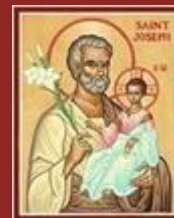




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St. Joseph's is a joyful community which follows the example of Jesus, helping, accepting and respecting everyone, as we learn and grow together, safe in His love.

As we come to the end of another busy and joyful school year, we reflect on all that has been achieved, through learning, shared experiences, and growing together in faith, especially during this special Jubilee Year of Hope. It has been a year filled with memorable moments, and now, as we say a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children, we celebrate their journey and wish them every success in the future. We hope you enjoy this final edition of our newsletter. Wishing all our families a safe, happy, and fun-filled summer holiday; we look forward to welcoming your children back through the school gates in September.



We made it 🏆



REMINDERS

Earrings– If you are planning on having your child's ears pierced over the summer, please ensure they are able to take them out independently for P.E. lessons to allow them to take part (ideally do not send your child into school wearing earrings on a P.E. day).

Labelling Uniform– We were inundated with lost property this year. Please make sure over the summer that you label all items of clothing (be aware that biro on labels wears off!)

Outstanding Balance– As we approach the end of the academic year, please ensure that all outstanding balances are cleared and all payments for the 2024–2025 school year have been completed. This includes the voluntary donation for the school levy.

School Shoes – on non-PE days, proper shoe shoes must be worn – unbranded, all black polished shoes (NOT canvas, trainers or boots) Trainers only on PE kit days.

Attendance– YEARLY PERCENTAGE!

Class	Attendance
5C	97.5%
4B	97%
1B	96.6%
2P	96.6%
5M	96.5%
3R	96.3%
6H	96.3%
2F	96.2%
4A	96.1%
1C	96.1%
6B	96%
3T	95.4%
RD	94.4%
RW	93.1%

Our overall attendance for the year was 96.1%, just shy of our target of 97%. Thank you to all families for your continued efforts in supporting good attendance throughout the year.

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EDUCATE

Attendance Raffle– WINNERS

KS1: Elara (RW), Hana (2F), Anna (1B), Caoimhe (1B)
KS2: Jaxon (4A), Elsie (6H), Maria (6B), George L (6H)



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Catholic Social Teaching

Throughout the year, the children have explored six out of the seven Catholic Social Teaching principles during our Star of the Week assemblies. They have learnt that our Catholic faith, rooted in the teachings of the Bible, guides us in how we should live, care for our world, and look after one another. The one principle we did not focus on explicitly was Human Dignity. However, this has been woven throughout our daily school life—in our Gospel Values and in how we follow our behaviour policy. By showing kindness, compassion, love, forgiveness, and humility, the children have been living out the principle of Human Dignity—recognising that each person is made in the image of God and deserves to be treated with respect..

Human Dignity



We are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God



Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development CAFOD

Loving God,
We believe that each person is special because God made us all. Help us try to make sure all people are treated with respect and have what they need because God made them too.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer



What we do isn't just because it feels like 'the right thing to do', it is because it is what we are taught to do by our Catholic faith.

Jubilee Year of Hope

This year, we have embraced the Jubilee Year of Hope in school, taking part in a number of special events and celebrations to mark this important journey of faith. We began with a joyful launch day, welcomed the Jubilee Icon into our school community, raised money for CAFOD to support those in need, and came together with other schools in our deanery to celebrate Mass. It has been a meaningful time of reflection, prayer and action, rooted in hope. We look forward to continuing and completing our Jubilee Year as a school next year, which will conclude on the Feast of the Epiphany in January 2026.

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God.

POPE FRANCIS





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Gospel Values

At St. Joseph's, Gospel values are at the heart of everything we do, shaping the way we behave and how we treat each other. We are committed to fostering a school community where everyone is encouraged to live out the teachings of Jesus, following the example He set for us.

Our values are based around St. Luke's Gospel, which guides us to love, respect, and serve one another, just as Jesus did. St. Luke's Gospel reminds us to show kindness, compassion, forgiveness, and humility in our daily actions.

