



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School



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Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say well done to all of the children, teachers and staff for coping so well in the hot weather. Everyone showed a great deal of patience and resilience, remaining positive throughout. We made several adjustments to help mitigate the heat as much as possible and found some very creative ways to keep cool, from ice lollies to foot spas (see below)!

I would also like to thank you, as parents and carers, for the support and understanding you have shown throughout the week. It was important to us to remain open to provide the children with stability and routine, while also supporting working families.

I must also mention Year 4, who went on the Food and Farming trip on Tuesday. A little birdie told me they were excellent - a real credit to the school despite the hot weather. Well done, Year 4! They have another special event next week when they take part in the Brentwood Schools Vocal Festival at the Brentwood Centre on Wednesday evening. I know they will once again make us incredibly proud.

On the subject of school trips, I would like to remind parents that these visits are only possible with your support through voluntary contributions. Unfortunately, our school budget is no longer able to subsidise the cost of trips. As a result, if fewer than 25% of families make the requested contribution, we will have to cancel the visit. At present, a small number of upcoming trips are at risk, including the Year 6 residential to Danbury in October. It would be a real shame for the children to miss out, as it is such a valuable and memorable experience. If you are able to contribute, we would be extremely grateful for your support.

On Thursday 2nd July, we have a busy day ahead. Our annual Sports Day will take place in the morning on Hutton Poplars Field. This is always a wonderful occasion for our whole school community. Please be considerate of our neighbours and of one another during the event.

Our Open Evening will take place after school that same day, when you are warmly invited into school to see the wonderful learning that has taken place throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming many of you to both events.

Wishing you all a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Poulter



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Class R staying cool with their foot spa film afternoon.



Year 3 learning about the Jewish tradition of Passover (Pesach) by trying their own Seder meals and watching the Prince of Egypt!

Love working with children?

Looking to gain valuable experience in a school setting?

After School Club Assistant Needed

We're seeking a caring and enthusiastic assistant to join our After School Club on Mondays and Fridays, 3:15pm–6:00pm.

Come and make a difference while building your skills in a rewarding school environment!

June Reading Challenge: Picture Book or Graphic Novel Month

Dive into colourful pages full of illustrations. Take turns choosing your favourite picture or funniest



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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

2nd July	Sports Day
2 nd July	Open evening 3:45pm - 5pm
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 2pm Balloon Release
17th July	Last day of term for children

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

Class R: Connie and Zayne
Class 1: Erin and Sebastian
Class 2: Isabella and Jack
Class 3: Sophia P
Class 4: Chace, Iris and Ryan
Class 5: Cyrus, Milena and Tise
Class 6: Michael and Sophia Sw



HOUSE CUP – Rome (Red) won the cup this week – Well done!



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Messages from the PTA

Tea Towels

Our school tea towels have arrived and they look fantastic! We can't wait to see the children's reactions to what they have created! Early next week we will be giving them to the children who have ordered them in advance. For those who didn't get a chance to order them we will be selling them Tuesday after school and again at the Fete on Saturday 4th.

A Little Plea for Bottle Donations! 🙏

As the children have been wearing their PE kits for much of the week, we've received fewer bottle donations than usual for Trainer Day. If you have an unopened bottle you could spare, we'd be so grateful if you could send it into school. Every donation helps make makes a difference!

A FINAL PLEA 🙏 - Summer Fete 4th July

This year we have lots planned - multiple inflatables, music, games and refreshments, so please do attend!!!

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 or email stjosephtheworkerpta@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

Parish BBQ at Hutton Hall – Sunday 28th June 2026

Join us for a wonderful afternoon of food, friendship and summer fun at our Parish BBQ on **Sunday 28th June** in the stunning grounds of Hutton Hall! There will be delicious food, refreshments, games, laughter, and a great chance to spend time together as a **parish and school community** in a relaxed and joyful atmosphere.

Everyone is very welcome. Please do come along and bring family and friends.

It promises to be a lovely occasion for all ages and a wonderful way to celebrate the summer together.

Don't forget to bring your own chairs, picnic rug, and games, and we hope to see you there!

Adults £10, Children £5

Tickets (including a hot dog or burger and a drink) **are on sale after weekend Masses** or via email hutton@brcdt.org .



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NeeDoh Toy Safety Reminder

Many families may have seen recent reports about safety concerns involving NeeDoh stress toys. While incidents are rare, there have been reports of toys rupturing after being exposed to extreme temperatures, causing serious burns.

If your child has a NeeDoh toy, please follow the manufacturer's guidance and avoid leaving it in hot cars, direct sunlight, or exposing it to other extreme temperatures. If the toy becomes damaged, swollen, or starts leaking, it should no longer be used.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe.

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!

Music Activities This Summer for all Schools – Bookings Now Open

Families are invited to sign up for a range of music activities taking place across Essex this summer. The summer programme includes:

- Workshops from songwriting and musical theatre to DJ and open mic sessions
- Free sessions through Essex ActivAte for eligible children
- Music events in libraries linked to the Summer Reading Challenge

There are sessions for all ages and abilities. Places are limited and early booking is recommended. Book via the [Essex Music Service](http://www.essexmusic.org.uk) website.



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And finally...

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matthew 7: 24

The Leaning Tower of Pisa is undeniably beautiful. Yet it stands as a reminder that foundations matter. A magnificent structure can be compromised by what lies unseen beneath it. Jesus does not ask us first to build impressive lives; He asks us to build well. The deepest question is not how successful, admired or accomplished we appear, but whether our lives rest securely upon the rock of His word.



Week Commencing Monday 29th June 2026:

Monday 29 th June 2026	
Class 4 and 6	PE
Selected Students	Girls Cricket
Enrolled Students	Piano Lessons
Enrolled Students	Choir
Enrolled Students	Gardening Club – 4.30 pick up.
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	
Class 5 and 6	Athletics – 8am – Junior Playground
Class R, 1, 3, 4 and 5	PE
Enrolled Students	Guitar lesson
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	
Class 3	PE
Selected Students	Cricket Club – 4.45 pick up from field
Enrolled Students	Drumming Lessons
Class 4	Brentwood Vocal Festival
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	
Class 3 and 4	Summer Games Club – 8am
Class 5	Swimming
Whole School	Sports Morning – please see separate email for details
Whole School	Open evening 3:45pm - 5pm
Friday 3 rd July 2026	
Class 5 and 6	Rounders – 8am – Field (Please check school website for cancellation)
Class R and 3	Oral Screening (please complete online consent)
Class 2	PE
Enrolled Students	Guitar Lessons
Saturday 4 th July 2026	
Whole School	School Fete 11.30-3.30



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