's half marathon, where she will be running for the wonderful charity, St. Helena Hospice. Thank you all so much for coming and for your contributions towards this worthy cause. A massive thank you to all those who baked or donated cakes; without your support, events like this would not happen, and it is much appreciated. Mrs. Standen will be running the London Half Marathon on 12th April, and we wish her the best of luck.

As we reach the halfway point of the academic year, I can hardly believe it! This week, I have been focusing on attendance, and you should have received a letter regarding your child's attendance. Excellent attendance plays a vital role in a child's learning, confidence, and wellbeing. By ensuring your child attends school every day, you are giving them the very best opportunity to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. Your commitment and support do not go unnoticed. We understand that maintaining such high attendance requires dedication, organisation, and a strong partnership between home and school. We would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support and positive attitude towards attendance. If you ever need any help and support with attendance, please do get in touch. To celebrate our amazing 100% attendees, they received a certificate and a badge today—well done!



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Attendance Data

	Last Week	This Week	Late Marks
Class 1	98.18%	97.27%	1
Class 2	96.30%	91.48%	4
Class 3	97.88%	92.73%	4
Class 4	95.45%	94.24%	7

Next week is half term, and we will return to school on **Monday, 23rd February**. After half term, on Wednesday, our boys' football team will be playing at home against Harwich Community Primary. Please come and cheer them on; kick-off is at 3:30 pm.

Finally, I ask that you keep Father Joseph in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from an operation. We wish him a speedy recovery; may God bless him with strength and healing.

I hope you all have a lovely, restful, and safe half term.

Take care—God bless—Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

Will continue after half-term

Class 1:

Class 2:

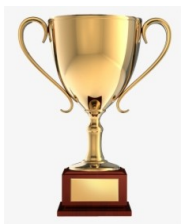
Class 3:

Class 4:

Mrs Golding's Headteacher's Award:

Whole School Attendance this week: 93.74%

Winning Class this week: Class 1 - 97.27%



*Winning House Team This Week:
Will continue after half-term*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 23rd February	First day back after half-term
Weds 25th February	Lenten Mass—9.30am at School— CANCELLED Football Match at St Josephs V HCP (girls team) KO 3.20pm
Mon 2nd March	Y6 Parents SATS meeting 3.20pm
Tues 3rd March	Football at St Joseph's Boys V All Saint's KO 3.20pm
Thurs 5th March	World Book Day—dress as a character or come in Pjs
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 3pm 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 17th July	Last day of school for Children

Week Beginning Monday 23rd February
New Menu Week 1

Autumn Menu - Week One

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Goujons or Jacket Potatoes	Breakfast Wrap Or Jacket Potatoes	Roast Chicken Or Jacket Potatoes	Burger in a Bun 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

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 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**

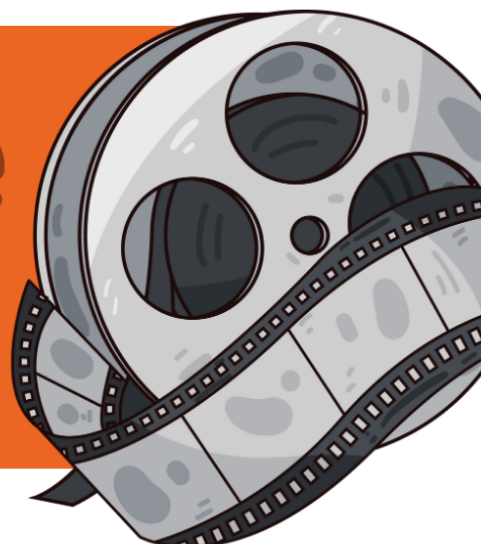
**PLEASE PAY AT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE.**

**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 FAMILY WARM HUB

St Clare's Primary School
Cloes Lane, Clacton CO16 8AG
Monday 16th February 2026
10am-1pm

Free

- Breakfast/ lunch and refreshments
- **Local information & support for families**
- Winter Warmers
- **Smoke alarms**
- School Uniform bank
- **Term-time programmes / Activities**
- Library services
- **Children's services and activities**

All families welcome
(children must be accompanied)





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 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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