Teachers were asked to nominate one child who they believe embodies all of our Gospel Values each and every day in school. Congratulations to the following children:

COMPASSION

BEING KIND TO THOSE IN
NEED

GOSPEL VALUES

Finlay (RD)
Florence (RW)
Sophia (1B)
Honey (1C)
Daria (2P)
Evelyn (2F)
Florrie (3R)
Ava (3T)
Flaurie (4A)
Nancy (4B)
Gabrielle (5C)
Tom (5M)
Millie A (6B)
Elizabeth (6H)

LOVE

CARING FOR OTHERS

INTEGRITY

DOING THE RIGHT THING

HOPE

BELIEVING IN GOOD
THINGS

HUMILITY

PUTTING OTHERS FIRST

JUSTICE

TREATING EVERYONE
FAIRLY

SIMPLICITY

BEING HAPPY WITH
WHAT YOU HAVE

FORGIVENESS

LETTING GO OF HURT

PEACE

GETTING ALONG WITH
EVERYONE



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Outstanding Attendance Achievement

We are incredibly proud to share that **148 children** achieved **97% attendance or above** this year!
A special mention goes to those who achieved **99%** and even **100%** attendance – an amazing commitment to learning and school life.
Well done to all of you!

Excellent Attendance

99% or above

RD
Harry
James

1B
Pippa
Lizzie

3T
Cyona-Blue

5C
Mateo
Elizabeth
Rae
Ernest
Gabrielle
Ethan
Eva
King-Pharrell

46
children

1C
Ines
Liam
Jack
Harrison

2P
Connor
Chigozie

4A
Jenson
Henry
Lewis
Tommy

6B
Veia
Susana
Anabelle
Elsa

5M
Catherine
Freya
Abby
Joseph
Harry
Sophia

2F
Blossom
Charlie

3R
Oliver
Sophia
Florence
Aaron
James
Theo

4B
Eli
William
Emily
Albie
Eva

100% Attendance

Pupil	Class	Pupil	Class
Cora-Kay	RW	James	5C
Joseph	1C	<u>Devanmini</u>	5C
Joseph	2P	Millie	6B
<u>Kyan</u>	2F	Nico	6B
Francesca	3R	Ryan	6H
Joseph	3R	Zac	6H
Michael	3R	Jacob	6H
Teddy	3T	Harrison	6H
Charlie	5C	Lois	6H

18

children

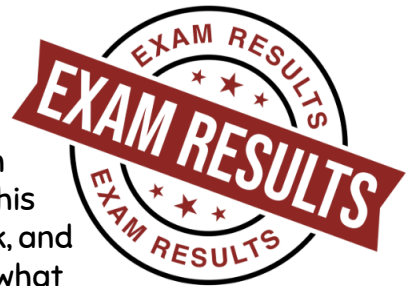


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Assessment Success!



We would like to take a moment to celebrate the hard work and determination shown by children across the school who took part in statutory assessments this year, including the Year 1 Phonics Screening, Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check, and the End of Key Stage 2 SATs. While these assessments offer just a snapshot of what our children are capable of, we are incredibly proud of the effort, perseverance and positive attitude they demonstrated in preparing for and completing them. Their resilience and commitment truly reflect their growth and learning. You will see from the results below that the number of children at St Joseph's who achieve the expected standards are consistently above that of the national average. Below is a summary of our KS2 SATs outcomes.

Reading

86%

Achieved age-related expectations or above

National Average: 75%

Writing

86%

Achieved age-related expectations or above

National Average: 72%

Maths

83%

Achieved age-related expectations or above

National Average: 74%

75%

Achieved age-related expectations or above in reading, writing and maths combined

National Average: 62%

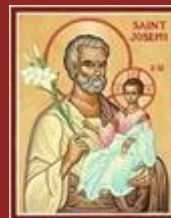
Congratulations!

For a full overview of our statutory assessment results from the past three years, please visit the assessment section of our school website.



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Goodbye Year 6!

As the school year comes to a close, we say a fond farewell and send our very best wishes to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they leave St Joseph's and begin the next exciting chapter at their new schools. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time with us and hope that they will always carry St Joseph's in their hearts. To mark their leaving, the children took part in a number of special events, including a beautiful Leavers' Mass celebrated by Fr Matthew, joined by Year 6 parents. Each child was presented with a candle bearing the image of St Joseph, as a keepsake of their time here. On the penultimate day, they wowed us with their talent and humour in the Leavers' Assembly—a performance that delighted the audience and even brought a few tears to the eyes of proud parents. We hope they enjoyed their final days of primary school and that they have a restful, joy-filled summer before starting this next exciting stage. Good luck, Year 6—we will miss you!



