



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School



New parent meeting – May 2026

With Jesus we learn, we care, we listen, we share so that He might be seen in the people that we are and the things that we do.



Welcome

- Headteacher's welcome
- Staff introductions
- Open door policy – parent school partnership
- School governors
- Policies – website
- Home visits



School day timings

- Soft start – doors open at 08:45 – 09:00
- Lunch – 12:00-13:00
- End of day: 15:25 (EYFS)



A date for your diary

Wednesday 8th July - We invite your child to visit their Reception classroom and get to know their new friends. Parents are also invited to meet over refreshments in our school hall.

13:30-14:30



The first few weeks...

There will be a short induction to give your child time to settle in.
Children will start school on Monday 7th September

Monday 7th - Thursday 10th September– morning or pm sessions.

Mornings – 09:00-12:00

Afternoons – 13:00-15:25

Friday 11th September – all children in school – 09:00-12:30 (Stay for lunch)

Monday 14th September – 08:45-15:25

Any amendments to this will be on an individual basis



Paperwork

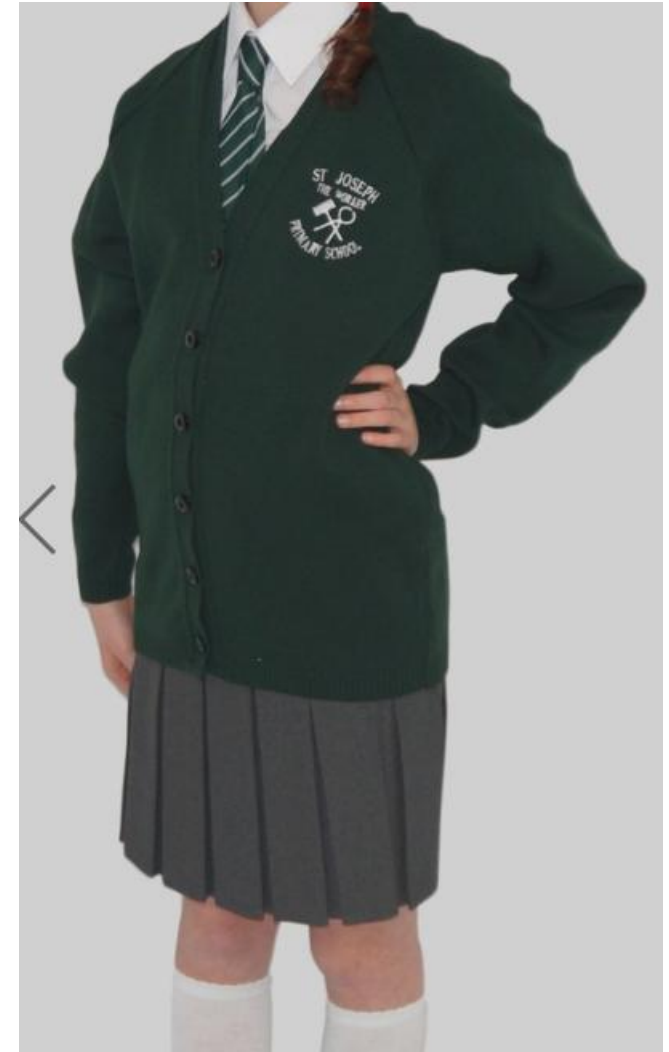
- Please make sure all registration forms are completed and handed in to the school office.
- Ensure we have multiple and up-to-date emergency contact numbers.
- If there is a change to the usual pick-up arrangements and someone different is picking up your child, please let us know
- Please notify us of any health conditions- asthma, allergies etc
- Our Office team are extremely friendly and helpful

School uniform – smarty pants / red oak wear



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Things to bring to school

- Suitable coats—nothing too special as it is likely to get sandy, muddy or wet
- Hats, scarves, gloves and sun hats (where applicable)
- Water bottles – plastic
- Book bags, reading records and reading books—these are checked and changed regularly.
- A pair of labelled wellies
- Please make sure all items are named



What if your child is unable to attend school?

- Contact the school before 9.00am in case of illness
- Medicine administered at school
- Holidays should not be taken during school holidays. Talk to us



Food and drink in school

- Snacks are provided for all Key Stage 1 children through a government scheme to help promote Healthy Eating.
- The snack is always a piece of fruit or vegetable, usually either an apple, banana, carrot, tomato, orange or raisins.
- We never know what will arrive – it is a surprise!
- Milk – register online - [Cool Milk – Little Sips, Big Adventures](#)



Food and drink in school

- All children eat their meals in the School Hall and sit with their friends when eating.
- Children can choose to bring a packed lunch or a school meal.
- All Reception children are eligible to receive a free school meal.



Top tips to help your child become school ready...



- To recognise their own name.
- To speak to an adult to ask for help.
- To enjoy listening to a book.
- To be able to use the toilet independently.
- To follow a simple instruction.
- To get dressed independently.

If you have any concerns about your child starting in Reception, we have an open-door policy so please come and speak to us



Other things that you can do to help...

- Lots of counting, both reciting and counting objects accurately.
- Learning to recognise numbers
- Singing nursery rhymes
- Reading stories and talking about them
- Lots of drawing, colouring, playdough and Lego to help build up hand strength
- Lots of talking; promoting communication by discussing what you do over the summer etc.



Parents as partners

We recognise the importance of parents and carers in a child's development. You are your child's first educators and we greatly value any input, opinions and information you can share with us about your child's learning and progress.

Please let us know as soon as possible if anything is worrying you or concerning you.

Our commitment is to your child, to ensuring that we work together so that they are safe, happy, secure and learning.



What else do you need to know?

- Every Friday there will a newsletter to keep you up to date. This is emailed to you.
- At the beginning of the school term there will be a general overview of what your child will be learning
- There will be a formal opportunity to talk to me in October and February – progress
- We are a cashless school- payment is online

Links for guidance on starting school

- [Starting primary school - BBC Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize](#)
- [Learning conversations and telling stories: 3 to 5 years – NHS](#)
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- [Words for Life | National Literacy Trust | Words for Life](#)

TLC top ten talking tips....

[Talk-Listen-Cuddle-Number-rhyme-cards-with-top-ten-talking-tips.pdf](#)

[TLC Rhyme Cards](#)

Essex County Council
Children and Families

TLC Top Ten Talking Tips

10 top tips to help your child become a confident communicator!

- **Say your child's name first** as this will gain their attention.
- **Get down to your child's level** so they can see your face when you speak.
- **Follow your child's lead** so they know you are interested in what they are doing.
- **Make more comments and ask less questions** as this will help build their vocabulary.
- **Comment on what your child is doing and what you are doing** to help them learn new words.
- **Speak in short sentences** to help them understand what you are saying.
- **Repeat back what your child says** to model language and let them know you are listening.
- **Pause to give your child time to think**, give your child at least 10 seconds to process information.
- **Use gestures when you are talking** as this will give your child extra clues to help them understand what you are saying.
- **Sing songs and share stories every day.** This will give your child confidence as they become more familiar with them.

Talk Listen Cuddle





What's next?

- Complete the overview sheet (on your table) and leave it with us today
- Complete the forms in the pack ready to be collected during the home Visit
- Confirm Home Visit



Morning and After School Club

7:45am – 5:00pm

Wrap Around Care Parent Survey





Our school website

- [Home | St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School](#)





Finally...

Get excited!

Look forward to starting school and all the fun times ahead!