



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School



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Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear parents/carers,

What a wonderful week we have had! This week has been International Week, and the classes have all been learning about different cultures from around the world. We had a wonderful 'showing assembly' today, where everyone shared what they have been learning.

Yesterday was, of course, Sports Day. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Ayers for all her hard work in organising the day. I am sure you will agree that it ran very smoothly, and all of the children were active and engaged throughout. A really big thank you also goes to everyone who helped set up and pack away, including many former pupils. It was especially wonderful to welcome back Mrs Giles and Mrs Lyons, who helped with the timings and scoring.

Thank you also to all of the parents who came to support your children. It was a fabulous day, made possible by a real team effort – well done, everyone!

We also held our annual Open Evening yesterday, where we celebrated all of the children's learning and gave you the opportunity to see the fantastic progress they have made. Thank you to the teachers for their hard work throughout the year; they really do put a huge amount of effort into your children's education.

We are particularly proud of some of our children this week. Firstly, our Year 6 boys' cricket team represented St Joseph the Worker at the County Cricket Finals on Tuesday. More on that below, but well done, boys, you really did us proud with your excellent sportsmanship, wonderful manners and bright smiles!

Secondly, Year 4 represented the school at the Brentwood Vocal Festival on Wednesday evening and were absolutely fabulous - a real credit to us all. Despite the unusual circumstances of watching a nail-biting England match before the concert, they sang their hearts out. Well done, Year 4!

We will see you all tomorrow at the summer fayre!

Mrs Poulter

Carrier bags

Please can we ask you to send your child into school with a carrier bag at some point next week. They will need it to carry all of their fabulous learning home at the end of term.



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SPORTS UPDATE

Our boys cricket team delivered a wonderful performance at the recent County Cricket finals held at Billericay Cricket Club on Tuesday. They demonstrated outstanding teamwork, sharp skills and fantastic sportsmanship throughout the entire tournament.

- Michael, Jophiel, and Alex turned the game around with some truly spectacular catches.
- John anchored the defence with brilliant and flawless wicket-keeping.
- Harry kept the pressure on the opposition with consistently accurate bowling.
- Noah and Alex saved crucial runs through quick, sharp fielding.

A massive well-done to all eight boys who took part and represented our school so brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of your hard work and dedication!



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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

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

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



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

Class R: Aviel
Class 1: Dhian and Sophie
Class 2: Mila, Toby and Xavier
Class 3: Bertie and Harry
Class 4: Eliza, Ella and Karnail
Class 5: Aarav, Freddie and Lucas
Class 6: Alexander and Sophie Co



HOUSE CUP – Bethlehem (Blue) won the cup this week – Well done!

 Congratulations to Eliza on earning your pen licence! Well done!

 **Well done to Assisi (Green) for winning Sports Day!**

Messages from the PTA

Tea Towels

Our school tea towels have arrived and they look fantastic! 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 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!

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 website.



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Alpha 2026

Imagine being able to ask those questions that have been on your mind and in your heart about faith. Now, imagine doing that with a glass of wine in your hand or a lemonade, sharing a meal, enjoying good conversation surrounded by a lovely group of similarly interested people. That's Alpha - and you are invited.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the fundamentals of Christian faith in a relaxed and welcoming environment. It is suitable for Catholics wanting to renew their faith, non - Catholics who want to find out about the Christian faith, those of any faith or none.

In St Joseph the Worker Church Hall on Wednesdays 7.15-9.00pm from 16 September to 02 December. Sign up in the church or email alphahutton@gmail.com for more information. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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!

And finally...

"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30



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Week Commencing Monday 6th July 2026:

Monday 6 th July 2026	
Class 4 and 5	PE
Selected Students	Girls Cricket
Enrolled Students	Piano Lessons
Enrolled Students	Choir
Enrolled Students	Gardening Club – 4.30 pick up.
Tuesday 7 th July 2026	
Class 6	Athletics – 8am – Junior Playground
Class R, 1, 3, 4 and 6	PE
Enrolled Students	Guitar lesson
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	
Class 3 and 6	PE
Selected Students	Cricket Club – 4.45 pick up from field
Enrolled Students	Drumming Lessons
Thursday 9 th July 2026	
Class 3 and 4	Summer Games Club – 8am
Class R, 1 and 2	PE
Class 5	Swimming (please see separate email that has been sent today)
Class 6 Parents	Year 6 Production 2-3pm (back gate will be open at 1.45. The playground will NOT be open for parking)
Friday 10 th July 2026	
Class 5 and 6	Rounders – 8am – Field (Please check school website for cancelation)
Class 5	St Martin's Taster Day (wear PE kits. Need packed lunch)
Class 6	Adventure Island (Be at school by 8.45am, wear PE kits. Need packed lunch)
Class 2	PE
KS1	Parent reading session 3.10-3.30 (all gates open at 3 – playground will not be opened for parking)
Enrolled Students	Guitar Lessons



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