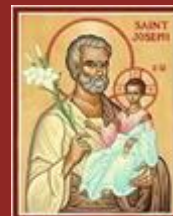
A huge thank you to all the parents who supported the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly by helping to create costumes, props, and even contributing to the script—it wouldn't have been the same without your time, creativity, and effort. Your support helped make the performance such a special and memorable occasion for the children. We'd also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Dennis for putting together the tear-jerking leavers' video—a truly touching tribute and a special memento of the children's time at St Joseph's that we know will be treasured for years to come.

Thank
You



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Happy Puzzle Company

The children had a fantastic day with The Happy Puzzle Company, filled with fun, challenge, and learning. The children enthusiastically took part in a range of hands-on activities that encouraged teamwork, resilience, and problem-solving. From start to finish, every pupil was fully engaged—thinking critically, working collaboratively, and showing real determination, even when tasks became tricky. A big thank you to The Happy Puzzle Company for delivering such an enriching and memorable day!



Success in Chess!

We are thrilled to announce that the St Joseph's Chess Team has made history by competing in the very first ever Deanery Chess Tournament – and coming away as TOURNAMENT WINNERS!

Our talented players showcased exceptional skill, strategy, and teamwork throughout the competition, earning well-deserved victories at every stage. Their dedication and sportsmanship made us all proud.

A special congratulations goes to Artjoms, who was honored with the prestigious title of Player of the Tournament for his outstanding performance of 13 checkmates and brilliant plays on the board.

Congratulations to the entire team for this remarkable achievement.

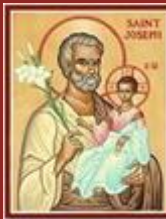
We hope to continue our chess club next year so we can continue our reign as Deanery champions! Look out for more information to follow in the new school year.





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Brentwood Diocese Citizenship Awards 2025

We are incredibly proud to share that Libby in 6H received the prestigious *Brentwood Diocese Citizenship Award* at Brentwood Cathedral, presented by Bishop Alan. Libby was nominated by several teachers for her outstanding charity work and dedication to making a difference both in and outside of school. Her selflessness, creativity, and compassion have left a lasting impression on our community.

In the ceremony, Libby was recognised as a kind, creative, and community-minded individual who has made a real impact at St. Joseph's and beyond. She has marked special occasions with handmade items like poppies, rosettes, and a Remembrance Day soldier silhouette—created with her brother—which will remain part of the school for years. Her efforts during Black History Month and her incredible fundraising achievements for charities, including swimming and horse-riding long distances, were also highlighted. Libby's commitment extends to her local community, where she has led litter picks and even discussed park improvements with a councillor. She truly embodies the spirit of citizenship and is an inspiration to us all.



UKMT Achievements

We're proud to celebrate Maria and Ryan from Year 6 for their excellent performance in the UKMT Junior Kangaroo Tournament! Both students showed great determination and skill in this challenging math competition.

A special shoutout to Maria, who earned a Gold Certificate for her outstanding achievement – a fantastic testament to her hard work and talent!

Both Maria and Ryan have been dedicated to building their mathematical skills, working hard both in and out of school. Their success inspires us all to keep pushing our limits and loving the challenge of maths.

Well done, Maria and Ryan! Keep up the amazing work!

A Huge Thank You to Our Wonderful Parent Volunteers



A big thank you to Mrs Garrett for all the time and effort she's put into coaching our Year 6 netball team this year. Thanks to her hard work, the team was well prepared and went on to win the Sacred Heart Tournament – an amazing achievement! She's also already started training the Year 5s for next year, all in her own time. We really appreciate everything she's done for our netball teams. Thank you so much, Mrs Garrett!

We'd also like to thank Mrs Tan, who has played the organ at a number of school Masses throughout the year. Her beautiful music has greatly enhanced our celebrations and added a special, prayerful atmosphere to our liturgies. We are so grateful for her continued support and generosity. Thank you, Mrs Tan!

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all the parents, carers, and family members who have come into school throughout the year to read with the children, help with activities, or support school events. Your time and involvement make a real difference, and we are incredibly thankful for your continued support.



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Year 4 Visit the Museum of Power

Year 4 had an exciting and educational trip to the Museum of Power in Maldon as part of their Electricity topic. Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of hands-on activities, including building electrical circuits and exploring which materials were conductors and insulators. A highlight for many was the chance to ride the model train around the museum grounds!

