



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

As we began this week, our focus was on the thought of the week: Believe. But what does it truly mean to believe? At times, believing can come easily, yet there are moments when it becomes a challenge—especially when we cannot see something for ourselves. Thorin shared with us the Gospel according to John 20:19-31, where we encounter Thomas, often referred to as "Doubting Thomas." However, it is essential to recognise that Thomas was simply being honest; he struggled to believe something so extraordinary. What transformed Thomas's doubt into belief? He met Jesus and experienced something tangible. It was through this encounter that he came to believe. While we may not see Jesus in the same manner as Thomas did, we can still witness signs of Him in our lives: through acts of kindness, moments of forgiveness, expressions of love, and within our vibrant school community.

At St Joseph's, we are committed to living out our mission: "We follow in St. Joseph's footsteps, building a community of love, trust, respect, and learning." Believing transcends mere words; it is reflected in our actions and how we interact with one another.

This week, our Year 6 children have been diligently preparing for their upcoming SATs by participating in MOCK SATs. This initiative aims to provide them with a sense of what the actual week will entail, helping to alleviate any potential overwhelm.



On Tuesday, members of our school council had the opportunity to meet with Miss Perkins at Harwich and Dovercourt High School. It was particularly heartening to witness the children engaging positively in discussions and sharing their ideas for the future Safer Roads Campaign, which they presented during our celebration worship today.

Thursday brought us the pleasure of welcoming swimming instructors from Dovercourt Pool for a whole school assembly. The children listened attentively as they received vital advice on staying safe around water, what to do in an emergency, and how to keep our beaches and seas clean to protect wildlife. Our visitors also promoted the annual Swim Safe campaign, which Year 6 children will be invited to participate in during the Summer Term. Additionally, on Thursday, some of our Key Stage 1 children in the morning and Key Stage 2 children in the afternoon participated in a cricket tournament at Harwich Community Primary. The feedback from the children was overwhelmingly positive, and they all expressed how enjoyable the experience was.

This afternoon, our Year 6 students engaged in another supportive resilience session with Carly from EQ Essex. They discussed strategies and support mechanisms to help them navigate through SATs week successfully.

It has been a bustling week for our auction winners! Violet from Class 3 has been assisting at lunchtime as an extra member of staff, while Larry from Class 3 has taken on the role of ringing the bell at the end of breaks and lunchtimes. Larry, Morgan, and Jeremy from Class 3 enjoyed a special lunchtime treat of McDonald's with Miss Perkins on Tuesday. Mia from Class 4 and a few friends came to school in non-uniform, while Reece had the honour of leading the line each day. Jax from Class 3 proudly wore his football kit to school with some friends, and Taylor and others had the delightful experience of having lunch in the staffroom, where they could uncover some teacher gossip! Finally, Harper from Class 3 had the unique opportunity to be our headteacher for the day, and I must admit, I was a bit concerned about my job—she was exceptional! I hope all the children relished their experiences, and I extend my heartfelt thanks for your generous donations towards these auction lots.



Looking ahead to next week, we have several sporting events planned. On Thursday, our team will be playing at home against Wix and Wrabness, with kick-off at 3:30. We warmly invite you to come along and support our team. Additionally, on Friday afternoon, some of the children from Class 4 will be participating in a hockey tournament.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement 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	100%	99.09%	2
2	99.26%	90.37%	0
3	96.67%	100%	2
4	94.85%	97.27%	1

Certificate Winners

Class 1: Aviana and Sofia

**Class 2: Chikamso, Travis, Thomas, Blake,
Florence, Harry, Orla and Edie**

**Class 3: Mira, Jenson, Declan, Zach, Belle,
Morgan, Jeremy, Jack, Miracle and Jax**

Class 4: Mia and Finn E

**Mrs Golding's and Miss Bennett's
Headteacher's Award: Mikael**

Whole School Attendance this week: 96.81%

Winning Class this week: Class 3 - 100%



Winning House Team This Week:

ST DAVID AND ST GEORGE

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thurs 30 th April	Fisherman's Cup 1 st Round Match at St Joseph's V Wix at St Joseph's – supporters welcome
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
Mon 18 th May	Last Rugby club session
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
Weds 3 rd to Fri 5 th June	EYFS Beach School sessions – more details to follow
Tues 9 th June	9.30am KS1 Mass at School
Tues 16 th June	District Sports – more details to follow – selected children
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	1st 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	2nd 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 27th April

Menu Week 1

SUMMER – WEEK 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Goujons or Sandwich	Breakfast Wrap Or Sandwich	Roast Chicken Or Sandwich	Burger in a Bun 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/>

Scouts



1st/2nd Parkeston

Group Lead Volunteer: Brian Mayo

Baden Powell Scout Hall, Parkeston Road,
Harwich, CO12 4HA

BEAVERS

6 - 8 years

Make friends and try new indoor and
outdoor activities

Thursday 16:30 - 18:00

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8 - 10 ½ years

Learn practical skills while having
adventures with friends

St George Pack Tuesday 18:30 - 20:00
St Edmund Pack Wednesday 18:30 - 20:00



SCOUTS

10 ½ - 14 years

Build confidence, resilience and a sense of
adventure

Orwell Troop Monday 19:30 - 21:00
Stour Troop Friday 19:30 - 21:00

EXPLORERS

14 - 18 years

Take the lead, work together and embrace
new experiences

Thursday 20:00 - 21:30

**Do More.
Share More.
Be More.**

#SkillsForLife

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Scouting adventure today!





