



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School



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Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have enjoyed a lovely week of sunshine, which has truly lifted everyone's spirits. I mentioned in last week's newsletter that the summer term is always a busy and exciting time. As promised, I have included a list of important dates for your diaries below. There are a few events for which we are still confirming details, and we will share these with you as soon as possible.

Our Catholic Social Teaching focus this term is *Care for Our Common Home*. Each class is creating pledges to show how they can put their faith into action by caring for God's creation. This includes simple but meaningful steps such as recycling more, turning off lights when not in use, and learning about the impact of plastic on marine life.

We would also kindly encourage families to do their bit by considering walking to school where possible, particularly as the weather improves. This can help to reduce congestion during drop-off and pick-up times, while also supporting the safety of our children and maintaining positive relationships with our neighbours.

In addition, we kindly ask that children do not bring single-use plastics into school, including cling film and disposable plastic bottles. We greatly appreciate your support in helping us care for our environment.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend.

Mrs Poulter



Care for Our Common Home

We look after God's Creation

We are responsible for looking after the
world we live in.

The earth and all life on it are a gift
from God.

*"The Lord God took man and put him
in the Garden of Eden to work it and
take care of it." Genesis 2:15*



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Important Dates this Term	
1st May	Feast of St Joseph the Worker – Mass at 9:15am All welcome
11th May	SATS week
16th May	Parish 1st Holy Communion Parish 50th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Alan – school choir singing
18th May	Celebration for 1st communicants (Year 4) Whole school Mass and May Procession followed by refreshments in the parish hall for 1st communicants & families
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
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

This week Year 3 celebrated their class saint, St. George, by creating their own mini dragons to match the English myth!



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SPORTS NEWS

On a sunny but very windy Tuesday afternoon, our Year 6 netball team took part in the Shenfield Partnership Netball Rally, competing against 16 local schools.

The tournament began with teams split into pools of four, with each team playing one another. Our girls made a fantastic start, winning all three of their matches against Larchwood, West Horndon, and a strong Hutton Manor side. Topping their pool, they progressed to the next stage to face the other group winners.

In the next round, they secured an impressive victory against a well-drilled St Peter's team, before narrowly losing to Hutton All Saints. Their final match against Willowbrook was a thrilling, end-to-end contest that ended in a draw.

Overall, this placed the team in an outstanding 2nd place, earning them well-deserved silver medals to add to their collection.

We are incredibly proud of all the girls and the progress they have made over the past two years.

Well done to Sophie C, Ava, Sofia B, Sophie Cass, Sophia S, Claudia, Sienna, and Jeamina!



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Class 5 - Update to PE and Swimming Lessons

Please note that PE lessons will no longer take place on Fridays. Instead, these have been replaced by swimming lessons, which will now be held on Thursdays.

On Thursdays, children should arrive at school wearing their PE kit, with their swimwear underneath. This will help ensure a smooth and efficient transition to their swimming session.

If you have not yet given permission for your child to participate in swimming lessons or made your donation, please log in to your SCOPAY account to do so.

Thank you for your cooperation.

April Reading Challenge: Explore the Real World!

Choose a non-fiction book and discover something new

Dinosaurs, space, volcanoes, inventions, animals, anything that sparks your curiosity.   

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!



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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](#)

Become a Nature Explorer for a Weekend!

Join the Wilderness Foundation for the Mann Wood BioBlitz this May Bank Holiday weekend (2nd – 3rd May). Mann Wood is a beautiful 92-acre private woodland in Great Leighs that is usually closed to the public—but for 24 hours, we are opening the gates to find every species of plant and animal that lives there!

This is a brilliant opportunity for children and families to:

- Meet the Experts: Work with specialists from the Essex Bat Group, South Essex Bird Ringing Group, and more.
- Get Hands-on: Take part in guided workshops, wildlife surveying, and family activities.
- Support a Local Charity: Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Foundation, which provides environmental education and nature therapy across Essex.

Location: Mann Wood, Great Leighs, Chelmsford, CM3 1PP

Booking: Space is limited to protect the woodland habitat and booking is essential [Book Here](#)



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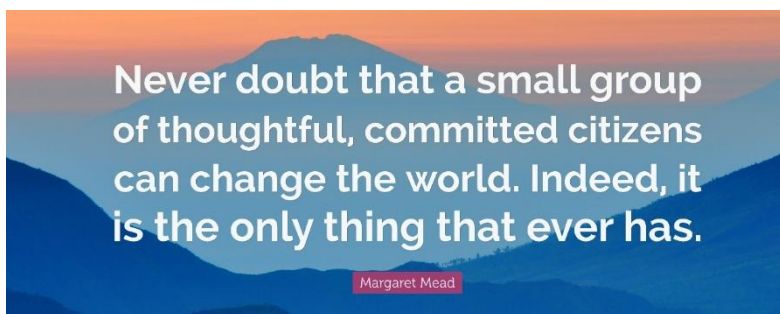
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Week Commencing Monday 27th April 2026:

Monday 27th April 2026	
Class 4 and 6	PE
Enrolled Students	Piano Lessons
Enrolled Students	Choir
Tuesday 28th April 2026	
Year 6	SATS Class – 8.30
Class 5 and 6	Netball – 8am – Junior Playground
Class R, 1, 3, 4 and 5	PE
Enrolled Students	Guitar lesson
Wednesday 29th April 2026	
Year 6	SATS Class – 8.30
Class 3 and 6	PE
Selected Student	Cricket Club – 4.45 pick up from field
Enrolled Students	Drumming Lessons
Thursday 30th April 2026	
Class 3 and 4	Winter Games
Class R, 1, and 2	PE
Class 5	Swimming
Enrolled Students	Drumming lessons
Friday 1st May 2026	
Class 5 and 6	Football – 8am – Field (Please check school website for cancelation)
Class 2	PE
Enrolled Students	Guitar Lessons
All welcome	Feast of St Joseph the Worker – Mass at 9:15am



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