



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School



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Thursday 21st May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely start to the week we have had. After a busy weekend with the First Holy Communions and the 50th Anniversary Mass on Saturday, we celebrated on Monday with a special Mass and May Procession, followed by a 'party' for the communicants. This is something we hope will become an SJW tradition. Thank you to Lucy Meehan, who organised the refreshments for the children, and to Fr Gary for making the Mass and procession so beautiful. A huge congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion — may they continue to find joy and love in the Eucharist.



Congratulations also to Leo W and Jude from Year 5, who were elected as our MPs for the Children's Parliament. This was a serious process in which they had to give speeches in front of the whole school before a secret ballot was held throughout the school. They are being 'sworn in' today in Basildon.

We also want to say how proud we are of Jimmy in Year 5 for winning this half term's Kindness Award, and of Year 1 for winning the 'Faith in Action' Award.

Remember that tomorrow is an INSET day, so the school will not be open. All of the staff will be off site for a Vision and Values Day, and so phones and emails will not be monitored except in emergencies.

Have a wonderful half term and enjoy the warm weather that I believe is on the way.

Mrs Poulter



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Rounders



On a (surprisingly dry) Tuesday afternoon this week, we took a team of 10 children from Year 6 to the Shenfield Partnership Primary Rounders Competition.

Nine teams were split into two groups, who then had to play each other. Our first game against Ingatestone saw us win with an easy 8-1 victory. Then, next against Bentley, another win: 9-3 1/2. Our luck held against Hutton Manor and we once again came out victorious, 8-5. Our last game in the group was against St Mary's, who have been champions for the last 3 years. We held our nerve, played an amazing game, and beat them 7 1/2-5.

Onto the semis... St Peter's looked strong from the outset; however, our skills shone through and once again we were victorious, 9-7.

The final brought us once again against St Mary's, who had won the other semi-final. After losing our strong batters early, we still showed some incredible teamwork and our fielding was amazing; however, it was not to be and the game ended 9-7. Silver medal winners!

We were so impressed with all our players. Due to wet weather etc., we have only had a couple of practices, so to come out and end up with second place against some other strong teams was amazing.

Well done to John, Alex, Harry, Michael, Evan, Charlie, Ava, Sofia B, Sophia Sw and Verity.



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Use of School Play Equipment Before and After School

We would like to remind families that the school play equipment and outdoor areas should only be used under parental supervision before registration and after the end of the school day.

Please note that outside of the school's supervised hours (before 9:00am and after 3:30pm), responsibility for children's safety remains with parents and carers. During these times, the school cannot accept responsibility or liability for any accidents, injuries, or incidents that may occur while children are using the play equipment or school grounds.

We kindly ask all families to ensure that children are supervised appropriately and use the equipment safely and respectfully.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Important Dates this Term	
22nd May	INSET day – school closed
25th May	Half term
1st-5th June	Year 4 multiplication check week
8th-12th June	Year 1 phonics screening week
15th - 19th June	Journey in Love week (information on our website). Letters will go out to Years 4 to 6 soon
2nd July	Sports Day
4th July	Summer Fete – 11:30-15:30
8th July	Transition afternoon. Children will visit their new classes
9th July	Reports home to parents
9th July	Year 6 production to parents 2pm
15th July	Leavers' Mass
17th July	Last day of term for children



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Certificates of Achievement were awarded to the following children this week, well done to you all.

Class R: Eve and Elva
Class 1: Manasvee, Isla and Helena
Class 2: Robyn, Sebastian and Ibrahim
Class 3: Evelyn, Aayla and Casey
Class 4: Amarachi, Eva and Marnie
Class 5: Aimee, Connor and Matthew
Class 6: Charlie, Sophia Sw and Evan



HOUSE CUP – Assisi (Green) House won the cup this week – Well done!

Note from the Parish

We would like to invite parents and staff to 2 exciting events coming up in the parish! 🎉

🍷 🏠 Wine Tasting Evening – Saturday 6th June

Join us in the Parish Hall for a relaxed and enjoyable evening of Italian wine tasting led by sommelier Tim Haslam. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Guests will enjoy tasting 6 specially selected Italian wines, each accompanied by delicious cheeses.

