



St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School



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Friday 17th July 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Well, we have come to the end of another school year. Your children have grown taller, learned new things, and are now ready for a well-earned rest before beginning a new year group in September.

Our final week has been an emotional one as we say goodbye to Year 6, who leave our school family today. On Wednesday, we celebrated a very special Mass with the theme *Walking Forward in Faith*, giving thanks for all of their hard work and achievements and wishing them every blessing for the future. We followed this with our traditional balloon release.

Year 6, you are ready for the next chapter of your lives. You have shown yourselves to be resilient, strong, kind and full of potential. Go with confidence, go with love, and always carry a little piece of St Joseph the Worker in your hearts. Remember to be JOYful in all that you do and remember the words of St Oscar Romero: “*Aspire not to have more, but to be more.*” We are so proud of you, and we wish you every happiness and success in the future.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our amazing staff. Each and every one of them has worked incredibly hard this year to make our school the very best it can be for your children. I could not ask for a better team.

Finally, to all our parents and to the wider school community: thank you for your support throughout the year, for your kind words and generous gifts, and for being the wonderful, welcoming community that you are.

Together, we make St Joseph the Worker a place of learning, caring, listening and sharing – but above all, a place of love.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and enjoy making special memories with your families.

God bless,

Mrs Poulter



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**Goodbye and good luck
Year 6!**



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

Class R: All of Class R
Class 1: Sophie and King
Class 2: Eliyanah
Class 3: George, Kennedy, Olivia, Roman, Scarlett and Violet
Class 4: Aron, Jaden, Lyrae, Olivia and Poppy
Class 5: Kit and Noah
Class 6: Nitya, Noah and Sienna



Sport's Award were awarded to the following children this week, well done to you all.

Class R: Arabelle
Class 1: Louis
Class 2: Robyn
Class 3: Cody and James
Class 4: Karnail
Class 5: Leo B
Class 6: James



Citizenship Award's were awarded to the following children this week, well done to you all.

Class R: Connie
Class 1: Ariyo
Class 2: Ava
Class 3 Rohan
Class 4: Ela
Class 5: Connor
Class 6: Nina



The Kindness Award was awarded to Nellie H

The Faith in Action Award was awarded to Leo WM

Cathy Webb Sports Award was awarded to Milena and Jacob L

Joan Williams Award for Perseverance was awarded to Ella

Brentwood Diocesan Citizenship Award was awarded to Isla R

We are incredibly proud of you all!



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From the Sports Department

Our Year 6 sports teams have enjoyed a truly fantastic year of growth and success. Whether you are one of our long-standing players who has been attending clubs since Year 3, or someone who discovered a love of sport in Year 6, your incredible teamwork, determination and hard work have led to many unforgettable victories on the field.

As you move on to your secondary schools, we wish you the very best of luck in your new adventures. We know you will continue to shine brightly in whatever you choose to do. We will miss you all and are immensely proud of everything you have achieved.

With best wishes,

Mrs Hills, Mrs McGuire and Mrs Walsh

We are looking to organise our dressing-up area and would be very grateful for your help.

If you have any children's clothes hangers (suitable for ages 4+) that you no longer need, we would love to give them a new home in our classroom. If you are able to donate any, please send them into school with your child.

Thank you for your continued support – it is greatly appreciated! 😊



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INSET Days for 2026 - 2027

Please note the following (INSET) days when school will be closed to pupils:

- **Tuesday 1st September 2026**
- **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**
- **Friday 23rd October 2026**
- **Friday 28th May 2027**
- **Wednesday 21st July 2027**



Full Term Dates

The full list of 2026–2027 term dates are now available on our school website.

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!

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](https://www.essexmusic.org.uk/) website.



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PTA notice

Thank yous

Wow what a year we have had - a huge thank you to the parents who are active in our PTA. It really is a team effort, we couldn't possibly offer children the events and activities that we have without their help and support and when you see the children's enjoyment it is all worth it! A massive thank you as well to Mrs Poulter and the staff for their continued support.

Meetings

We have had some lovely moments in our morning and evening get togethers this year over a cup of tea or a glass of wine, it really has provided an opportunity for parents to laugh, cry and ultimately bond over the same joys and frustrations that we all face as parents.

Profits

With regards to the funds raised we had an amazing summer fete just 2 weeks ago, which raised a fabulous profit of £1,075 (up from last year's £455 profit). So thank you to everyone who came and supported the school as well as to all the volunteers who we couldn't have coped without!

In total this year the PTA have raised a staggering profit of just under £8k (nearly £3k more than we raised in total last year). This really shows the benefit in parents getting behind us, supporting the school and engaging in our events and activities. (I will include a full event breakdown in a letter to the school in September along with where we intend on spending the funds raised).

Farewell

To all the pupils in year 6 and any pupils across the school who may be leaving the St Joseph's family this summer - we wish you all the best. You have all been an important part of the school's story, you have lived out our values and we hope that you treasure the memories you have made whilst with us. We know that you are well equipped to take on the next part of your journey with love and joy!

Final Thought

As we begin our summer break, let us remember that God walks with us wherever we go. May we take time to rest, to enjoy the blessings of family and friendship, and to notice God's presence in the ordinary moments of each day.

***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...
And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the
age.”***

Matthew 28:19-20



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Week Commencing 31st August 2026:

Monday 31st August 2026	
All Students	Summer Holiday
Tuesday 1st September 2026	
All Students	Pupil Inset Day
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	
All Students	Pupil Inset Day
Thursday 3rd September 2026	
Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	First Day Back to School - Uniform
All Students	Before & After School Club is running – please prebook on SCOPAY
Friday 4th September 2026	
Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	Uniform
All Students	Before School Club is running – please prebook on SCOPAY
All Students	After School Club is running until 5pm – please prebook on SCOPAY



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Join the pride!

Lions ON THE Loose

Volunteer with *Lions on the Loose* this summer!

St Clare Hospice's spectacular public art trail is coming to Harlow, Epping and Loughton – and we need you to help make it a roaring success!

Volunteer solo, or as a team with colleagues, friends or family, and help make *Lions on the Loose* an un-fur-gettable experience for everyone!



We need:

-  **Safari Squad Rangers and Responders:** Keep our lions safe and happy
-  **Farewell Weekend Volunteers:** Support the grand finale celebrations
-  **In Memory Rangers and Responders:** Help the Lions on the Loose legacy live on

Why get involved?

-  **Make a difference** in your community and support St Clare Hospice's vital care for local people
-  **Have fun:** Meet new people, enjoy the outdoors and be part of a creative, colourful trail that everyone will love
-  **Learn and grow:** Gain new skills and experience – perfect for individuals or corporate volunteering days



lionsontheloose.co.uk/volunteer
lionsvolunteers@stclarehospice.org.uk

Volunteer. Roar. Repeat.



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