



# St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School



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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We began the week with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Monday, and every classroom is now decorated with beautifully coloured crosses. What a lovely way to celebrate the importance of the cross as a symbol of our Catholic faith.

I would like to say a big well done to our new Reception children, who have completed their first week of full days in school. They have handled the transition so well and have even begun learning their sounds in their phonics lessons. Fabulous!

I would also like to wish all the children who are sitting their 11+ exam on Saturday the very best of luck. I know that they will have been working hard in preparation over many months, and we hope that their hard work is rewarded. However, we also know that an exam result does not measure who they are as people, and we are incredibly proud of them. We are very blessed in this area to have a large choice of excellent secondary schools, so we know that all will be well, whatever the outcome.

**Fairtrade Fortnight** begins next week and ends with CAFOD Family Fast Day on 2nd October. We would like to mark these by once again collecting for Daily Bread and Brentwood Food Bank. As it is also our school discos on 2nd October, children can wear their disco clothes to school in exchange for bringing a donation. Please ensure that your child is, however, wearing sensible, closed-toe shoes. See the food bank list at the end of this newsletter for suggested items.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September. Don't forget that I will be sharing our new school values with you all, and I know you are dying to find out what they are!

We wish you all a wonderful weekend.

*Mrs Poulter*



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## Attendance

The government expects children to be in school for at least 95% of the year unless there are exceptional circumstances. 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.



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## SPORTS UPDATE

We kicked off this year's competition season with the year 4 boys' tournament at Brentwood Astro. They showed incredible resilience after losing their opening match (against a strong, mostly academy Doddinghurst) bouncing back instantly to win their next three games with a medley of goals. However, that first loss meant we didn't progress to semis but we show great promise for the future! Well done boys! (Cody, Bertie, Theo, Casey, Layton and Harry)



Our football continued on Thursday with the Shenfield Cup. We entered both a boys and girls team. Our boys started tentatively against S Peter's but despite a few chances lost 1-0. Next up was Holly Trees - a tight game from end to end with the side net hit multiple from both teams but eventually ending up 0-0. Our last game against Ingatestone was stronger. Our team came out looking for the win and earned that with a 4-0 win with 2 from Cyrus, the opener from Jack L and the last from Jacob T.

Well done boys! (Leo B, Cyrus, Jacob T, Jacob L, Josh, Rio, Freddie and Jude)

Our girls had four matches in their pool. They lost two and drew two, with Hetty scoring a fantastic penalty in the second game. They are a new team and showed some great potential with good open play and fantastic team work.

Well done to Milena, Hetty, Solange, Zena, Harriet, Tise, Lylie and Poppy.

## Secondary School Applications – September 2027

The secondary school admission round is now open for parents and carers of children currently in Year 6 to apply for a Year 7 secondary school place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **31 October 2026**.

Parents and carers should visit [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) to complete their application online. All information and guidance about the secondary school admissions process is available on the website.



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We would like to remind parents and carers to park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school.

We are receiving a large number of complaints from our neighbours about parking at busy times of the day. We understand that mornings and afternoons can be hectic and that everyone is often in a rush, but we ask that all drivers are mindful of our local residents and other road users. Please also refrain from parking in private residential car parks.

Please make sure that you do not block other vehicles, driveways, access routes or pavements and always park legally and safely.

A little extra care and consideration can make a big difference and helps keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

## **Tours for 2026-27 academic school year**

We warmly invite prospective parents to join us for a school tour and information session. These visits are a great opportunity to see our school in action, meet key members of staff, and learn more about what we offer.

Each session will last approximately **one hour**.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November – 9:15am**
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 9:15am**
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – 2:00pm**
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 2:00pm**

We look forward to welcoming you!

## **Important Dates this Term**

|                            |                                                               |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 25 <sup>th</sup> September | McMillan coffee morning - 9am (donations gratefully received) |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> October    | School discos (PTA)                                           |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> October    | School photographs                                            |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> October   | Phonics Workshop (Class R & 1) – 9am                          |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> October   | Parent Consultation Day                                       |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> October   | Parent Consultation Day                                       |



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

Class R: Leighton and Olive  
Class 1: Constance and Esme  
Class 2: Mabel and Sophie  
Class 3: Arabelle and Archie  
Class 4: Aayla and James  
Class 5: Carson and Sahastraheet  
Class 6: Ella and Matthew



**HOUSE CUP – Lourdes (Yellow) won the cup this week – Well done!**



## Reminders:

Children should have a clearly labelled water bottle and fruit snack to school each day.

We are a nut free school.

Earrings are **not** permitted. If your child has recently had his/her ears pierced, we will allow clear, plastic, FLAT earrings until they have healed.

Thank you for your support!