Tickets are £25 per person (over 18s only) and will be available after Saturday and Sunday Masses. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a fun and sociable evening!

🔥 🍔 Parish BBQ at Hutton Hall – Sunday 28th June

Save the date for our Parish BBQ at Hutton Hall — a fantastic opportunity for parish families and friends to come together for good food, fun and community spirit.

Tickets will be on sale soon, with more details to follow.

🍓 📖 🛒 May Reading Challenge: Picnic Pages 🛒 📖 🍓

Head to the park or garden with a blanket and snacks. Enjoy a story while munching on something tasty.



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TOY DONATIONS NEEDED

We are developing resources to support children's **joint attention skills** and would greatly appreciate donations of small toys that use **light, sound or movement**.

We are looking for items such as: light-up toys, sound toys (eg. roaring dinosaurs or talking characters), small instruments (drums or rain sticks), sound-making puppets, jack-in-the-box toys, jiggle balls, spinning tops and moving toys (wind-up toys, pull-back vehicles, remote control cars, Magic Trax cars).

As these resources will be stored in small containers, **donated items will need to fit inside a 7-litre container (maximum size approx. 30cm x 18cm x 13cm)**.

If you can help, please send items into school or leave them at the school office. Thank you for your support!

Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for children's learning, development, and future success. Being in school every day helps children build strong academic foundations, develop routines, and maintain positive relationships with teachers and peers. Attendance below 90% can have a serious impact, as it means a child is missing a significant amount of learning time, which can lead to gaps in knowledge, lower confidence, and reduced progress. Consistent attendance helps ensure children reach their full potential and develop habits that support success later in life.

We understand that parents are often faced with the difficult dilemma of whether or not to send their child into school. This useful link on the NHS website may be of help.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)



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Note from the PTA

SJW tea towels - order w/c 1 Jun!

This week the children have made drawings of themselves for a fantastic family keepsake - the school tea towel! There will be one tea towel for the Infants and another for the Juniors.

We have to take orders in advance, so if you would like one for yourselves or as a gift for a relative, then we will be taking orders (and payment) w/c 1 June at drop-off and pick-up (as with the last disco tickets). The tea towels will be £7 each.

The orders will take a few weeks to process and then we will give them to the children to bring home once they arrive. Please note - we will not be able to make further orders after w/c 1 June, so make sure you grab them while you can!

Father's Day shop - Tue 16 Jun

As per our Mother's Day shop, we will be running one for Father's Day. Children will be able to purchase gifts during the school day.

Summer Fete - Sat 4 Jul

This year we have lots planned - big inflatables, music, games and refreshments, so please put the date in your diary.

We are going to need lots of volunteers to be able to do everything that we have planned, so if you are able to help then please let your class rep know.

We will also be getting advertising boards from an estate agent. If you are happy for your address to have one until mid-July, then please let your class rep know ASAP.

Thank you!



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And finally...

We ended the week with a beautiful Pentecost assembly led by our school chaplains. Pentecost is this Sunday and is the birthday of the church. Why not celebrate this important feast by going to Mass this weekend?



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Week Commencing Monday 1st June 2026:

Year 4 Multiplication check week

Monday 1 st June 2026	
Class 4 and 6	PE
Enrolled Students	Piano Lessons
	No Choir
Enrolled Students	Gardening Club – 4.30 pick up.
Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	
Class 5 and 6	Athletics – 8am – Junior Playground
Class R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	PE
Enrolled Students	Guitar lesson
Selected Students	Year 6 Girl's Cricket
Class 5	Drumming
Wednesday 3 rd June 2026	
Class 3	PE
Selected Students	Cricket Club – 4.45 pick up from field
Enrolled Students	Drumming Lessons
Thursday 4 th June 2026	
Class 3 and 4	Summer Games Club – 8am
Class R, 1 and 6	PE
Class 5	Swimming
Enrolled Students	Drumming lessons
Friday 5 th June 2026	
Class 5 and 6	Rounders – 8am – Field (Please check school website for cancelation)
Class 2	PE
Enrolled Students	Guitar Lessons
Class R	Trip – Call of the Wild



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