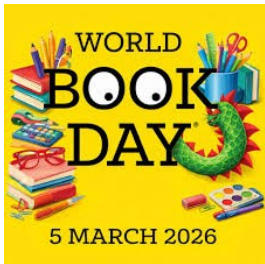




Dear parents, carers, family members and friends of St Joseph's,

This week, our worship focused on a profound moment from the Gospel of Matthew (17:1-9), where Jesus revealed His divine glory to His disciples on the mountain. They were amazed and frightened, but Jesus reassured them, saying, "Do not be afraid." This message resonates deeply, especially during times of worry or confusion. We often find it challenging to see clearly when faced with difficult choices or uncertainties. However, God guides us to clarity when we listen to Jesus, pray, and strive to follow His example. During our worship, we took a moment for quiet reflection, allowing the children to contemplate the following questions: Do I listen to Jesus in my choices? How can I show others God's love this week? What helps me see clearly what is right? This week, let us commit to listening carefully to others, choosing kindness in our interactions, and seeking to see Jesus in everyone we meet.

On Tuesday, our school football team played against All Saints at home. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the parents and supporters who came out to cheer for our team. Mr. Gueizelar reported that although we faced a tough match and unfortunately lost 4-0, I want to commend our players for their unwavering spirit and determination. I am thrilled to announce that St Joseph's has made it to the final on Saturday, 21st March, against All Saints Harwich, kicking off at 10 am at Harwich and Parkeston FC. This is a significant achievement for our school, and I encourage everyone to come and support our team. Regardless of the outcome, we are incredibly proud of their efforts and sportsmanship.



Thursday was a wonderfully colourful celebration of World Book Day! It was delightful to see the children dressed in various costumes and in their pyjamas. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and creativity, and I must admit, it was quite a comfortable experience—one I might consider making a regular Friday occurrence! World Book Day is essential as it encourages a love for reading and highlights the importance of literature in our lives. It fosters creativity and imagination, which are vital components of our children's education.

On Friday, we held a non-uniform day to support our fantastic PTA and their Race Day event. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who donated and participated. The PTA has once again gone above and beyond to support our school, and I am thrilled to congratulate the winners of the various activities. Looking ahead, I will be accompanying several children from Class 4 to Our Lady Queen of Heaven for the CAFOD soup lunch next Wednesday. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to engage in charitable work and learn about the importance of helping those in need. Additionally, we have another exciting PTA event coming up on Friday, where we will host a Mother's Day breakfast and afternoon tea. Please check Seesaw for more details if you haven't already done so.

Attendance Data

	Last Week	This Week	Late Marks
Class 1	100%	98.18%	1
Class 2	92.22%	97.78%	6
Class 3	96.06%	99.09%	6
Class 4	93.33%	96.25%	3

Lastly, I would like to kindly remind all parents and carers not to park on the School Keep Clear markings. These markings are in place to ensure clear sightlines for pedestrians and drivers, helping to protect our children by preventing vehicles from stopping or parking in high-risk areas. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community. Let us keep striving to embody the values of kindness, respect, and faith as we move through the coming week.

I hope you all have a lovely and safe weekend.

Take care—God bless—Mrs. Golding



Certificate Winners

This will continue on Friday 20th March

Class 1:

Class 2:

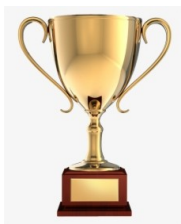
Class 3:

Class 4:

Mrs Golding's Headteacher's Award:

Whole School Attendance this week: 97.81%

Winning Class this week: Class 3 – 99.09%



*Winning House Team This Week:
To be continued.....*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wed 11th March	CAFOD Soup lunch at Church—Selected Children
Fri 13th March	Mother's Day Breakfast/Tea—No Assembly—see below
Tues 17th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings—letters have gone out this week
Weds 18th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings—letters have gone out this week Girls Football Match at Spring Meadow 3.30pm KO
Thurs 19th March	Class 3 Visit to Lime Court pm
Fri 20th March	There is Assembly at 3pm today
Tuesday 24th March	2pm Class 3 Performance—Lion King
Thursday 26th March	6pm Class 3 Performance—Lion King
Fri 27th March	PTA Auction 3pm—No Assembly 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
Tues 23rd June	Y6 Induction Day St Benedict's
Weds 24th June	Sports Day
Fri 26th June	Y6 Induction Day—HDHS
Weds 1st July	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 3rd July	Summer Fete
Fri 17th July	Last day of school for Children

Week Beginning Monday 9th March

New Menu Week 1

Please note a change on Wednesday from Roast to Pizza

Autumn Menu - Week One

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Goujons or Jacket Potatoes	Breakfast Wrap Or Jacket Potatoes	Pizza Or Jacket Potatoes	Burger in a Bun Or Jacket Potatoes	Fish Fingers and Chips or Jacket Potatoes
Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar	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->



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ages 3 - 11

Tutoring group spaces are
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**The Ark
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Ark Xtra! SEND Holiday Club!

