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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

'Treat others the way you want to be treated'

Matthew 7:12

Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful week in school, filled with engaging learning and plenty of opportunities for the children to enjoy our rich curriculum. Across all year groups, pupils have been working hard and showing great enthusiasm in their lessons.

We have also been fortunate to enjoy some glorious weather, which has allowed children to spend more time learning outdoors. Whether in lessons, structured activities, or play, the warmer conditions have provided a great chance to take learning outside and make the most of our school environment.

We are delighted to share that some of our families in Year 2 and above will be heading to the Bristol Hippodrome in June to see *Matilda the Musical*. This much-loved production, based on Roald Dahl's classic story, promises to be a magical experience for our pupils and their families to enjoy together.

The trip will also be the starting point for an exciting project back at school. Miss Steiner is already brimming with ideas and is looking forward to planning our very own version of *Matilda* for a school performance in February.

We are so fortunate to be able to offer experiences such as these, which enrich our pupils' learning and create lasting memories.

FOREST SCHOOL

YEAR 4 • ST JOSEPH'S

Year 4 had a fantastic time at Forest School, embracing the outdoors and getting hands-on with nature. One of the highlights was making bird feeders using fruit and mealworms. The children really enjoyed creating these and were excited to hang them up in the school woods, helping to support local wildlife.

We also gathered around the fire to roast delicious s'mores, which was a real treat and a lovely way to end the session together. The children showed great enthusiasm, teamwork, and respect for the environment throughout the day.

Outdoor Adventures

POKÉMO

ST. JOSEPH'S RC
ROSS-on-WYE
VIRTUTE ET LABORE
COOKING CLUB

This week in Cooking Club, the children enjoyed making delicious lemon and blueberry muffins. They carefully mixed the ingredients, working together as a team. The children took great care when adding the blueberries and lemon zest before spooning the mixture into muffin cases. The muffins smelled delicious as they baked and were hopefully enjoyed by all.

ST. JOSEPH'S RC

ROSS-on-WYE

VIRTUTE ET LABORE

ART CLUB

This week, in Art Club, the children used acrylic paints to create colourful animal artworks, which they proudly mounted onto frames. They also experimented with pens on acetate, producing intricate patterns and imaginative designs. A brilliant mix of creativity and focus from everyone.

Forest School Club

St Joseph's with Mrs Bennett

A message from Mrs Bennett...

This week at forest school club, we made earth candles by melting beeswax over the fire and shaping them into the ground. To finish the session, we enjoyed roasting s'mores together over the fire — a perfect ending!

This week, our Year 5 children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Bikeability training. The programme provided them with the opportunity to develop their cycling skills, road awareness, and confidence in a safe and supportive environment.

The children learned how to check their bikes, signal correctly, and navigate roads safely, with a strong focus on understanding how to ride responsibly in real-life traffic situations. They showed great enthusiasm, resilience, and maturity throughout the sessions, taking on new challenges with confidence and determination.

It has been wonderful to see their progress over the course of the training, and we are very proud of how well they represented the school.

YEAR 2 AT THE LIBRARY

Super Reader

Our Year 2 children had a wonderful morning visiting Ross Library today. The class were very excited to travel into town and were excellent ambassadors for our school throughout the visit.

Once at the library, the children enjoyed listening to stories, exploring the shelves and discovering new books and authors. They loved having time to sit and read in the cosy children's area, sharing favourite finds with their friends and talking about the kinds of books they enjoy. reading. Thanks to Ross Library, everyone had a lovely time!

Next Week!

Next Tuesday 28th April, our Year 3 pupils will have their Forest School session. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn outdoors, explore the natural environment, and develop new skills through hands-on activities.

We are sure it will be a fun and enriching experience for everyone involved, and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures!

Next Thursday 30th April, we will be celebrating a whole school Mass with Father Nick to mark the start of our summer term. We look forward to this special time of collective worship; coming together as a community to reflect, give thanks, and set our intentions for the term ahead. It is a lovely opportunity for us all to unite in prayer, support one another, and begin the new term with a sense of purpose and positivity. As always families are warmly welcome to join us.

Next Friday 1st May, will be non-uniform day.

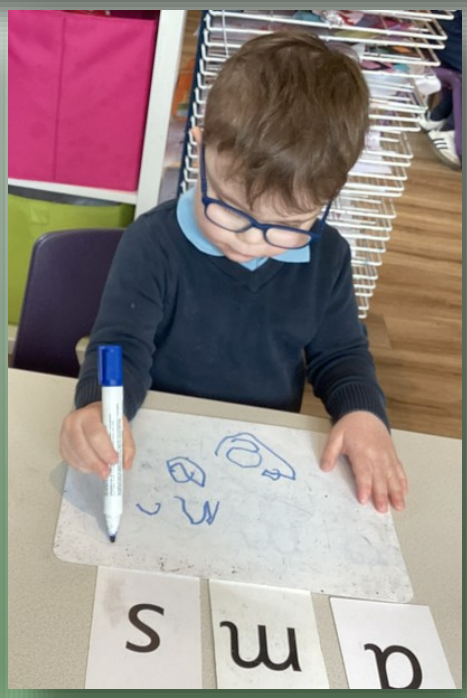
We kindly ask families to make a donation in support of our Summer Fayre. This time, we are collecting bottles for the bottle tombola. Please drop them off to the school office.