It was a fantastic day filled with learning and fun. A big thank you to the parent helpers who joined us and helped make the trip such a success.

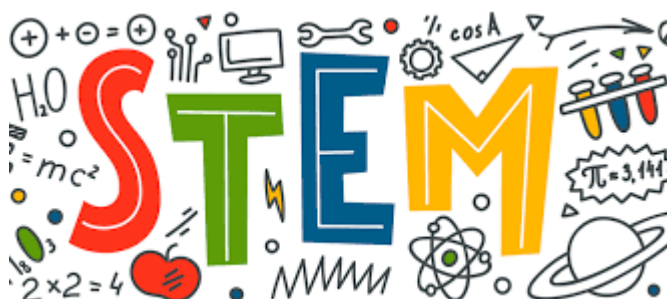


Another Visit from S.T.E.M Parent

We were fortunate to have Dr. Albanese, a heart surgeon and parent of one of our pupils, visit the school on 1st July to share his exciting career journey with us. Dr. Albanese spoke passionately about his work and explained what it takes to care for patients with heart conditions. His enthusiasm for his profession was truly inspiring, and the children were captivated by the stories he shared.

It was an excellent opportunity for the children to learn about the important role doctors play in our community and the dedication required to be successful in such a vital field.

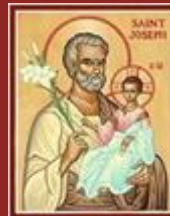
We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Albanese for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit us and share his knowledge. His visit was a valuable learning experience for all of us, and we hope it inspires our students to explore their own passions and dream big.





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Seaside Fun Comes to St. Joseph's

It was a fabulous day. The children enjoyed paddling in the pools, playing in the sprinkler, building sand castles, blowing bubbles and fishing for sea creatures. They also had time to make some seaside crafts and play seaside games. No trip to the seaside is complete without an ice cream. Special thanks to Mr Elsey for bringing his ice cream van: what a treat!



St. Helen's Success in House Cup!

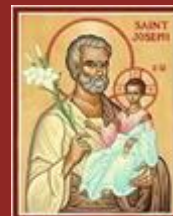
Congratulations to the children of St Helen's, who have won the final termly House Cup of the year! It was an incredibly close race, with all four houses finishing within just two points of each other—a true testament to the effort and enthusiasm shown by all. A special mention goes to our fantastic house captains, who have done an outstanding job rallying their teams and keeping track of the many house points collected across the year. We look forward to another year of fun, friendly and closely contested competition in September!

St. Anne's	St. Edward's	St. Helen's	St. Paul's
20	19	21	19



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Young Entrepreneurs' Pizza Express Treat

To celebrate their success and hard work at the Summer Fayre, our brilliant Year 5 and 6 young entrepreneurs enjoyed a well-deserved trip to Pizza Express. Organised by Mrs Clay and Mrs Morgan, the children had a fantastic time making their own pizzas and reflecting on their achievements. Their creativity, teamwork and business skills truly shone during the fair, and this was a wonderful way to recognise all they had accomplished. Well done to all our budding entrepreneurs!



A Special Message from an Apprentice Winner

KS2 were delighted to be surprised with a special video message from *The Apprentice* winner, Dean Franklin. The message was aimed particularly at our young entrepreneurs who took part in the Summer Fair, and Dean shared words of encouragement, inspiration, and advice for their future in the world of business. Thank you, Dean, for your support and motivation!



Year 5 Retreat to Walsingham House

Year 5 had a fantastic time on their retreat to Walsingham House, fully embracing all the activities on offer. Highlights included a drama based on *The Parable of the Good Samaritan*, learning a new worship song, going on a treasure hunt, and planting seeds as a symbol of growth in faith. The children also enjoyed interacting with pupils from other schools in the deanery and responded positively to the inspiring Year 12 leaders from Campion and Sacred Heart. Many of the children shared how much they valued the experience, making it a truly memorable and meaningful day of reflection and connection.





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Summer Works!

We are pleased to let you know that improvement works on the school car park will begin at the start of the summer holidays and continue throughout the break. As part of this project, a brand-new pedestrian entrance will be created, allowing families and staff to access the school site without needing to walk through the car park. This significant change is aimed at improving safety for everyone, reducing congestion at busy times, and providing a safer, more accessible route into school. Alongside this, a number of other exciting works will be taking place across the school, including enhancements to the Reception outdoor area and the installation of new hubs in the junior playground. These hubs will provide dedicated spaces for small group interventions and support, helping us to continue meeting the needs of all our learners. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September with these improvements in place.



