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Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another great week we have had at St Joseph the Worker!

Year 5 had a fabulous day on Wednesday at the Harry Potter Studios where they delved into the magic and went behind-the-scenes to explore authentic sets, props and costumes from the Harry Potter films.

The yesterday, our two Child MPs went to the Houses of Parliament to take part in the first ever sitting of the Sir David Amess Children's Parliament.



Inspired by the life and legacy of Sir David Amess, the Children's Parliament gives children the opportunity to learn about Parliament, debate real issues and take part in meaningful democratic processes.

What an honour it was to accompany these two passionate and driven young men as they made their voices heard.

Well done boys – we are all incredibly proud.

We wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Poulter







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SPORTS UPDATE



On Tuesday, a team of Year 3 and 4 girls visited Brentwood Town FC to take part in a football tournament. It was the first time the girls had played together as a team, and for some, it was their first experience of being in a competition.

Throughout the tournament, the girls demonstrated fantastic determination, teamwork and enthusiasm, while developing their football skills and gaining valuable experience. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the positive attitude they showed throughout the day!

Well done to Arabelle, Mila, Olivia, Sadie, Sophia and Violet

On Wednesday afternoon, the Year 5 and 6 girls took on Bancroft in their second-round cup match.

Much like our first game, we got off to a great start, with Milena opening the scoring with a close-range finish. Bancroft equalised just before half-time, setting up an exciting second half.

From there, it was end-to-end action, with both teams battling hard and creating chances. The game could have gone either way, but unfortunately, Bancroft edged it with a 3–2 victory.

An excellent match from both sides, with great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship on display throughout. Unlucky for our girls, who gave it their all and should be proud of their performance!

A special mention to Harriet for her fantastic goalkeeping, making some great saves to keep us in the game. Well played girls! (Harriet, Hetty, Lylie, Milena, Poppy, Solange, Tise and Zena)

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

Class R: Amelia and Dexter
Class 1: Aviel. Cara F and Eddie
Class 2: Ariyo, Mellieha and Niamh
Class 3: David and Eliyanah
Class 4: Henry P and Isla
Class 5: Azai, Frederick and All of Class 5
Class 6: Milena and Noah



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

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Class 5 Warner Brothers Trip

Earlier this week, Year 5 went on a magical trip to the Harry Potter Studios London.

The children were fantastic representatives for our school, demonstrating exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the tour and during their creative writing workshop. A memorable experience was had by all!











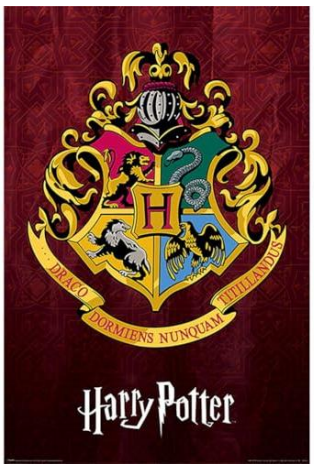












After School Club collection

If you are collecting a child from After School Club, please call 07341 105623 rather than ring at the gates. The office is not open after 4pm. Thank you for your understanding.

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Head Lice

We have had some confirmed cases of head lice within our school. We kindly ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly and, if live lice are found, to treat them promptly using a suitable treatment, following the instructions carefully.

Head lice are very common among school-aged children and are nothing to be embarrassed about. They spread mainly through head-to-head contact, so regular checks are important in helping to prevent further spread.

We also ask that children's hair is kept tied up at all times during the school day to help minimise head-to-head contact. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Important Dates this Term

13th October	PTA Meeting – 7.30pm at the George & Dragon, Mountnessing
15th October	Phonics Workshop (Class R & 1) – 9am
20th October	Parent Consultation Day & Book Fair
20th October	PTA Bake Off
22nd October	Parent Consultation Day & Book Fair

Parent Consultation Evenings

With our Parent Consultation Evenings fast approaching, please remember to book your 10-minute appointment slots via your SCOPAY account. Bookings will close on the evening of 18th October, so please ensure you secure your appointments before then. If you are experiencing difficulties booking a slot, please contact the office on 01277 227282 so we can help you.

To make your visit as convenient as possible, all school gates will be open, and the playground will be available for parking during the consultation evenings. We kindly ask that you park considerately, ensuring that no other vehicles or driveways are blocked.

Please note that if you have already met with Mrs Russell and your child's teacher, or have a meeting booked with them, there is no need to make an additional appointment for these consultation evenings.

For everyone's safety, we kindly ask that children are supervised at all times while on the school premises.

The Travelling Book Club will also be visiting the school for a short time during the evenings. This will be a wonderful opportunity to browse the selection and purchase books with your child. We look forward to welcoming you all!

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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year, we are once again supporting the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** by selling a range of poppy merchandise to raise vital funds for this worthwhile cause.

Children can purchase items at school by bringing their donation to the school office before school or by bringing cash into school and letting their class teacher know they would like to buy one.



Items and prices:

- Paper poppies – £1
- Reflectors – £1
- Silicone bands – £1
- Ribbon bands – £1
- Snap bands – £1.50
- Pencils – 50p

Stocks are limited, so once they're gone, they're gone!

Thank you for your continued support in helping us raise funds for this important appeal.

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** to complete their application online. All information and guidance about the secondary school admissions process is available on the website.

