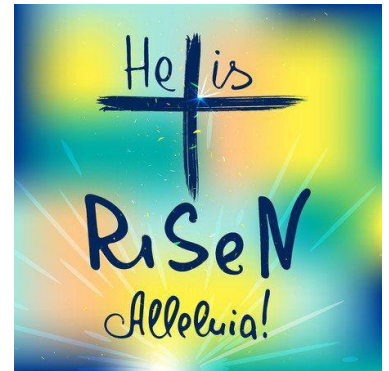




Dear parents, family members and friends of St Joseph's,

Welcome back after the Easter break! I hope you all had a lovely time with your families and friends, enjoying the beauty of this special season. We came together on Monday during our worship to celebrate the most important truth of our faith: Jesus is alive!

Easter is not just one day; it is a season of joy, hope, and new life. Just as spring brings new flowers and sunshine, Easter reminds us that Jesus brings new life to each of us. This message is particularly poignant as we reflect on the Gospel according to John 20:1-18, which was beautifully read by Gracie. I asked the children to imagine how Mary felt that morning—sad, confused, maybe even hopeless. But everything changed when Jesus called her name. In that moment, sadness turned into joy, darkness into light, and death into new life. This is the essence of Easter: Jesus is alive, Jesus knows each of us by name, and Jesus brings hope, even when things feel difficult. Just like Mary, we are called to share this joy with others. I gave the children a mission to be "Easter people" this week by showing kindness to someone who needs it, bringing joy through their words and actions, and remembering that Jesus is always with them.



On Monday, our Year 6 children participated in a Resilience Workshop led by Michelle from the National Online Wellbeing service. This workshop was designed to support our children with emotional wellbeing and resilience in readiness for their SATs. The feedback from the children was overwhelmingly positive, and I believe it will be very beneficial as they prepare for this important milestone.

Additionally, Monday marked the beginning of our Rugby sessions, both during school and after. It was a very sporty day, and I was delighted to see the enthusiasm and teamwork displayed by our children.

On Thursday, some of our children, accompanied by their parents, took part in a litter pick with Shirley from CVST. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved for helping to keep our school clean and tidy. Your efforts in looking after God's creation and being great stewards of our environment are truly commendable.

Today, our youngest children in Class 1 and 2 took part in a Wellbeing walk. I hope the fresh air and exercise were invigorating, and I was pleased to see that the sun was shining during your walk. It is so important for our children to engage with nature and enjoy the outdoors.

Finally, I was delighted to return on Monday to hear about Albie in Class 3, who displayed remarkable bravery and kindness during the holiday. He made the very mature decision to call the police when he witnessed a member of the public behaving unkindly towards swans near the lake at the end of the road. We are incredibly proud of Albie and his actions, which exemplify the values we strive to instil in our children.

Looking ahead to next week, on Tuesday, some of our older school council members will be attending a meeting at Harwich and Dovercourt High School as part of the Harwich Education Partnership (HEP). This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage with peers from other schools and share their ideas and experiences.

Then, on Thursday, some children will be attending the Cricket festival at Harwich Community primary. I am excited to see our children develop their skills and enjoy this wonderful sport. Additionally, there will be a Swim Safe assembly, which is an important initiative to ensure our children are safe and confident in the water.

As we continue through this Easter season, let us remember to carry the message of hope and joy into our daily lives. May we all strive to be beacons of light for one another, sharing kindness and compassion in our school community.

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



Attendance

Class	Last Week	This Week	Late Marks
1	97.73%	100%	1
2	97.78%	99.26%	0
3	96.45%	96.67%	6
4	96.36%	94.85%	3

Certificate Winners

Class 1: Awele and Roux

Class 2: Emily and Tia

Class 3: James and Preston

Class 4: Ivy and Arwen

Mrs Golding's Headteacher's Award:
Emma and Albie

Whole School Attendance this week: 97.39%

Winning Class this week: Class 1 - 100%



Winning House Team This Week:

ST GEORGE

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thurs 30 th April	Fisherman's Cup 1 st Round Match at St Joseph's
Mon 4 th May	Bank Holiday— School Closed
Tues 5 th May	Proposed Fisherman's cup 2 nd Round Match (if we win the 1 st match)
Mon 11 th May	SATs Week—Y6
Thurs 14 th May	Ascension Mass 11.30am at Church
Fri 22 nd May	Last day before half-term
Mon 1 st June	First day back after half-term
Tues 2 nd June	Class photos and Year 6 individual photos
Tues 9 th June	9.30am KS1 Mass at School
Fri 19 th June	Father's Day (or Father figures/mums) Games and Ice Cream
Mon 22 nd June	10am Class 4 Mass at School
Tues 23 rd June	Y6 Induction Day St Benedict's
Weds 24 th June	Sports Day
Fri 26 th June	Y6 Induction Day—HDHS
Mon 29 th June	1 st Bikeability Session (C4 who requested it) 10am Class 3 Mass at School
Weds 1 st July	Reserve Sports Day (tbc)
Thurs 2 nd July	Y6 Deanery Day – details to follow
Fri 3 rd July	2 nd Bikeability Session Summer Fete
Thurs 9 th July	C3 Lime Court Visit Y6 Prom
Mon 13 th July	Class 3 Trip – details to follow
Fri 17 th July	Last day of school for Children

Week Beginning Monday 20th April

Menu Week 2

SUMMER – WEEK 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Burger Or Sandwich	Pizza Or Sandwich	Roast Chicken Or Sandwich	Brunch Lunch Or Sandwich	Fish Fingers and Chips Or Sandwich
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 at inspection reports etc.

Our school website can be found at:

<https://www.st-josephs-dovercourt.essex.sch.uk/>

Harwich

NETBALL CLUB

KIDS NETBALL CAMP

 **FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026**

 **10:00AM – 3:00PM**

 **HARWICH & DOVERCOURT HIGH SCHOOL**

 **YEARS 3 - 7 • £30 PER CHILD**



Join us for a fun-filled day of:

- ★ Netball skills & drills
- ★ Match play
- ★ Games & team activities



⚡ BOOK NOW! SPACES ARE LIMITED ⚡

 Please note: places will not be secured until payment is received.

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Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2026



Sunday 26th Of April

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS



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