



Friday Flyer

18th
October
2024

Headteacher Awards

Kindness - Harlan Pooley (Reception) for being kind to others.

Compassion - Alfie (Huish Year 6) for always thinking of others.



This week, I have noticed lots of maturity in the children and great behaviours for learning and in the playground. It is a pleasure to see these traits in the children and it makes me proud to be their Headteacher. In Breakfast Club, the older and younger children play together cohesively, throughout the school day, older children take their responsibilities seriously and other children offer their help to adults and children alike. The adults in school have been busy doing things that will enhance our school - I have attended training at the Diocese for leading RE across the school and Mrs Huish and Mrs Hillier have networked with teachers in the South Woodham Partnership and with other schools in the county, who have trainee teachers. Today, I have met with the Year 6 Leaders to identify what tasks they can lead on to enhance our school - they have given great suggestions and are definitely future leaders!

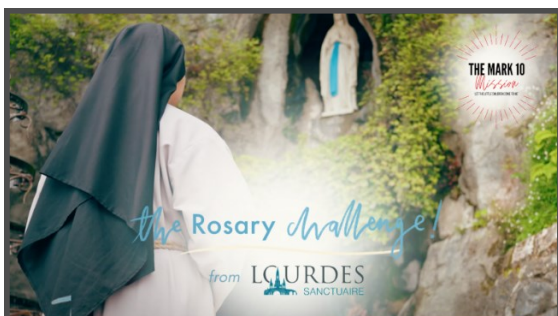
Today, you will have received a letter explaining about St Francis and St Joseph's moving away from being federated and becoming single schools. There are many benefits to this as outlined in the letter. This means we have started the consultation period and welcome your views. This week, we also had a fantastic response from you all to expand and develop our PTA. Everyone was able to give suggestions of activities that could be run across the year to raise money for the school. If you were unable to make the meeting but would like to be involved in any capacity, then please speak to Mrs Coster or any parent on the PTA. One of the things we discussed was making sure that you know exactly what we are fundraising for and how much is needed. The teachers have compiled a wish list, which we will send out to you via ParentPay- these are generally low cost items. In addition to this, we need outside storage containers for our Opal Play resources. We had to demolish the ones that used to be outside Year 1 class as they were not in good condition. In terms of bigger projects, we would really like to replace the PE shed as it will cost to have it repaired than to buy new. We have looked into new sheds and the cost would be about £750 including fitting.


Please see the attached parent/carers guide to emergencies in school.

Thank you so much for your continued support and partnership with us. Have a lovely weekend.
Miss North

Catholic Life and Mission

This week, it was lovely to hear the children in the library explaining to each other the prayers of the Rosary. The training that I attended yesterday will support the current provision for teaching RE in school. Previously, the school has used a programme of learning called 'Come and See' to deliver RE teaching. Gradually, we are implementing a new programme of learning called, 'To Know You More Clearly'. This programme of learning gives a greater depth and theological understanding of Catholic social teaching. Currently, EYFS, Year 1 & 2 use this programme of study and after half term, Year 3 & 4 will start using the programme. There are many fantastic resources that are interactive to support the learning, I am sure the children will enjoy their lessons due to this.





THE MISSION

NOT TO BE SERVED

Your Mark 10 Mission is one to do as a class. If you see someone serving, helping another person or putting someone else first. Quietly mention it to your teacher. They can make a note of it. At the end of the week, your teacher will choose and announce the greatest act of love and service done that week and the person responsible can be celebrated.

Terrific Teddy Award



Alara Ilhan (Pre-School) - Alara has been enjoying her week, participating in lots of activities based on the book of 'The little red hen'. Alara has been sitting nicely during carpet time and has been helping her teachers to tidy up the classroom.

Poppy Phillips (Reception Class) - Poppy is joining in with all our Reception Class activities with great enthusiasm! She always shares her games with her friends.