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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 5th November – 9:15am – FULLY BOOKED!**
- **Tuesday 10th November – 9:15am – FULLY BOOKED!**
- **Wednesday 18th November – 2:00pm**
- **Monday 23rd November – 2:00pm**

We look forward to welcoming you!

IMPORTANT - Allergies and Medical Information

Following the introduction of Benedict's Law, all staff have completed Allergy and Anaphylaxis training to ensure that we are fully prepared to support children with allergies and respond appropriately in an emergency.

If your child has an allergy, intolerance or any other medical condition, it is essential that you inform the school and provide us with an up-to-date care plan from your GP or other appropriate healthcare professional, together with any medication your child may require. Please ensure that all medication is in date and clearly labelled.

Children who have been prescribed EpiPens (adrenaline auto-injectors) should have two devices in school at all times. The school also has a supply of spare adrenaline auto-injectors for use in an emergency, in line with our emergency procedures.

Please contact the school office if you are unsure whether your child's medical information or medication is up to date.

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ATTENDANCE

Year 4 are still sitting at the top of our attendance leader board, but Year 3 are hot on their heels!

Our whole-school attendance currently stands at an impressive 95.18%. Well done to everyone for helping us achieve this! Let's keep up the fantastic effort, aim even higher, and make every school day count. As always, if you are finding mornings challenging when getting your child into school, please don't hesitate to let us know. We are here to support you, and together we can work on a plan to make mornings a little easier for you and your child.

Year One	96.70%
Year Two	96.85%
Year 3	98.49%
Year 4	98.53%
Year 5	97.50%
Year 6	98.27%

The year group with the highest attendance at the end of the school term will be treated to an extra playtime.



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🎁 Samaritan's Purse – Christmas Shoebox Appeal 🎁

It's that time of year again! We're inviting our wonderful families to take part in the **Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal**, helping to bring joy and hope to children in need around the world.

Together, we can fill shoeboxes with thoughtful, fun and much-needed gifts to make Christmas a little brighter for others. Every box is an opportunity to show kindness and generosity and let a child know that someone is thinking of them this Christmas.

If you are able to take part, please send your **filled shoeboxes into school as soon as possible**, so that we can collect and send as many as we can and show our school community's support for this wonderful cause.

Please remember to **make your donation online** to cover the project costs. This also allows you to **follow your shoebox and see where it has been sent**.

For more information, including details of what can and cannot be included, please visit How to Pack a Shoebox | Samaritans Purse

⚠ The deadline for all shoeboxes to come into school is **Thursday 19th November 2026** ⚠

Thank you, as always, for your kindness, generosity and support.

South Essex SEND Roadshow for Families

Date: Wednesday 21 October 2026
Time: Drop in anytime

- 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (all ages)
- **Quieter times:** Prefer a quieter visit? Pop in after 11:30 AM.
- **Location:** Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, South Benfleet, SS7 5HA

What to Expect:
Have questions about your child's needs and the best support available? The SEND Roadshow brings together a variety of professionals under one roof, including local support groups, education professionals, health teams, and social care teams.
You can:

- access support and information
- understand the different services available
- discover local support, such as parent groups and inclusive activities
- attend free talks
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For more information on the event - including who will be there- take a look at: South Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshow | Essex Local Offer

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Mayor's Christmas Card Design & Christmas Poetry Competition 2026

Pupils are invited to take part in the Mayor's Christmas Card Design and Christmas Poetry Competitions. Pupils can enter one or both competitions, with winners receiving a gift and certificate and the opportunity to join the Mayor for the switching on of the Brentwood Christmas Lights.

Christmas Card Design
Create a Christmas-themed design on A4 paper in portrait format. The winning design will feature on the Mayor's Christmas card. Please do not use materials such as glitter or cotton wool, as these cannot be easily reproduced.

Christmas Poetry Competition
Write a poem titled "My Christmas Wish", of no more than 200 words. The poem will be published in the Mayor's Christmas card. Artwork and decoration are not required.

Please include the pupil's name, age and school on the back of each entry.

Entries should be sent to The Mayor's Office, Brentwood Borough Council, Town Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AY, or scanned and emailed to zoey.foakes@brentwood.gov.uk by Wednesday 11th November 2026.

Please include a covering note stating who the winner should be contacted through.

And finally... Today is World Food Day

"Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food." Pope Leo



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Monday 19th October 2026	
Class 1 and 5	PE
Years 3 & 4	Netball Club - 3.30-4.30pm (Miss Meadows)
Tuesday 20th October 2026	
All Student	PTA Bake Off
Class 5 and 6	**CANCELLED - Netball – 8am – Junior Playground**
Class R, 2, 3, 4 and 6	PE
Enrolled Students	Piano Lessons
Enrolled Students	Guitar Lessons
All Classes	Parent Consultation Evening – pre-booked sessions only
Wednesday 21st October 2026	
Class R and 6	PE
Class 5	**NO Swimming – please wear normal school uniform**
Enrolled Students	Drumming Lessons
Years 4, 5 & 6	Choir – 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 22nd October 2026	
Year 3 and 4	**CANCELLED - Multi Sports – 8am – Junior Playground**
Class 3 and 4	PE
All Classes	Parent Consultation Evening – pre-booked sessions only
Friday 23rd October 2026 - PUPIL INSET DAY (children return to school on 2nd November)	

ChildLine 0800 1111

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