Join the Summer Reading Challenge!

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Rebecca and Denise, who both work at Upminster Library. They came to invite us to take part in this year's **Summer Reading Challenge!** To complete the challenge, you need to read **six books** between now and **Saturday 6th September**. Parents will need to register online to take part:

👉 [Register here](#)

You'll need to visit the library around **three times over the summer** (check times with your local branch) to talk to the librarians about the books you've read and to receive your stickers. If you complete the challenge, you'll receive a **medal and a certificate**, which we would love to celebrate in our Star of the Week assemblies in September. Bring them in, and you'll also earn **20 house points!**

In addition, Mrs Partridge would love for you to send in photographs of you reading in your garden or another outdoor space. These will be added to our **Reading for Pleasure** display. Please send your photos, marked for the attention of Mrs Partridge, to: **computing@st-josephs.havering.sch.uk**

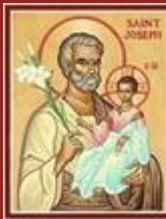
Happy reading, and good luck!





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Reception Graduation Celebrations

The children in RD and RW celebrated graduating from EYFS with two wonderful Graduation Assemblies. The children sang songs, recited poems, and were each presented with a special certificate by Mr Ross to mark the occasion. The whole Reception team are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved this year and how much they have grown. Each afternoon ended with a lovely picnic in the Reception outdoor area, shared with parents and carers. Thank you to everyone who came along to celebrate this special milestone—it was a joy to share it with you!

Fond Farewell!



As we reach the end of the school year, we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Grannell, who has been a much-loved Teaching Assistant in Reception for the past 13 years. Her warmth, patience and care have left a lasting impression on so many of our youngest children and their families, and she will be greatly missed. We also say thank you and farewell to two of our governors, Mrs Jones and Mrs Brailey. Both have contributed to the school in many ways over the years, as parents, staff members, and more recently, as committed governors. We are incredibly grateful for the time, energy and dedication they have given to the school community, and we wish all three ladies a happy and well-deserved rest.



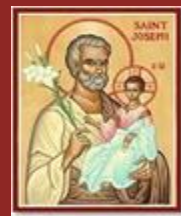
On behalf of all the staff, a really big

THANK YOU for your generous gifts at the end of the school year – it is very thoughtful of you.



Join Our Team at St. Joseph's!

We're looking for caring, enthusiastic parents or grandparents to join us as Midday Supervisors! This rewarding role involves supporting children during lunch breaks and helping create a safe, happy environment. If you enjoy working with children and want to be part of our school community, email personnel@st-josephs.havering.sch.uk. We'd love to hear from you!



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Changes to School Uniform

Following a review of the recent parent survey on school uniform, the governors have agreed to make some changes to ensure the uniform is more affordable and easier to purchase. These changes will begin from **September 2025** with a **phased rollout**, allowing families time to adjust. For full details of the changes, please refer to the ParentMail sent on **Monday 21st July**.



Meet the Teacher – September Dates

We're pleased to invite you to our **Meet the Teacher** sessions taking place in the first couple of weeks of September. These meetings are a great opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher, hear about the routines and expectations of their new year group, and get an overview of what your child will be learning in the upcoming year. All meetings (apart from Reception) will take place at **2:30pm** on the dates listed (right):

We look forward to welcoming you into school and starting the year together!

Meet the Teacher

Year 6	Thursday 4 th September
Year 3	Friday 5 th September
Year 2	Monday 8 th September
Year 4	Tuesday 9 th September
Year 5	Weds 10 th September
Year 1	Thursday 11 th September
EYFS Curriculum Meeting	Thurs 25 th September 6pm

And finally, a prayer for the end of the school year:

Loving God,

We thank You for the gift of this school year – for all we have learned, the friendships we have made, and the moments we have shared. Bless our pupils, staff and families as we begin the summer break. Keep us safe, joyful and rested, ready to return with open hearts and minds.

We ask You to guide those who are moving on to new places – may they carry with them all they have learned and experienced here. Fill our hearts with gratitude and peace, and help us to always walk in Your love.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