Pot of Gold



Max Driscoll, Year 1 Max always approaches his class work with enthusiasm. He is very determined to do his best and regularly participates in class discussions. Keep up the good work.

Harrison Hobbs, Year 2 for always trying his best. He is a kind and caring member of Year 2 and a great role model. Well done.

Ronnie Short, Year 3 Ronnie has been giving very thoughtful contributions to our RE lessons. He has also written a lovely piece of writing on the symbolism of a Baptism Candle and challenged himself throughout. Well done Ronnie.

Theo Driscoll, Year 4 Theo has approached his learning with a wonderful attitude this week. He has been challenging himself in his writing and continues to share thoughtful contributions to our discussions. Well done, Theo!

Ava Maynard, Year 5 for her mature attitude to her learning. Very well done, Ava.

Naomi Akinwumiju, Year 6 Naomi has been focussing very well in lessons, and also working more independently. She is also working very hard to improve her handwriting. Keep up the good work Naomi!

Work of the Week - Year 3

Good Work

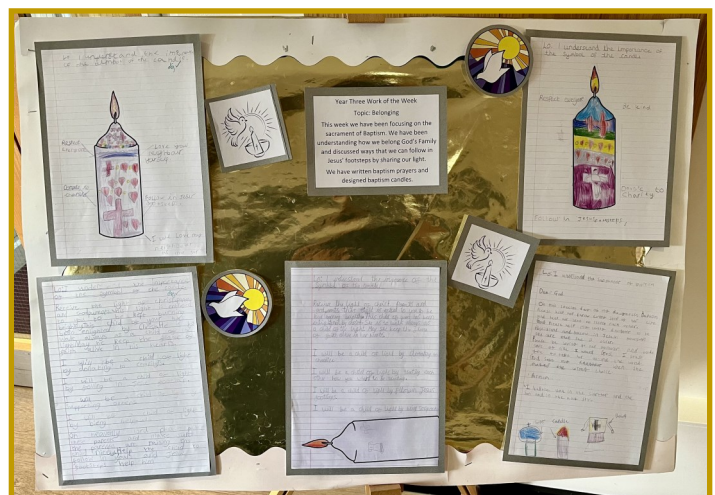


Topic: Belonging

This week we have been focusing on the Sacrament of Baptism.

We have been understanding how we belong God's Family and discussed ways that we can follow in Jesus' footsteps by sharing our light.

We have written baptism prayers and designed baptism candles.



Well done Year Six



Well done to year six who last week, undertook their first practice SAT's test of the year. I was so impressed with the mature way that they approached the tests, and their amazing desire to do the best that they can. From such a great starting point, amazing things are possible. I am very proud of you all.

Mr London

Year Two trip to Danbury Country Park

Last Wednesday, Year Two enjoyed an interesting and informative Science Trip to Danbury Country Park.

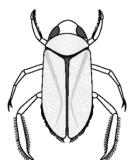
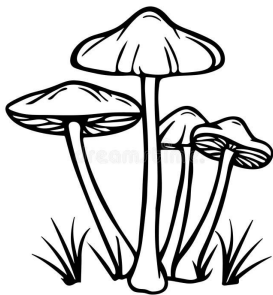
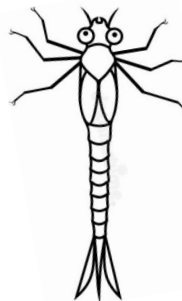
We spent time across the day exploring and comparing three habitat types, and were amazed at the wide range of mini beasts and plants we discovered! We were led by Rangers from Danbury Park in learning how to pond dip, meadow sweep and become effective woodland detectives. Some of our favourite discoveries were dragonfly nymphs, water boatmen, giant parasol mushrooms and a 500 year old oak tree!

Our picnic lunch and playtime in the 'secret' meadow also proved very popular!

Year Two were commended by Ranger staff for their perceptive questions and sensible behaviour; the children who travelled to and from the trip on the local bus were also wonderful ambassadors for St Joseph's and were complemented on their maturity by members of the public.