A fun, calm and supportive SEND holiday club for children in KS1 (upto 8 years old) and who may benefit from extra support (no formal diagnosis necessary)

at The Ark Centre, 36 Main Road, Harwich, CO12 3LU
9.30 am - 2.30 pm

Every session has:
Child led activities
Crafts, games and baking
Stories and song time
High staff to child ratios
A safe and nurturing environment
Hot meal, snacks and drinks provided

These sessions are FREE with Essex Activate vouchers

SESSIONS AVAILABLE

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY 30TH MARCH - 1ST APRIL
WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY 8TH - 10TH APRIL

For more information please contact Jessie:
nursery@thearkcentrgroup.co.uk or 01255 502063

To book use the Holiday activities parent portal



**The Ark
Family
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Ark Wellbeing Holiday Club!

A nurturing wellbeing group for children ages 5 to 11 years old who may need a little extra support with their emotional wellbeing or who simply benefit from being in a smaller, calmer holiday club!

What should your child expect?

A safe, relaxed and welcoming space

A small, supportive group session

Arts, crafts and creative activities

Games and baking

Opportunities to relax, talk and build confidence

Weekly sessions to help build familiar routines, friendships and trusted relationships

A hot nutritious meal, snacks and drinks provided

Sessions are led by our own qualified SENCO, who gently supports children to explore their feelings, develop coping strategies and build emotional resilience through fun and engaging activities

**SESSIONS AVAILABLE @ THE ARK CENTRE, 36 MAIN ROAD
MONDAY 30TH MARCH & WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 10.30 - 1.30PM
WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL & FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 10.30 - 1.30PM**

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To book use the Holiday activities parent portal

The Ark Family Centre

Essex Activate is the name for the government funded holiday programmes run by Active Essex, also known as the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF), that is delivered across Essex and Thurrock.

During school holidays, Active Essex work with locally trusted organisations across the county to deliver fun, engaging holiday clubs and activities.

85% of funded spaces are allocated to children who receive income related free school meals, and 15% of spaces are allocated to young people from 'low-income' working families and a small number of other eligible groups.

Children who are eligible or receive pupil premium and income related free school meals will be emailed a HolidayActivities voucher code from hello@holidayactivities by their school to book free spaces for their child/ren at holiday clubs. They will receive one code per child, each main holiday to book.

If they are still waiting for a voucher code, please ask them to contact their school, who should be able to provide their code.

Limited spaces are offered to young people who are not eligible for income based free school meals, but are from 'low-income' working families, may be vulnerable and/or experience inactivity and social isolation without access to this free support.

To book child/ren onto a local club, families will not receive a HolidayActivities voucher code and will need to submit a completed referral form from a local service that supports their family or child/ren, or in some instances, they may be able to self-refer.

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COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS FOR SEND	ONLINE LIVE	04/03/2026 (2 WEEKS)	12:30	14:30
FL ABOUT BOYS COURSE	ONLINE LIVE	04/03/2026 (4 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL POSITIVE PARENTING	ONLINE LIVE	05/03/2026 (4 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	ONLINE LIVE	06/03/2026 (1 WEEK)	12:30	14:30
FL UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY	ONLINE LIVE	11/03/2026 (2 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL DYSLEXIA AWARENESS	ONLINE LIVE	12/03/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:45	11:45

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COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL SUCCESSFUL CO-PARENTING	ONLINE LIVE	12/03/2026 (1 WEEK)	09:30	11:30
FL UNDERSTANDING AUTISM	ONLINE LIVE	13/03/2026 (2 WEEKS)	12:00	14:30
FL UNDERSTANDING ADHD IN CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	13/03/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:00	11:30
FL SLEEP WORKSHOP	ONLINE LIVE	17/03/2026 (1 WEEK)	18:00	20:00
FL UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY	ONLINE LIVE	19/03/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:45	11:45
FL MANAGING ANXIETY FOR SEND	ONLINE LIVE	19/03/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30