## Clubs this term:

|                 |                  |                          |                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Netball         | Years 3 and 4    | Mondays 3.30 - 4.30pm    | Starting 21st Sept                                                                                                |
| Spanish         | Years 3 to 6     | Mondays 3.30 - 4.30pm    | Book Direct - Starting 21st Sept - <a href="mailto:vivaspanishwithjen@gmail.com">vivaspanishwithjen@gmail.com</a> |
| Netball         | Years 5 and 6    | Tuesdays 8 - 9am         | Come along                                                                                                        |
| Choir           | Years 4, 5 and 6 | Wednesdays 3.30 - 4.30pm | Come along                                                                                                        |
| Dance           | Year R to 6      | Wednesdays 3.30 - 4.30pm | Book direct                                                                                                       |
| Multi Sports    | Year 3 and 4     | Thursdays 8am - 9am      | Come along                                                                                                        |
| Musical Theatre | Year 2 to 6      | Thursdays 3.30 - 4.30pm  | Book direct - <a href="http://www.bookwhen.com/letsmoveit">www.bookwhen.com/letsmoveit</a>                        |
| Football        | Years 5 and 6    | Fridays 8 - 9am          | Come along                                                                                                        |

## WANTED for den building in the playground:

- Old tarpaulin sheets
- Old cushions
- Old camping mats
- Crates



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## PTA News

We will be having our first PTA meeting on Wednesday 23rd September at 9am in the school. Mrs Poulter will be in attendance and we will be reflecting on our last year, looking at the PTA accounts, discussing how the school would like to spend funds and also chatting through our plans for events this year.

### **Annual Pass - available to buy from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

The PTA will be offering the Annual Pass again this year. It is a one-time fee of £30 for a pass that gives your child access to a number of events and benefits throughout the year (see poster below).

It can be a lot to have multiple points in the year to pay for and so paying for a pass upfront can be a lot easier for some parents (and works out cheaper overall than if bought individually).

You can purchase the annual pass in the link below where you can also find further information.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stjosephtheworkerpta/2401376>

To those who had a pass last year - please note the inclusions have changed. The main change being that we will be holding 3 school discos this year (instead of 2) and the pass includes access to all 3 (along with the other events listed on the web link).

### **Save the Date:**

The first school discos will be held on  
**Fri 2 Oct:**

- Infant Disco 3:45pm - 5pm
- Junior Disco 5:30pm - 7pm

Please fill in the following form if your child will be attending: [School party/disco – Fill in form](#)

**St Joseph the Worker PTA's**

## ANNUAL PASS

The PTA's annual pass gives your child access to the following events/items for a special rate of £30:

- 3 x Disco entries
- 1 sweets bag @ Christmas Fayre
- 1 Prepaid Gift @ Mothers Day Sale
- 1 Prepaid Gift @ Fathers Day Sale
- Entry to the Summer Fete

To buy a pass:  
<https://buytickets.at/stjosephtheworkerpta/2401376>  
Scan the QR code



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## Parish Events

### 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.

Alpha will be held in St Joseph the Worker Church Hall on Wednesdays 7.15-9.00pm from 16<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Sign up in the church or email [alphahutton@gmail.com](mailto:alphahutton@gmail.com) for more information. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### Cream Tea at Hutton Hall

Tickets are now on sale for the cream tea at Hutton Hall, CM13 1RX from 2pm to 4pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Priced at £10 per person and there will be prosecco & wine available to purchase at the event, along with a raffle. Please advise regarding allergies or dietary requirements when purchasing your tickets. Tickets available after Mass or email [hutton@brcdt.org](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org).

### Talk by Arthur Edwards

Arthur Edwards, one of our parishioners, is giving an illustrated talk about his life as Royal Photographer for The Sun newspaper for over 45 years on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are £10 per person including a free drink. There will also be a raffle held on the evening for parish funds. Tickets available after Mass or email [hutton@brcdt.org](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org).

## And finally...



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**Brentwood  
Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

## Foodbank Shopping List HARVEST 2026

- Spaghetti & Sausages (tinned)
- Corned Beef (tinned)
- Hot Dogs (tinned)
- Tuna/Sardines (tinned)
- Macaroni Cheese (tinned)
- Custard (tinned)
- Pasta Sauce (jars)
- Squash (drink)
- Shower Gel
- Shampoo

Find us at 56-60 Doddinghurst Road, Brentwood CM15 9EH  
Doddinghurst Road Church Tel:01277224528

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## **Week Commencing Monday 21st September 2026:**

| <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2026</b>    |                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class 1 and 5                                   | PE                                                                     |
| Years 3 & 4                                     | Netball Club - 3.30-4.30pm (Miss Meadows)                              |
| <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2026</b>   |                                                                        |
| Class 5 and 6                                   | Netball – 8am – Junior Playground                                      |
| Class R, 2, 3, 4 and 6                          | PE                                                                     |
| Enrolled Students                               | Piano Lessons                                                          |
| Enrolled Students                               | Guitar Lessons                                                         |
| <b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026</b> |                                                                        |
| All welcome                                     | PTA Meeting – 9am                                                      |
| Class R and 6                                   | PE                                                                     |
| Class 5                                         | Swimming                                                               |
| Enrolled Students                               | Drumming Lessons                                                       |
| Years 4, 5 & 6                                  | Choir – 3.30-4.30pm                                                    |
| <b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b>  |                                                                        |
| Year 3 and 4                                    | Multi Sports – 8am – Junior Playground                                 |
| Class 3 and 4                                   | PE                                                                     |
| <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b>    |                                                                        |
| Class 5 and 6                                   | Football – 8am – Field (Please check school website for cancellations) |
| Class 1 and 2                                   | PE                                                                     |
| Enrolled Students                               | Guitar Lessons                                                         |



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