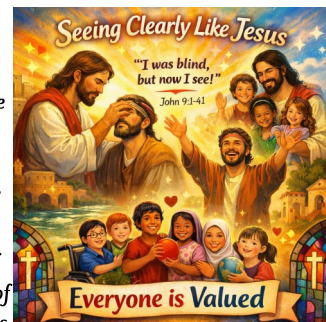




Dear parents, carers, family members and friends of St Joseph's,

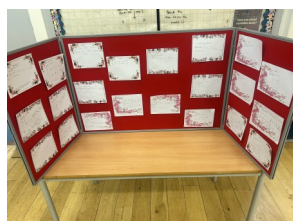
On Monday, we gathered for worship, focusing on the theme of "seeing clearly." Often, we associate clarity with our physical sight, but Jesus teaches us that true vision involves seeing others through the lens of kindness, love, and understanding. In our Gospel reading from John 9:1-41, we encounter a man who was often seen as different by those around him. However, Jesus looked beyond the surface and recognised his inherent worth. This story serves as a powerful reminder that every individual matters, possesses unique gifts, and deserves kindness. It is essential that we cultivate an awareness of those around us, particularly those who may feel alone or in need of support. When we see clearly, like Jesus, we ensure that everyone feels valued and included within our community.



On Wednesday morning, our Class 3 and 4 children attended the Stations of the Cross service at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church. This service is a significant spiritual pilgrimage for believers, allowing us to meditate on the Passion of Christ. It fosters a deeper connection with His sacrifice, promotes repentance, and helps us unite our personal struggles with Jesus' suffering, especially during this Lenten season. Later, during lunch, some of the Class 4 children joined me back at the church for the CAFOD soup and cake lunch. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the families who contributed cakes for this occasion. The delicious treats were not only enjoyed by all but also helped raise £40 for CAFOD through an auction of some of the amazing cakes.



This morning and afternoon were particularly special as we celebrated our mothers and all that they do for our children. A mother is indeed a remarkable person with an invaluable role in our lives. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Gueizelar for organising this event and to his helpers for ensuring everything ran smoothly. It was a lovely opportunity to honour the mothers in our community.



Looking ahead, I would like to remind you that next Tuesday and Wednesday marks our first Parent/Teacher meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come and see your child's work and discuss their progress with their teacher. Please ensure you check your meeting time and arrive promptly.

Reminder that there will be no clubs taking place on these days.

Additionally, I would like to highlight an important event for our football team at St. Joseph's next Saturday. The boys will be competing in the final at the Harwich and Parkeston football stadium, with kick-off scheduled for 10am. I encourage everyone to come and support our team; we are all immensely proud of their efforts, regardless of the outcome.

As we approach the weekend, I want to take a moment to wish all mothers a very happy Mother's Day.

Your love and dedication are truly appreciated, and we celebrate you this weekend.



Attendance Data

	Last Week	This Week	Late Marks
Class 1	98.18%	95.91%	0
Class 2	97.78%	99.26%	0
Class 3	99.09%	97.88%	5
Class 4	96.25%	95.09%	0

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Together, we are nurturing a place where every child can thrive.

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:

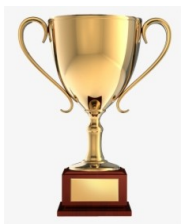
Class 3:

Class 4:

Mrs Golding's Headteacher's Award:

Whole School Attendance this week: 97.03%

Winning Class this week: Class 2 - 99.26%



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

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tues 17th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Weds 18th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings Girls Football Match at Spring Meadow 3.30pm KO
Thurs 19th March	St Joseph's Day—Mass 9.30am at school (to be confirmed) Class 3 Visit to Lime Court pm
Fri 20th March	There is Assembly at 3pm today
Sat 21st March	Harwich Schools League Final 10am at HPFC (opposite Asda)
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
Mon 29th June	1st Bikeability Session (C4 who requested it)
Weds 1st July	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 3rd July	2nd Bikeability Session Summer Fete
Thurs 9th July	Y6 Prom
Fri 17th July	Last day of school for Children

Week Beginning Monday 16th March

Menu Week 2

Autumn Menu - Week Two

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Burger Or Jacket Potatoes	Pizza Or Jacket Potatoes	Roast Chicken Or Jacket Potatoes	Brunch Lunch 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->



MISS FINNEY TUTORING

ages 3 - 11

Tutoring group spaces are
available in the following

subjects:

- Phonics
- Mathematics
- English
- SATs Preparation
- Phonics Screening Test

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



Preparation

For further information, please contact:



07398091022



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[@miss.finney.tutoring](https://www.instagram.com/miss.finney.tutoring)



**The Ark
Family
Centre**

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
Centre**

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**

For more information please contact Jessie:
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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.

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

To book use the Holiday activities parent portal



Essex County Council
Children and Families

Starting Reception Roadshows



Is Your Little One Starting Reception in September 2026?

Come along to our Starting Reception Roadshow!

Get ready for a fun, friendly, and totally FREE event designed to help you to support your child feel excited and confident about starting reception.

Essex Early Years has teamed up with local schools plus education, health and care partners to bring you a lively, helpful session packed with top tips and advice.

Want to join in?
Ask your child's
childminder, preschool,
or nursery for details
about your nearest
event, or visit the Essex
Talk, Listen and Cuddle
website to find out
more about dates and
times across Essex.

Starting Reception Roadshow near you:

[Mayflower Primary School, Harwich, CO12 4AG](#)

Where:

Wednesday 25th March 2026

When: 6.00pm until 7.30pm



You can find out information about the event by scanning the QR code or visiting www.tlc-essex.info and searching 'Starting reception'



Follow us on social media to join our
Starting Reception Campaign



Instagram



Facebook





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

If you would like to enrol on to a FREE course please Visit our website [aclessex.com](https://www.aclessex.com) and type the course title in the 'Find a course...' box



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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Ark Xtra! Respite sessions

Respite care for children with additional needs,
no official diagnosis required

Subsidised sessions for families in our
community with thanks to our support from
Colchester Catalyst

£15 per child

Saturday 7th March
Saturday 4th April

9.30am - 2.30pm

To book please contact Jessie:
nursery@thearkcentrgroup.co.uk
01255 502063

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER
SPACES ON A 1:2 RATIO. IF YOUR CHILD
REQUIRES MORE SUPPORT THAN THIS,
PLEASE CALL TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER

The Ark
Centre
Nursery

FREE WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/ CARERS

of primary aged children to support with
mental health and wellbeing

Provided by your Mental Health Support Team

@EssexMHST_and_SETcamhs

bit.ly/3MaR1wJ



Coming up in March...

Understanding and Supporting
Your Child with Fears and Worries
9th March 7 pm

Understanding ADHD
18th March 10 am



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**



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

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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