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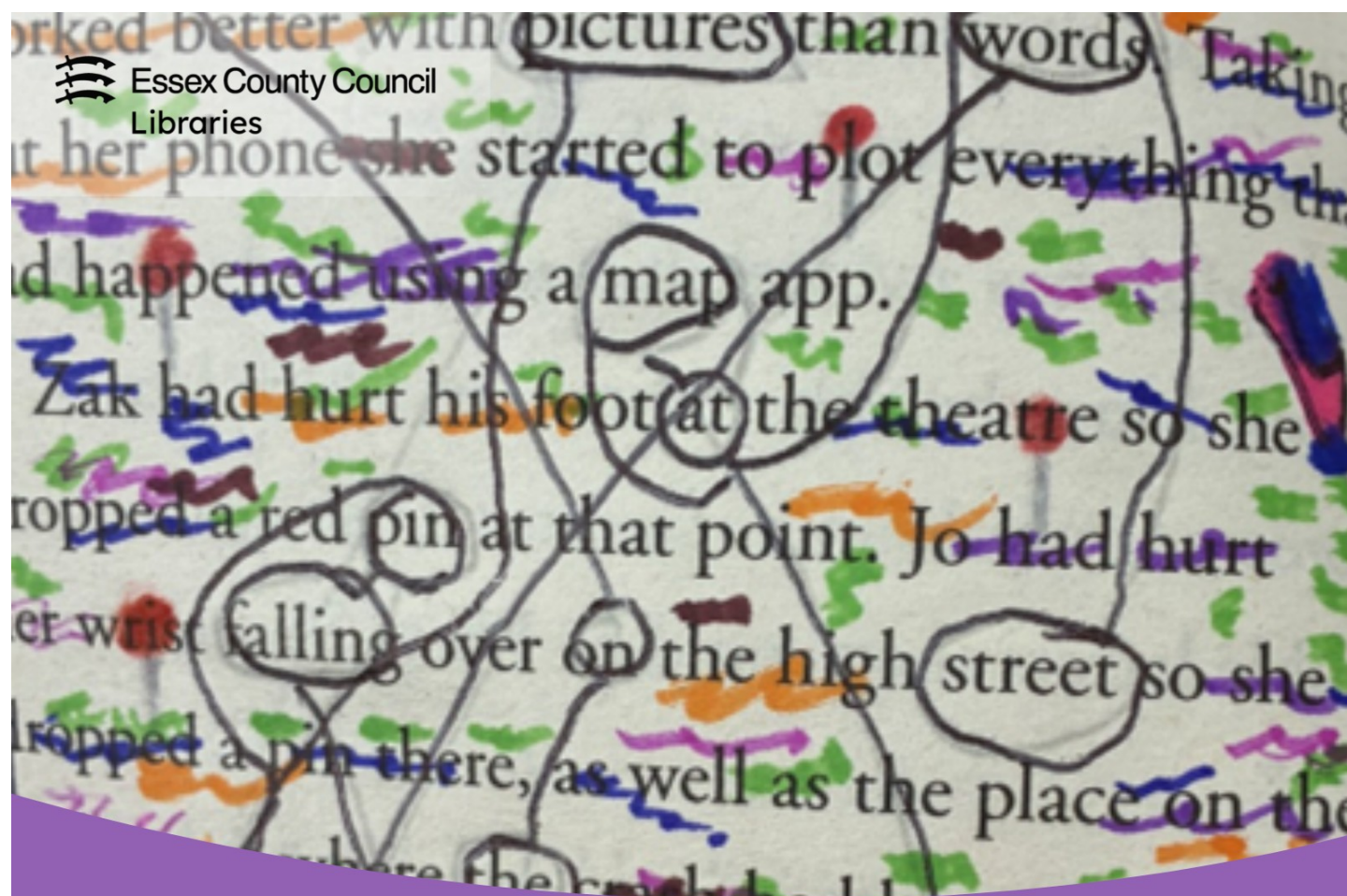


COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL SETTING CLEAR BOUNDARIES FOR CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	24/03/2026 (1 WEEK)	19:00	21:00
FL ZONES OF REGULATION	ONLINE LIVE	25/03/2026 (1 WEEK)	13:00	15:00
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	ONLINE LIVE	26/03/2026 (1 WEEK)	09:30	11:30
FL ZONES OF REGULATION	ONLINE LIVE	26/03/2026 (1 WEEK)	19:00	21:00

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