

Friday Flyer

Headteacher Awards



Gracie (Year 4) for showing kindness to others, helping them and creating new games.

Harry (Year 5) for showing kindness by organising and playing games with children.

Headteacher Weekly Message

Welcome back to the start of the new school year. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable time over the summer with your children. It has been lovely to see all the children come back to school with brilliant attitudes to learning and good behaviours around school. Year 6 have demonstrated this week, how they can be good role models for the rest of the school – well done! Over the summer, we had some IT work completed to make technology in the school more efficient. Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Farmer, a Midday Assistant, who has worked at St Joseph's for Years. We wish her well in her move to Madrid. This week, we welcomed Mrs Harman, an LSA who is working with a child in Year 2 class. As you know, our current communication systems do not enable us to communicate to school and Pre-School parents at the same time, we currently have to use two different systems. Therefore, in October, we will be replacing some of our current systems with Arbor. Arbor will allow us to communicate with all parents at the same time, which will be much more effective. We are currently using Microsoft Forms for: booking Breakfast Club & After School Club, permissions and data collection. Please can you ensure that you use the links for these so that this system works smoothly for all – thank you. I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Miss North

Catholic Life and Mission



This week, we pray for all our families.

The children have been thinking about Fr Matthias and wishing him good luck in his new parish in Colchester. Fr Matthais will be missed for his warm and kind manner with the children. We appreciate how often he gave up his time to celebrate Mass, visit us and carry out events such as the May procession. We welcome Fr Angelus to the parish and we hope to develop new links with him soon.





Terrific Teddy Awards



Pre-School: Everyone!

For having a lovely first week.

Reception – The Whole Class

Well done to all the children in Reception Class. You have all had such a great week and made a fantastic start at St Joseph's School!

Mrs Huish says well done!



Pot of Gold Awards

Year 1: Adem, Adem has just joined Year 1 and has settled in so well. He is working hard to learn our new class routines and completing jobs independently. Well done, Adem!

Year 2: Frankie, for settling in well and learning all the new routines in school as well as demonstrating good learning behaviours.

Year 3: Michael, for completing a very successful first week at St Joseph's, well done!

Year 4: Owen, for being extremely helpful in class this week.

Year 5: Harry, for being helpful in class.

Year 6: Ethan, I have been so impressed with the way that Ethan has started year six: he has shown excellent listening skills and has consistently been one of the first people to be ready. A great start to the year.

PTA News

Over the summer, our IT company have helped us to set up the new ipads with all the school systems and filters on. These will be distributed into classes next week.

We are in the process of arranging a PTA meeting for all parents – a date will follow. We hope to have a series of PTA events running this term.

Attendance

Reception Class	93%
Year 1 Class	95%
Year 2 Class	100%
Year 3 Class	89%
Year 4 Class	90%
Year 5 Class	96%
Year 6 Class	98%

As a school, we aim for 96% attendance.

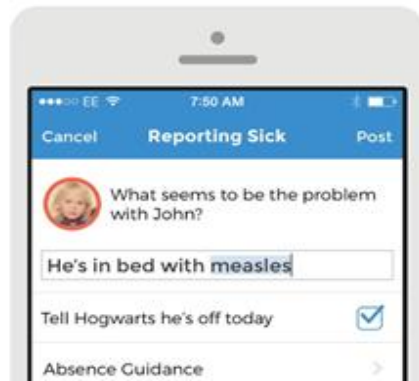
Well done Year 2 class for 100% attendance!
You will have extra play next week.

Should I send my child to school, if they are ill?

During the winter months we are seeing an increase in children being off school because they are unwell. We support you, as parents to decide what is best for your child, but the guidance below is useful. Alongside this guidance, please support your child's health, by ensuring that they are getting all the vitamins and minerals they need to stay healthy. Where appropriate, consider whether your child could come back to school a day or so earlier when they have been off with a cold/cough.

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Diary Dates:

9 th September (am)	Dentist visiting school
15 th September (all day)	Year 5 learning First Aid with Lazurus Training
17 th September (pm)	Year 6 Online Exploitation workshop
19 th September (pm)	Year 3 Home Safety Workshop
22 nd September 3:30pm	Year 6 Parents Meeting
24 th September (pm)	Year Cyberbullying Workshop
30 th September (am)	EYFS Individual Photographs
2 nd October 9:15am – 9:30am	EYFS & KS1 Come and Celebrate – parents invited into school.
7 th October 9:15am – 9:30am	KS2 Come and Celebrate – parents invited into school.
27 th October – 31 st October	Half Term

*We will be adding a Harvest Festival date to this diary and potentially a Mass for Year 6.

What is an emergency alert test?

The Emergency Alerts system is used to warn if there's a danger to life nearby, including extreme weather. Since the first national test of the system in April 2023, five alerts have been sent, including during major storms when lives were at risk. We will be running a second national test on Sunday 7 September 2025 at 3pm.



GENESIS THEATRE ARTS

Saturday

Tots Musical Theatre Dance/Drama Class

3-5yrs - 8.30am - 9am

Tots Ballet Class

3-5yrs - 9am - 9.30am

Tots Musical Theatre Dance/Drama Class

3-5yrs - 9.30am - 10.10am

Dance Class

6-11yrs - 10.15am - 11am

Drama Class

6-11yrs - 11am - 11.45am

Primary Ballet Class

6+yrs - 11.45pm - 12.30pm

Grade I Ballet Class

8+yrs 12.30pm - 1.15pm

Monday

DDMIX Adult Fitness Class

10am - 10.45am

Grade III Ballet Class

4.45pm - 5.30pm

Grade III Tap Class

5.30pm - 6.15pm

Wednesday

Tap class

5-11yrs - 4.50pm - 5.35pm

Musical Theatre class

5-11yrs - 5.35pm - 6.20pm

Grade II Tap Class

6.20pm - 7pm

Adult Tap Beginners Class

7.05pm - 7.50pm

Thursday

Poms (Basic Cheer) Class

5+yrs - 4.50pm - 5.30pm

Musical Theatre Dance/Drama Class

10+yrs 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Contact Natalie

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St Joseph's After School Club

We are excited to be launching After School Club for pupils including pre-school children from Monday 20th January.



Children will be able to access a range of age appropriate activities and crafts.
A healthy snack and drink will also be offered.

Session timings and cost

3:20 -4:15pm - £5.00

3:20-5:00pm - £7.00

3:20-5:30pm - £9.00

3:20-6:00pm - £12.00

If you would like your child to attend, please contact the school office, thank you.