



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

'Treat others the way you want to be treated'

Matthew 7:12

13.3.26

Dear Families,

This week our Year 6 children were thrilled to receive their long awaited Leavers Hoodies! We usually hand them out in the summer term, but they arrived early—much to everyone's excitement. We're incredibly proud of Year 6 for coming in each morning for early learning lessons. They're working hard and making fantastic progress. Keep it up—there are lots of exciting surprises ahead in the coming months!

On Thursday we held our Year 6 SATs information session for parents. Thank you to those who were able to attend. We have sent home the presentation for your information. Thankyou to Mr. Brain and Miss Steiner for leading on this.





In this week's Journalism Club we have been focusing on the theme of 'sleep'.

World Sleep Day – 14th March 2025

World Sleep Day highlights the importance of rest for growing bodies and minds. Discussing healthy bedtime routines and limiting screen time before bed can support better sleep habits.

Abbie writes, 'sleep hygiene is very important for everyone. You should make sure that you have a fairly consistent sleeping schedule. If you don't get enough sleep you can feel really stressed and tired. A good night's sleep is essential to feeling good, being able to learn and staying healthy. A lack of sleep can make you feel poorly, unable to learn and not want to go out with your friends and family.'

Oliviia adds, 'getting a good night sleep is very important because when you wake in the morning you have to get dressed and have breakfast.'



Viktor advises, 'to have a good sleep you need to do these simple steps. Remember to always go to sleep nice and early every day. Remember don't go to sleep too late, because children every day should be waking up latest 7o'clock in the morning.'

Defne's guide to a good night sleep is the following: 'to have a good sleep, I first have dinner, then I have a little play break. Then I do some colouring, after I watch TV then I drink some warm milk, go upstairs, brush my teeth, change my clothes, turn on my night light and I go to sleep.'



Bella finally adds, 'to have a good sleep, you need to think about you bedtime routine'.

We hope you enjoyed reading our information about sleep!

Night, night and sleep well!

Reported by: Abi, Oliviia, Viktor, Defne and Miss Sprawson



A message from Mrs. Lerego....

In Nursery this week we have been getting ready for Mothers' Day. The Seedlings this week have been making their Mothers' Day cards dipping their fingers in paint to decorate their teapot. The Acorns and Oakleaves enjoyed their sessions at Forest School, planting their flowers ready for our Mothers' Day assembly.





At Forest School on Tuesday, our Year 3 adventurers had a fantastic time exploring how to safely use drills and hammers to create their own unique patterns in wood. With great focus and teamwork, the children experimented with different tools and techniques, discovering how small changes could make beautiful designs.

It was wonderful to see their creativity and confidence grow as they carefully tapped, drilled, and shaped their pieces. After all that hard work in the fresh air, we gathered together to warm up with delicious hot chocolate and toasted s'mores around the fire — the perfect end to a brilliant afternoon of outdoor learning!







With Easter just around the corner, the children have been embracing the season by baking their very own hot cross buns! The children carefully mixed the ingredients, kneaded the dough, and shaped each bun beautifully. A traditional cross on top was added before brushing them with a glossy jam glaze. Well done to all our enthusiastic bakers!



RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY



Our Reception Class performed their very first class assembly on Wednesday afternoon, and what a wonderful treat it was! □□

The theme celebrated the love of reading, which the children demonstrated beautifully throughout the assembly. It was truly a special moment for everyone who was able to be there.

Well done to all of our amazing children — we are incredibly proud of you!



We Love Reading





Year 5 had a fantastic trip to Pizza Express in Monmouth on Wednesday, as part of their DT learning! The children created their own delicious pizzas. It was a brilliant hands-on experience that helped bring their learning to life.

A big thank you to the team at Pizza Express Monmouth for such a warm welcome and a memorable morning!





COMING NEXT WEEK!

At St Joseph's



On Tuesday 17th March we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day here in school. Everyone is invited to come to school wearing non-uniform and something green, white or orange to mark this special day! Mrs. Wilkes (Olcan and Hunter's mum) has planned some great activities for all the classes and we can't wait to learn more about this special feast day and famous Irish traditions!



Parents Evening

We will be holding our Spring term Parents' Evenings next
Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March 2026
and Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March for Year
3, 5 and 6.



Year 5 will be performing their assembly next **Wednesday 18th March** at 2:30pm. We look forward to welcoming our Year five families to this event.



On **Thursday 19th March**, our school will celebrate St Joseph's Feast Day. The day will begin with Mass, where children will place written prayers around the statue of St Joseph. Classes will take part in age appropriate wood-working activities, such as sanding wood, making keychains, crosses, or plaques. Children will also create paper lilies decorated with virtues.

To honour St Joseph's care for others, we will run a food bank collection; if possible, please send your child with one tinned, packaged, or toiletry item. Thank you for your support as we celebrate our patron saint.



