



Good afternoon,

Recently, our Chair of Governors, Miss Heaphy has written the weekly newsletter but this week, I haven't as yet received anything. Miss Heaphy was in school on Monday and she did say she had a busy week planned.

There is so much sports news at St Joseph's! I will add all of Mr Gueizelar's reports to the page below and I'll also include a page of photos that I have been sent.

On Tuesday Class 1 welcomed Mrs Dunbar from Church and she came to answer all of their questions. Thank you for coming Mrs Dunbar.

On Wednesday Class 3 and 4 children took part in their own MP elections. I understand our new MPs are Ellie from Class 3 and James M from Class 4 – well done to them. We are looking forward to hearing more about your work.

Yesterday the Y5 children took part in a Road Safety session. Please do ask them what they learnt. We also welcomed Kay from the Library for our assembly to find out about the summer reading challenge. If you haven't taken part before it is definitely worth doing.

Thank you for all of your donations this morning for the Fete – it is really appreciated.

Thank you for all the helpers that assisted today at the Father's Day event. It's always so lovely to see so many people on the field, hopefully enjoying some time together.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and the children are extra good, especially on Sunday!

I'll see you on Monday,
Mrs Colley

THE MAIN EVENT NEXT WEEK IS SPORTS DAY ON WEDNESDAY

We hope to get started by 9.45am for the round robin events and 1pm for the afternoon races. Parents are welcome for both sessions but we do ask parents to leave over the lunch break please. Please remember to bring a £1 for the lucky programme and some money for the ice cream van!

Class	Attendance		Late Marks
	Last Week	This Week	
1	99.09%	95.45%	3
2	97.41%	95.19%	6
3	96.47%	86.47%	10
4	92.73%	95.76%	1

Girls Football from the weekend.

We were so unlucky not to come away as winners, but luck was against us on Saturday as we went out in the Semi-Finals on penalties.

The atmosphere was brilliant throughout and all the girls gave such a good account of themselves.

From the first game, all those in attendance thought we would go on and win it but we fell just short on the day.

We topped our group with 12 points and went on to play Mayflower in the Semi Finals, in a game which we dominated it ended in a draw and went to the dreaded penalty shootout.

Unfortunately, we came out on the wrong side on this occasion, but the girls were so gracious in defeat, and this was recognised in the Presentation and emails from those in the HSA Group in the follow up Emails.

Celine scored 7 goals during the Tournament and there were further goals for both Veronica and Ivy.

Our Captain (Ivy) was immense throughout the tournament, and I am so pleased for her that she was recognised by others as the stand out player and as a result was awarded the Player of the Tournament.

Girls were so disappointed but I hope they look back on Saturday as such a positive as they really were a class above with their football, attitude and sportsmanship.

Huge thanks to Mrs Campbell for her support and the support from the parents and fellow pupils too - you could certainly hear them.



District Sports

We attended the 78th District Sports yesterday and again gave such a good account of ourselves against schools with such higher numbers of children to choose from.

We had lots of children give a great account of themselves -

In the field events - James (3rd) and Zach (6th) in 14 boy field. Thorin did great in the Vortex throwing too finishing 4th picking up points for the school.

All other children did great to give a good account of themselves.

In the Sprints, we had 7 children qualify for their respective finals -

Ella, Harper, Coen & Jack - Clean sweep for Year 4.

Plus, Miracle (Yr3), Arwen (Yr5) and Celine (Yr6) - great effort by all of them.

In the 600m event, the toughest of events - Teddie did brilliantly and conducted himself so well as I know he did this for the better of the school.

In the girl's race, the hi-light for me, Ivy who ran brilliantly to claim Silver. She was only beaten by a Colchester Harriers runner but was chasing her down in the final straight and the ovation she got was amazing.

On to the Relays.

Not sure how many times I have watched the Year 5/6 Girls relay back on Videos I have been sent, but I am still convinced we got 1st - if at worst tied.

The quartet of Violet, Ivy, Arwen and Celine were brilliant, and it was a fitting way to finish the event.

However, we do have "GOLD Winners" at St Joseph's - a huge achievement for such a small school.

Our Yr3/4 Boys Relay Team won GOLD, by a considerable distance. Jax B, Jack, Zach & Coen brought home Gold for the School, so huge congratulations to them.

Performances of the Day -

GIRLS - Has to go to IVY SMITH - the crowd was electric and the way she finished the last 150m of her race it was a huge crowd pleaser. She ran brilliantly and then stepped up to run brilliantly again in the Relay.

BOYS - This one is easy for me, we have lots of 'Sporty Boys' but this boy made his Final in such a tough Yr Group, I know personally how tough it is, with majority of the boys qualifying for the Final coming from my Little Oakley Football Team, and then to run the 'dream leg' of the relay to give us the lead we required to bring home Gold, our Boys Performer of the Day has to go to JACK.

Thanks to Mr Higgins, Mrs Standen, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Gueizelar for all the support.
They always amaze me these children and proud of each and everyone of them.



Cricket Round-Up

We attended two cricket festivals this week.

