



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

Today, we celebrate the feast day of our patron, St Joseph the Worker. As we honor St Joseph, reflect on how our daily work—whether paid or unpaid—is a form of prayer and participation in God's creative action. Joseph, in his silence and service, provides a model for finding God in the ordinary, manual tasks of life.

This week our pupils have been demonstrating the wonder of learning, working together and creating joy, fun and wonder.

Class 1 have been learning about Pentecost, the Holy Spirit coming to the Apostles. They made flame hats and experienced speaking to each other in different languages.

Class 2 became artists drawing the environment of the playground.

Class 3 learnt to consider the risk in different situations.

Class 4 turned the playground into different rivers.

These are just a few of the creative action learning that takes place daily at St Joseph's.

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."
 Our mission is reflected in our actions and how we interact with one another.

Our Year 6 children continue to diligently prepare for their upcoming SATs which start on 11 May 2026. Please keep them in your prayers.

On Thursday, we had a home football match against Wix and Wrabness school. All played exceptionally well and the score was 3-2, taking us to the next round of the Fisherman's Cup. Well done to our goal scorers, Teddie and James and to Coen that scored the winning goal. He was also Player of the Match for an all-round display. We are now through to the next round with a match at St Joseoh's afterschool. Please stay and support the team if you can.

This afternoon, selected children from Class 4 Participated in a Hockey Tournament at Chase Lane School. Well done for representing the school.

Looking ahead to next week, we have a Bank Holiday Monday. We hope that the weather is good and that all have a great long weekend.

We look forward to welcoming our pupils and staff back on Tuesday.

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



Attendance			
Class	Last Week	This Week	Late Marks
1	99.09%	97.73%	3
2	90.37%	93.33%	1
3	100%	95.59%	4
4	97.27%	94.85%	1

Certificate Winners

Class 1: Evie and Billy

Class 2: Sophia, Bella and Orla

Class 3: Ernie, Remi and Coen

Class 4: Reece and Lottie

Whole School Attendance this week: 95.26%

Winning Class this week: Class 1 - 97.73%



Winning House Team This Week:

St George

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 4th May	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Tues 5 th May	Football Match at St Joseph's – 2 nd Round Fisherman's Cup
Mon 11th May	SATs Week—Y6
Thurs 14th May	Ascension Mass 11.30am at Church
Mon 18 th May	Last Rugby club session
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
Weds 3 rd to Fri 5 th June	EYFS Beach School sessions – more details to follow
Tues 9th June	9.30am KS1 Mass at School
Tues 16 th June	District Sports – more details to follow – selected children
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 (tbc)
Thurs 2 nd July	Y6 Deanery Day – details to follow
Fri 3rd July	2nd Bikeability Session Summer Fete
Thurs 9th July	C3 Lime Court Visit Y6 Prom
Mon 13 th July	Class 3 Trip – details to follow
Fri 17th July	Last day of school for Children

Week Beginning Tuesday 5th May

Menu Week 2

Autumn Menu - Week Two

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Burger Or Sandwich	Pizza Or Sandwich	Roast Chicken Or Sandwich	Branch 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/>

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

Scan the QR code to join the
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

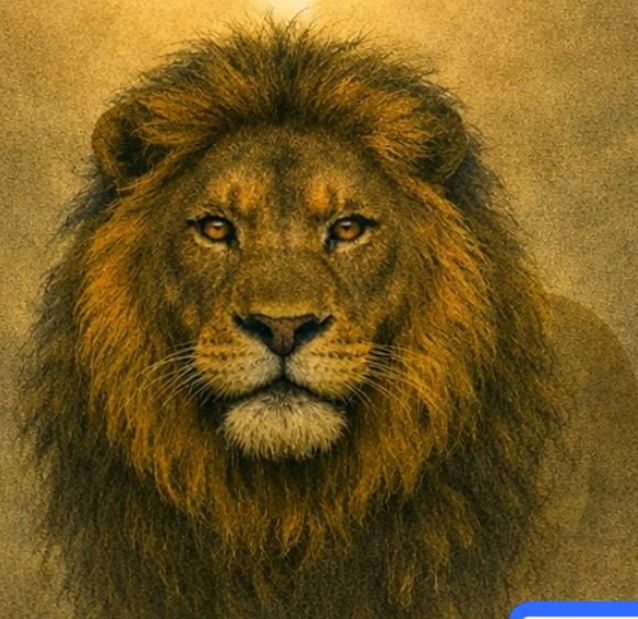


Scan the QR code to book or email
international@tendingdistrictscouts.co.uk

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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