



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School



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Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed their class trips to Colchester Zoo and Barleylands respectively. These trips provide enjoyable, hands-on learning experiences outside the classroom that help pupils develop socially, emotionally, and academically. Visiting a range of different places allows children to see real-life examples of what they are learning about in school, making lessons more engaging whilst encouraging curiosity, confidence, and independence.

Without parents' contributions towards the cost, these experiences would not be possible, so we would like to thank you for your continued support and for making payments promptly.



Next week, the Year 6 children will sit their SATs. We are incredibly proud of the hard work they have done to prepare for these, and we wish them all the very best of luck. However, there are many more qualities that we value more highly than whatever the results may be. As today's Gospel says, "Love one another as I have loved you." This is the root of all happiness and joy, not examination results!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Poulter



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Important Dates this Term	
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

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

Class R: Deborah and Zayne
Class 1: All of Class 1
Class 2: Benjamin, David, Evie and Nellie
Class 3: Cody and Harry
Class 4: Logan and Oran
Class 5: Ben and Sam
Class 6: Jeamina and Sophie Cas



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



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

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

🚗 🎵 **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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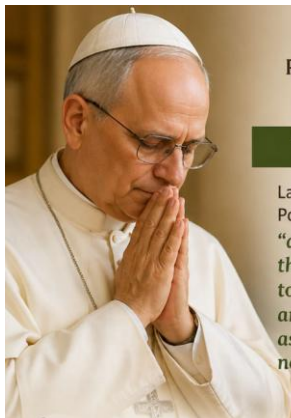


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And finally...

**Pope Leo's prayer intention for the month:
May:**



POPE LEO
PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF
MAY
"That everyone might have food"

Lamenting that so many goods are wasted at our tables, Pope Leo prayed that the Lord may
"awaken in us a new awareness:
that we learn to give thanks for every food,
to consume simply, to share with joy,
and to care for the fruits of the earth
as a gift from You, destined for all,
not just a few."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-a60VaSe3tY&t=1s>



**SPARKLE
WALK 2026**

SATURDAY 6 JUNE 2026

5k and 10k walk

SIGN UP NOW
havenhouse.org.uk/sparklewalk





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Week Commencing Monday 11th May 2026:

Monday 11 th May 2026	
Year 6	SATs Breakfast Club – 8.30am
Class 4 and 6	PE
Enrolled Students	Piano Lessons
Enrolled Students	Choir
Enrolled Students	Gardening Club – 4.30 pick up.
Tuesday 12 th May 2026	
Year 6	SATs Breakfast Club – 8.30am
Class 5 and 6	Athletics – 8am – Junior Playground
Class R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	PE
Enrolled Students	Guitar lesson
Selected Students	Cricket Competition
Wednesday 13 th May 2026	
Class 6	SATs Breakfast Club – 8.30am
Class 3 and 6	PE
Selected Students	Cricket Club – 4.45 pick up from field
Enrolled Students	Drumming Lessons
Thursday 14 th May 2026	
Year 6	SATs Breakfast Club – 8.30am
Class 3 and 4	Summer Games Club – 8am
Class R, and 1	PE
Class 5	Swimming
Enrolled Students	Drumming lessons
Friday 15 th May 2026	
Class 5 and 6	Rounders – 8am – Field (Please check school website for cancelation)
Class 2	PE
Enrolled Students	Guitar Lessons
KS1 Parents	Reading Session – 3.10 (we will <u>not</u> be opening the playground for parking)
Saturday 16 th May 2026	
Whole school	Mass and May Procession – choir singing – 5.30pm



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