Next **Friday 20th March**, we will be completing our Big Lent Walk! We will be leaving school for 9:00am and returning for 11:30am, Can you please ensure your child has a healthy snack to bring with them and comfortable footwear for walking.

Coming soon



On **Monday 23rd March**, Mr. Mason will be taking a team of Key Stage 2 children to represent St Joseph's in the County Primary Schools Football Tournament, with over 40 other Herefordshire schools! We wish them all the best of luck and look forward to sharing with you how they get on!



Our Year 3 children are looking forward to performing their Easter production of 'The Tale of Three Trees' on **Thursday 26th March at 2:00pm in the sports hall**. -We look forward to welcoming our Year 3 families and hope that everyone will enjoy this meaningful and special retelling of Jesus' story...



On **Thursday 26th March at 3:15pm** in the sports hall, we will be holding a parent meeting for our Big School Camp over experience for Year 3 taking place on 8th May. We look forward to welcoming families then to hear more about this exciting event!



On **Friday 27th March** we will be celebrating the end of our Spring term with a sponsored Bouncethon, organised by our fantastic FSJ! Children are welcome to come to school in non uniform—ideally something comfortable and easy to bounce in.

It's sure to be a fun filled day and a wonderful way to start our Easter holidays!



Limited
Spaces
Available!

St. Joseph's
EASTER
Holiday
CLUB

BOOK
NOW!

30TH & 31ST MARCH

1ST, 8TH, 9TH & 10TH APRIL



SPRING TERM

Tuesday 17th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 18th March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 17th March	St Patrick's Day
Wednesday 18th March	Year 5 Assembly @ 2:30pm
Thursday 19th March	St Joseph's Feast Day— whole school Mass
Friday 20th March	Big Lent Walk
Monday 23rd March	County Primary Football Tournament— Hereford
Thursday 26th March	Year 3 Easter Performance @ 2:00pm
Thursday 26th March	Year 3 The Big School Camp Over meeting for parents @ 3:15pm
Friday 27th March	FSJ Bounceathon End of Spring Term



This week in Art Club we explored the creative world of collage. Using magazines, the children designed their own unique collage characters, mixing and matching different features to create some truly hilarious faces. Eyes, noses, mouths and hairstyles from completely different photos came together in imaginative and often very funny ways!

Alongside this, the children also helped decorate stones and butterflies for Ross Community Gardens, a place we visit regularly. They carefully added colour and patterns to make the pieces bright and welcoming for the garden.



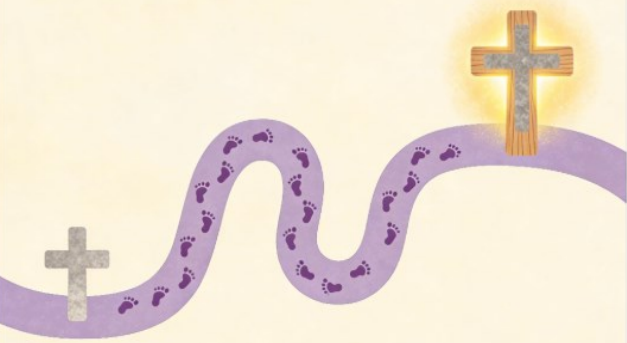


Summer Term Begins

Monday 13th April	Return to school from Easter holidays
Thursday 23rd April	Beginning of Term Mass and St George's Day
Friday 24th April	Family Bingo Night (FSJ)
Monday 27th April	Year 5 Bike Ability
Friday 1st May	Non uniform Day – donations for Summer Fayre
Friday 8th May—Saturday 9th May	Year 3 The Big School Camp Over
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 18th May	Class photos and leavers photos
Tuesday 19th May	New Reception Class visiting 10am – 1:00pm
Tuesday 19th May	Road Safety Training years 3 and 6
Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd May	Year 4 London Residential
Thursday 21st May	Reception Class visit Noah's Ark Farm
Thursday 21st May	Year 6 Surprise Trip
Friday 22nd May	Non uniform Day – donations for Summer Fayre
Friday 22nd May	Break up for Half term

