



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

As we journey through Lent, our reflections this week have centred on the theme of hope and new life, even in moments that feel sad or dark. During our worship on Monday, we discussed how Jesus brings light into our lives, particularly during challenging times. It is a time for us to remember that, despite the difficulties we may face, there is always the promise of renewal and hope.

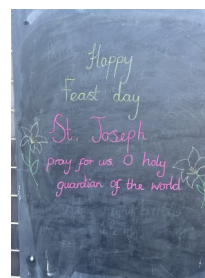
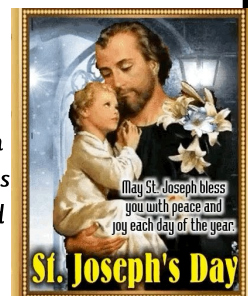
A highlight of our worship was the dramatic re-enactment of the Gospel Reading from John 11:1-45 by some of our Class 4 children. Their performance illustrated how Jesus empathised with sadness and, through His actions, brought hope and new life. Inspired by this message, I set a Mission for the week for our students: to bring new life to someone else. This could be through helping someone who is struggling, including someone who feels alone, saying something kind, or praying for someone who is sad. I encourage all our students to embrace this mission and spread kindness within our school community.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we held our parent/teacher meetings. I hope these sessions were informative and beneficial for you. If you were unable to attend, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher to arrange another appointment. Your involvement in your child's education is invaluable, and we appreciate your commitment to their learning journey.



On Wednesday, our girls' football team played an outstanding match against Spring Meadow. Mr. Gueizelar reported a fantastic 3-0 victory, marking a triumphant end to their campaign. He said that 'the girls have shown remarkable progress since their first game, and it was evident in their performance as they dominated the match from start to finish. Ivy, our captain, led by example, and it was heartwarming to see the girls celebrating their goals together while also demonstrating great sportsmanship towards their opponents. Matilda opened the scoring with a lovely finish, followed by Ivy doubling our lead with a superb direct free-kick. Celine capped off the scoring with a well-deserved goal just before the final whistle. A special mention goes to Remi, who was named Player of the Match for her outstanding performance, especially considering she returned to school after being unwell. Her determination and work rate were commendable, and she should be very proud of her contribution to the team.' A big thank you to Mr. Gueizelar for his coaching and support, and to Mrs. Campbell for accompanying the girls and providing first aid support.

Thursday was a particularly special day as we celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph. We began with a solemn Lenten/St. Joseph's Mass, and I would like to extend my gratitude to all the parents, family members, and parishioners who attended. A heartfelt thank you to the children who read so beautifully and participated in the Mass, and to Father Joseph for leading us in this special celebration. The afternoon was filled with joy as we enjoyed a delightful sweet treat from Mrs. Stant in the kitchen. Additionally, Class 3 continued to spread love and kindness by visiting Lime Court for some Easter crafting, which was a wonderful way to engage with our community.



Looking ahead to next week, Class 3 will have their dress rehearsal on Monday for the whole school. Their first performance for parents will take place on Tuesday at 2pm, followed by an evening performance on Thursday at 6pm. We are all excited to see the hard work and creativity that the children have put into their performances.

Finally, I would like to wish our boys' football team the best of luck as they prepare for the final against All Saints this Saturday. The match will take place at the Harwich and Parkeston football stadium, kicking off at 10am. I encourage everyone to come out and support our team.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community. Let us all remember to carry the message of hope and new life throughout this Lenten season.

I hope you have a lovely, safe weekend. Take care, God bless. Mrs. Golding

Attendance Data

	Last Week	This Week	Late Marks
Class 1	95.91%	97.73%	3
Class 2	99.26%	95.93%	1
Class 3	97.88%	94.85%	2
Class 4	95.09%	98.79%	0



Certificate Winners

Class 1: Leo, Eddie and Luca

Class 2: Thomas, Florence and Teddy

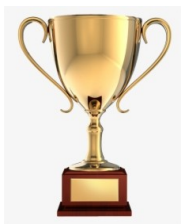
Class 3: Larry, Zach and Rupert

Class 4: John, Lilly-May and Matilda

Mrs Golding's Headteacher's Award:

Whole School Attendance this week: 96.78%

Winning Class this week: Class 4 – 98.79%



Winning House Team This Week:
ST ANDREW

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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 2pm —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
Thurs 14th May	Ascension Mass 11.30am at Church
Fri 22nd May	Last day before half-term
Mon 1st June	First day back after half-term
Tues 2nd June	Class photos and Year 6 individual photos
Tues 9th June	9.30am KS1 Mass at School
Fri 19th June	Father's Day (or Father figures/mums) Games and Ice Cream
Mon 22nd June	10am Class 4 Mass at School
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) 10am Class 3 Mass at School
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 23rd March
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	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



vfinneytutoring@outlook.com



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





Girls Football Festival for girls aged 7-11

A fun, FREE, football session for girls who want to try football for the first time or develop their skills.

 **Date:** Saturday 11th April

 **Time:** 11am-1pm

 **Venue:** Clacton Leisure Centre

 **Email:** Harry.Moreton
@essexfa.com

 **Sign up:** Scan the QR code
below



The day will consist of fun fixtures and a Wildcats session delivered by qualified coaches and is designed to provide a safe and enjoyable football experience.

Tendring
District Council



AFTER SCHOOL

Essex
pedal
Power

BIKE CLUB

LEARN SKILLS. HAVE FUN. EAT SNACKS.

EVERY THURSDAY
3:45PM – 4:45PM
MAYFLOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

COME AND PRACTICE YOUR
BIKE SKILLS WITH US!
AGES 7-13
BRING A BIKE AND A HELMET
SNACKS PROVIDED

SCAN QR CODE



CONTACT:
HARWICH.DOVERCOURTEPP@THEAWS.ORG

BIKES CAN BE PROVIDED

**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

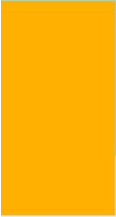
To book use the Holiday activities parent portal



Essex County Council



Department
for Education



**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:
nursery@thearkcentrgroup.co.uk or 01255 502063

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

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



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 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

If you would like to enrol on to a FREE course please Visit our website aclessex.com and type the course title in the 'Find a course...' box

The holidays are fast-approaching

Are you *looking* for something for your child to do during this time?

Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

- Chelmsford
- Harlow
- Witham
- Colchester
- Uttlesford



Please see below the link to book Easter holiday courses:
<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>