On Monday we took 2 Teams to the Harwich Sports Association, Primary Schools Dynamo Cricket Tournament.

Both teams gave great accounts of themselves through and in particular their behaviour and their manners in which a H&DCC Official sent me a private message after in recognition of this.

The A Team (Pictured above in the colder climate attire) won all THREE Group matches, defeating, Chase Lane B, Mayflower A and Spring Meadow in their group to finish Top and progress through to the final to take on Chase Lane A.

The Final was a real good spectacle, just what was needed to warm the parents and teachers up. It swung one way and then the other, but due to some brilliant fielding / catching from both Ivy and Teddie, plus a decisive last over from James, we ended up winning by 15 Runs to be crowned 2026 Champions. The children all did great, and all played a part in the success - Gracie picked up two wickets in 2 Balls in a Group Match, and our Year 4s were also brilliant throughout.

Player of the Tournament for Monday goes to **Jaxx Good**, after a quiet couple of group matches, he changed the momentum in both the last group match against much fancies Spring Meadow and did the same in the Final against Chase Lane, with some really impressive boundary hitting.

Following this victory, we were invited to Regionals at Tending Cricket Club where we took on the Winners from other Regionals (Holland Park - 500 Children, and Brightlingsea - 700 children) - so getting this far is a huge achievement in itself.

We took on Brightlingsea in our SF after they were defeated by Holland Park, knowing the winner will progress to the Final. We ended up winning comfortably in the end, which came down to the bowling of James and Zach at the latter part of the innings who picked up a number of wickets.

In the Final we came up against last year's regional winners, Holland Park, a lively bunch but all regular cricketers too. We limited them to a Net Score of 56 - notable bowling again from James and Zach. In the Run Chase we fell considerably short due to their experience. However, we gave a really good account of ourselves and grew in confidence as the game went on.

Player of the Tournament for Wednesday goes to **Robbie Stewart**, his enthusiasm in such heat is a lesson for anyone. He was brilliant in the field, bowled well and scored a few runs too.

Thanks to Mrs Campbell for the support and to those parents / grandparents who came over to support.



Certificate Winners

This will continue next week.....

Class 1:

Class 2:

Class 3:

Class 4:

Whole School Attendance this week: 92.84%

Winning Class this week: Class 4 - 95.76%



This will continue next week:

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 22nd June	10am Summer Mass at School Cancelled
Tues 23 rd June	Y6 Induction Day St Benedict's 1.30pm – 2.30pm Pre-School Visit
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 Summer Mass at School 1.30pm – 2.30pm Pre-School Visit
Tues 30 th June	11am Class 4 Swim Safe – details to follow
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 2.30pm to 4.30pm
Tues 7 th July	1.30pm – 2.30pm Pre-School Visit
Thurs 9th July	C3 Lime Court Visit Y6 Prom
Mon 13 th July	Class 3 Trip – details to follow
Tues 14 th July	C4 Play 6pm
Weds 15 th July	C4 Play 1.30pm
Fri 17th July	Last day of school for Children Leavers Mass 10am Leavers Assembly 1pm – School finishes at 2pm
Tuesday 1 st September	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	All Children Return to School

Week Beginning Monday 22nd June

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/>

ST JOSEPH'S SPORTS DAY

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE



IN THE MORNING

TEAM EVENTS



IN THE AFTERNOON

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS



FOLLOWED BY

TODDLER RACE



**ICE CREAM VAN
IN THE AFTERNOON!**



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St Joseph's

SUMMER FÊTE

Friday 3rd July
2:30 - 4:30 PM

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**BBQ • GAMES • POLICE & FIRE SERVICE
AND MUCH MORE!**

Children's Vision Screening and Eye Health

Getting your child's free NHS eye test is important because early detection of vision problems means treatment can start sooner, leading to better outcomes and preventing long-term issues such as reduced or permanent loss of vision.



Commissioned by

Regular eye tests are essential as children often do not realise they have a problem, and unidentified vision issues can affect their learning, development, and everyday activities.

Children aged 4–5 years are offered a vision screening check at school by our trained team. If the screening suggests your child may have reduced vision, we will contact you, recommending a referral to a hospital specialist or local optician for an NHS eye test. If you have already been contacted but have not yet attended, please arrange this as soon as possible.

Early assessment and treatment can make a big difference to your child's vision and development. Even if your child did not need a referral, it is important to remember that vision can change as children grow.

Children's eyes are still developing until around 7–8 years of age, and problems are not always obvious. Eye tests are free for all children under 16, and for those under 19 in full-time education. Glasses are also free or subsidised if needed.

w: www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

Harwich Library



Dinosaur Crafts

Saturday 27th June 2026

10.30am - 12.00noon

For ages 5-10 years

Make a dinosaur glider and bookmark to take home at this free craft session

Booking essential:

Scan the QR code, go online to

<https://library->

[events.essex.gov.uk/event?id=3](https://library-events.essex.gov.uk/event?id=353448)

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Join part of our big ride!

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Spaces are limited, so please book using the QR code below.



Sunday 12th July



5pm



Cricket Club to Harwich Arts and Heritage Centre 5 miles

For more information

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