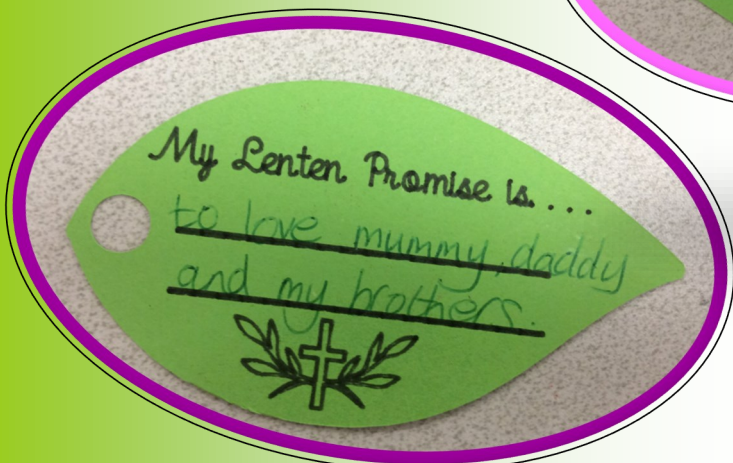
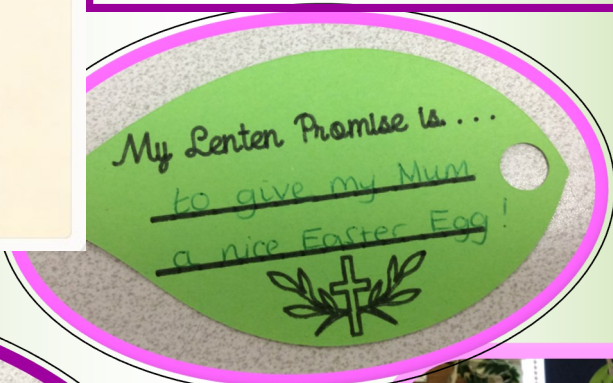
Friday 5th June	Summer Fayre
Monday 8th June	Year 1 phonics screening check
Monday 8th June	Year 6 Art Project
Tuesday 9th June	New Reception Class visiting 10am – 1:00pm
Thursday 11th June	Nursery Sports Day
Friday 12th June	Sports Day
Thursday 18th June	Year 3/ Cricket Festival
Friday 19th June	Whole school Summer Music Concert
Monday 22nd June	Year 5/6 Cricket festival
Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th June	Year 5 and 6 Residential to Disneyland Paris
Tuesday 30th June	New Reception class family picnic @ 1:30pm
Friday 4th July	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 6th July	Dress rehearsal for Fiddler on the Roof performance – Monmouth Savoy
Tuesday 7th July	Fiddler on the Roof performance – Monmouth Savoy 6pm
Thursday 9th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass
Friday 10th July	Nursery Graduation
Friday 10th July	Year 6 Surprise Trip!
Monday 13th July	Whole school Colour Run
Tuesday 14th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 14th July	End of Summer Term

My Lenten Journey



Walking with Jesus

Our Reception children have been reflecting on their Lenten promises this week and have proudly hung their leaves on our Lenten tree. Well done, children — it's wonderful to read such thoughtful and heartfelt promises.



WYE	99.17%
AMAZON	97%
DANUBE	100%
TIBER	97.1%
THAMES	96.43%
AVON	100%
SEINE	93.91%

YEAR 3 SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 3 will begin their weekly swimming lessons on Wednesday 15th April. Can parents please ensure they have signed the consent form and contributed to the bus. Without contributions our children would be unable to attend such high quality provision. Many thanks.

HEALTHY SCHOOL SNACK IDEAS

Fruit, veg sticks, cheese, crackers



Yogurt & Berry Cup

A refreshing snack full of calcium and vitamins.

Ingredients

- Plain or vanilla yogurt
- Fresh berries (strawberries, blueberries, or raspberries)
- A sprinkle of oats or granola (nut-free)

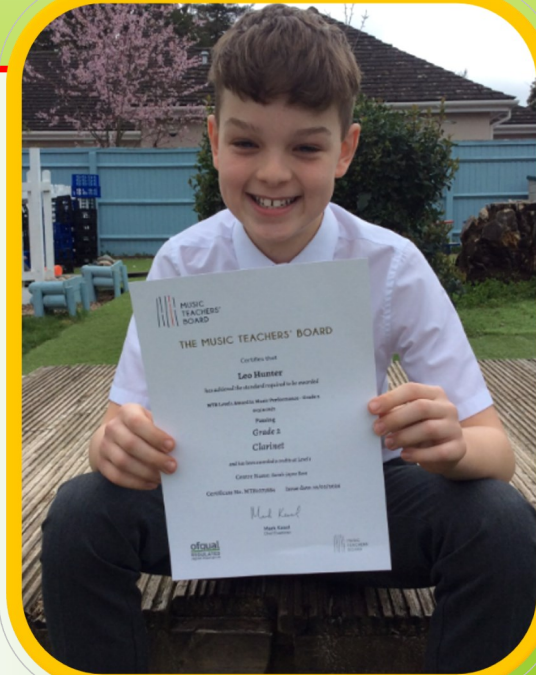


Instructions

1. Spoon yogurt into a small container.
2. Add berries on top.
3. Sprinkle with oats for a little crunch



Congratulations to Leo in Year 6 for successfully achieving his Grade 2 Clarinet. We are all super proud of you—well done!



To all the Mothers,
Grandmothers,
Aunts, Sisters
and other women
in our lives that care for
us and love us
unconditionally,
Happy Mother's Day!

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