A special thank you also to the fantastic parent volunteers who accompanied us on this visit - we really appreciated your help!

Mrs Webster - Year 2 teacher



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Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus and said, "Master, we want you to do us a favour." Jesus said, "What is it you want me to do for you?" They answered, "When you come into your glory, allow one of us to sit at your right hand and the other at your left." When the other ten heard this they began to feel angry with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said, "You know how some rulers want to order people around and to control them. Well, you must not be like that. Whoever wants to be truly great must follow my example and be like a servant to others. I did not come to be served - I came to serve, and to give my life for other people."



Please continue to pray for all those in our school community in need of our prayers.



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Highest Attendance

The class with the highest attendance each week will be awarded the 'Attendance Cup'.

This week's League Table is:

Class	% Attendance
Reception	99.13
Year 1	95.79
Year 2	94.00
Year 3	96.47
Year 4	93.04
Year 5	92.65
Year 6	94.84
Whole School	94.91

This week's winners are:





St Joseph's Catholic Primary
School and Pre-School



**2025
SCHOOL ADMISSIONS NOW
OPEN**



SCHOOL TOURS

Wednesday 25th September
Tuesday 15th October
Thursday 14th November
at 9:30am



OUR FEATURES

- Developing a love of learning.
- Enrichment activities to support learning.
- Caring, family feel.
- Forest School

MORE INFORMATION

01245 321828
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Trinity Square, South Woodham
Ferrers, Essex, CM3 5JX.

INDIVIDUAL TOURS ALSO AVAILABLE



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bootsale



FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER



WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING
& WILL HAVE STOOLS IN THE MAIN HALL.

• TOYS • KIDS CLOTHES • BOOKS • JEWELLERY •
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS •



ALL MONEY MADE FROM DONATIONS WILL GO TO THE
SCHOOL. ANY LEFT OVER DONATIONS NOT SOLD CAN
BE COLLECTED AFTER THE EVENT OR WILL BE
DONATED TO LOCAL CHARITY SHOPS.



ANY HELPERS FOR THE EVENT WOULD BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED



*DATE FOR DONATIONS TO COME INTO SCHOOL TO BE
CONFIRMED*



MORE EVENT INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



Big Sister Project for all Maldon Schools

Places Leisure are running the [Big Sister Project](#) at Blackwater Leisure Centre in Maldon. They are offering a free membership to those on free school meals, and a 50% discount for everyone else. The project is for girls aged 9 to 15 years old. The membership includes access to We Move classes on a Tuesday between 5pm and 6pm, as well as gym and swim lessons.



Essex ActivAte is the name for the
Holiday Activity and Food programme
across Essex, run by Active Essex,
Essex County Council and Thurrock
Council, on behalf of the Department
for Education. If you are eligible for
Free School Meals, please click [here](#) for
more information



KS2 French Club is back!

When?



Y3 & Y4 Wednesdays 3.20 pm until 4.20 pm

Y5 & Y6 Thursdays 3.20 pm until 4.20 pm

Starting on Wednesday 9th October 2024

If your child is interested in joining the club, please
text me on 07526 677 934 or contact me via email:
hdusautoir@st-josephspri.essex.sch.uk asap as it
will be first come first served.

I am looking forward to welcoming our budding
linguists.

Madame Dusautoir



October Dates

22	Year 3 trip to Science Museum
24	Swimming lessons for Year 5&6
25	School PTA Disco

Monday 28th October-Friday 1st November
Half Term



November Dates

4	Bradwell meeting for parents and Year 5 pupils at 3.30pm
11	Parent Meetings - Year 3&4 1pm-3pm Parent Meetings - Year 5 1pm-5pm
12	Parent Meetings - Reception, Year 2-6 3.45-6pm
13	Parent Meetings - Year 1 1pm-5pm
14	School tours for Reception 2025 Parent Meetings - Reception, Year 2-6 5pm-8pm
15	PTA Bootsale
27	Year 4 trip to Southend Museum
29	Whole School Panto



Secondary School Applications

As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2025) is **31 October 2024**.