FATHER'S DAY BBQ

SATURDAY 20th JUNE 2026

11AM - 1PM

BBQ ● SOFT-AXE THROWING ● PIONEERING

Tending District Scout Centre
Valley Road, Clacton-On-Sea
CO15 6NA

£5 Entry

£3 a burger

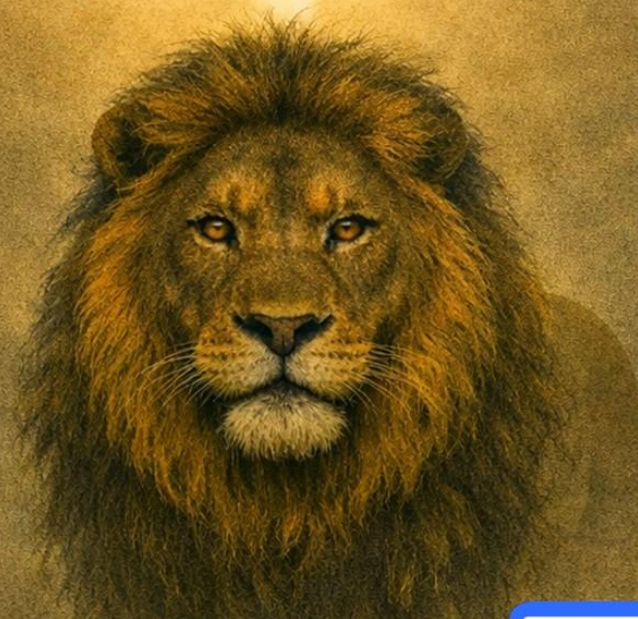


Scan the QR code to book or email
international@tendingdistrictscouts.co.uk

Aslan and the Almighty

at the Electric Palace

Tuesday 26th May at 2pm



A free showing of *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* 2005 PG film, with a talk on the links between the film and the bible, crafts and refreshments. Open to all ages.

To book please go to
<https://www.harwichparish.co.uk/event-list>
or scan the QR code.



Scan here to book!



COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL GROWING INDEPENDENCE	ONLINE LIVE	01/05/2026 (1 WEEK)	09:30	11:30
FL UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	05/05/2026 (3 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL GETTING AN ADHD/ASD DIAGNOSIS AS ADULT	ONLINE LIVE	06/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL MANAGING ANGER IN CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	06/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	10:00	12:00
FL UNDERSTAND ANXIETY FOR YOUR SEND CHILD	ONLINE LIVE	07/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL MANAGING ANGER IN CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	07/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00

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COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL MANAGING ANGER IN YOUNG PEOPLE	ONLINE LIVE	08/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	13:00	15:00
FL RAISING GIRLS	ONLINE LIVE	11/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL UNDERSTANDING AUTISM AND ADHD	ONLINE LIVE	14/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:45	11:45
FL UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY	ONLINE LIVE	14/05/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:00	11:00
FL MANAGING ANGER IN YOUNG PEOPLE	ONLINE LIVE	21/05/2026 (1 WEEK)	19:00	21:00
FL FUSSY EATERS	ONLINE LIVE	21/05/2026 (1 WEEK)	13:00	15:00
FL ZONES OF REGULATION	ONLINE LIVE	21/05/2026 (1 WEEK)	09:30	11:30

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Flatford Nature Day

Tuesday 26th May 2026

Visit Flatford for our May half-term Nature Day

Join in for free, nature-themed activities and crafts including:

- Pond dipping
- Bug hunting
- Tree trails
- Making nature's colour palette
- Using a solar telescope



...and much more!



➔ Drop in activities 11am – 4pm



Enjoy the outdoors around Flatford for the day.

There will be something for all the family!

River Stour Trust boat trips are free for children under 14 when accompanied by £8.00 fare paying adult.

There is a charge of £6.00 for use of the National Trust car park for non-members.

Call Field Studies Council Flatford Mill on 01206 297110 for more details.



River Stour Trust



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National
Landscape



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Discovering what we can do





MAYFEST' 26

MAYFLOWER MUSIC CELEBRATION
LIVE MUSIC

RIDES*STALLS*FOOD*BAR*CIRCUS WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026

5:00PM - 10PM

MAYFLOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

WRISTBANDS AVAILABLE NOW

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