If you are yet to submit an application, you must do so by **31 October 2024**. Any applications made late are dealt with after those made on time and so applying late reduces the chances of being offered a preferred school.

Applications can be made via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.



Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Charity Christmas Cards are now available to purchase. Click [here](https://www.bccs.org.uk/christmas-cards/) for an order form or alternatively you can order and pay via their website here:

<https://www.bccs.org.uk/christmas-cards/>



Flood

The Environmental Agency issues three levels of flood warning:

1. Flood Alert (higher levels of water than usual).
2. Flood Warning (flooding of homes), businesses and property expected).
3. Severe Flood Warning (severe flooding is imminent. Imminent danger to life and property).

Governing Bodies have agreed that in the event of the 2nd level of warning being issued, the following schools in the flood plain, will close: St. Joseph's Primary, Trinity St. Mary's Primary, Collingwood Primary.

Should the 3rd level of warning be received, **all** schools will close as the two schools on higher ground, Elmwood Primary and Woodville Primary, may be needed as additional evacuation centres.

Should the warnings be received during the normal school day, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their children. If road closures or other reasons prevent this, those children will, if necessary, be evacuated with staff to the school identified in the table overleaf.

School Records

It is essential that school records are kept up to date. All schools update these on an annual basis. However, should your contact details alter in the interim, please notify your child's school immediately.

Useful telephone numbers:

Collingwood Primary School	01245 322258
Elmwood Primary School	01245 321301
St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School	01245 321828
Trinity St. Mary's C of E Primary School	01245 321711
St. Mary's C of E Primary School	01245 320505
Woodville Primary School	01245 321755
William de Ferrers Secondary School	01245 326326

(Reviewed February 2023)

A Parent/Carer's Guide to Emergencies in School



Safeguarding pupils and students through forward planning.

Dealing with Emergencies

All schools are required to make preparations in the event of unexpected or emergency situations, although these are implemented on relatively few occasions!

Individual School Emergencies

These could include:

- Fire
- Severe weather conditions such as heavy snow, preventing staff from getting to work
- Boiler breakdown
- Building damage
- Service malfunction

In the event of any such difficulties occurring, all schools will do everything possible to maintain their normal routine. However, occasionally there may be a need to close all, or part of the school. If this proves necessary, the procedure will be as follows:

- ⇒ When possible, parents will receive information by text, e-mail or letter, in line with the school's normal means of communication.
- ⇒ If prior notice is not possible, information will be given via local radio.
- ⇒ On occasion, parents/carers will be telephoned during the day to ascertain if they are able to take their children home.
- ⇒ No pupil or student will be allowed to leave without their usual responsible adult or named contact.
- ⇒ All children and young people who are unable to go home, will remain in school until the normal collection time

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- ⇒ it would be unsafe to remain in the building, in which event evacuation to another local school will be organised and children should then be collected from the host school (see chart for details).

Local Radio transmission bands

BBC Essex: 103.5 and 95.3 fm

Evacuation to a host school

School	In an individual school emergency, the host school will be:	In flood conditions the host school will be:
Collingwood	W. de Ferrers	n/a
Elmwood	Champions Manor Hall	Any children unable to go home will remain on site
St. Joseph's	W. de Ferrers	Elmwood
St. Mary's	The Chapel, Woodham Ferrers	n/a
Trinity St. Mary's	W. de Ferrers	Elmwood
Woodville	Elmwood	Any children unable to go home will remain on site
W. de Ferrers	Contact parents then send students home	Woodville
Chetwood Centre	Centre users will return to their own school or, if appropriate, follow their school's evacuation procedure (above).	

Whole Locality Emergencies

These could include dangerous weather conditions, such as severe gales or flood. Parents will be informed of school closures in the normal way, if at all possible, or by local radio or telephone.