Many thanks, as always, for your continued support!

The Seedlings loved a walk to the park this week - playing on the slide, swings and climbing frame.

The Acorns have enjoyed trips to forest school and playing in the reception garden. They have been counting with cars and matching them to the correct numbered parking spaces.

The Oakleaves are getting on really well with their phonics - they have been practising writing m, a, s and d this week!



Gardening Club is back! We couldn't be happier to have our hands back in the soil and the sun on our faces. In the green house, we planted runner beans and peas. Both require their pots to be filled halfway, seeds placed in then covered with soil—being careful to never press down. Then we planted some cosmos by filling the pots 3/4's full with soil and generously sprinkling cosmos seeds on top. Those were topped with a sprinkling of soil. All seeds watered, birds fed. We planted carrots in our raised kitchen bed in a brand new way for us. We used seed tape! 3 trenches dug, seed rape placed in and then covered with soil. Roy then gave us a tour of the Reception garden to see how beautifully Spring has sprung all plants from last summer and fall to a fresh new life!

KITCHEN
BED

Healthy Packed Lunch idea….

Main:

Wholemeal tortilla wrap with:

Grilled chicken or sliced Quorn/cheese

Lettuce, grated carrot, and cucumber

A little yoghurt-based or plain cream cheese spread instead of hummus

Sides:
Veg sticks: cucumber, red/orange pepper, and sugar snap peas or baby carrots

Fruit: a small mix of grapes (cut for younger children), strawberries, and kiwi or blueberries

Dairy: a small plain yoghurt or fromage frais (you can add a few berries on top)

Optional extra: a few wholegrain crackers or mini rice cakes

Yesterday, we held our Parent Voice meeting, and as always, it was a very helpful and productive discussion. We are incredibly grateful to our parents for giving up their time to share their thoughts, ideas, and feedback on school improvement.

Your support and contributions are invaluable in helping us continue to grow and provide the very best for our pupils. Thank you for working in partnership with us.

Junior registration also open to 11+

Fridays 6pm – 7:30pm

ECB Level 2 coaches

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

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ROSS-ON-WYE CRICKET CLUB

ALL STARS CRICKET

Fridays 6pm – 7pm
1st May – 19th June
5 - 8 year olds

DYNAMOS CRICKET

Fridays 6pm – 7.30pm
From 1st May through the summer
8 - 11 year olds

Sign up now!

Click here to sign up

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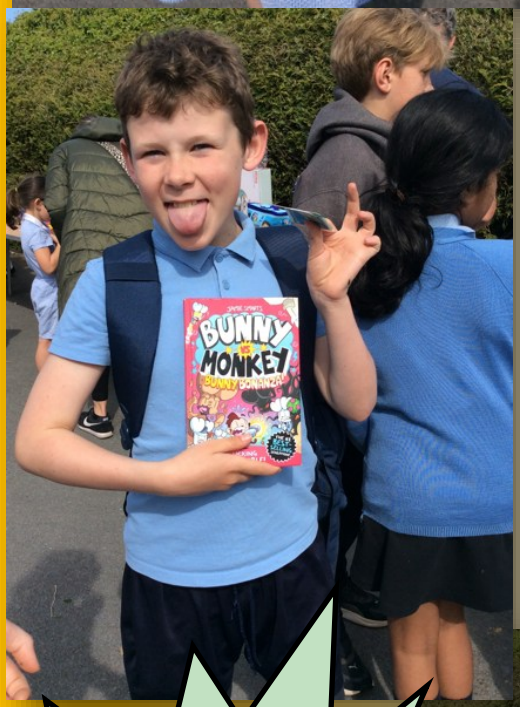
Our School Council members did a fantastic job on Wednesday at our toy sale. They showed great enthusiasm, teamwork, and responsibility throughout the event, helping to organise, set up, and support their peers in a very professional manner. The sale was a great success and enjoyed by many children across the school. Well done to all involved for their hard work and excellent representation of our school values.



WE RAISED £84.55

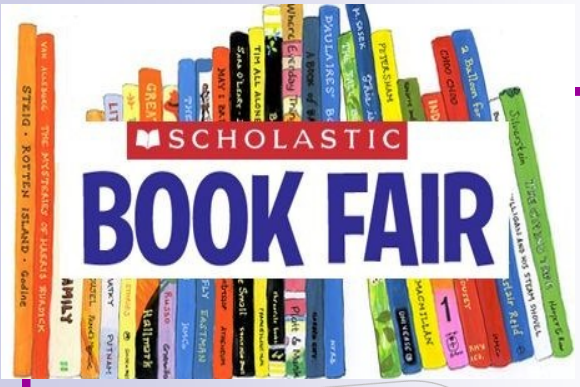
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THIS EVENT"

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Summer Term Begins

27th April	Year 5 Bike Ability
Friday 1st May	Non uniform Day – donations for Summer Fayre
Wednesday 6th May	Year 2 trip to Eastnor Pottery Barn
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
Friday 22nd May	Non uniform Day – donations for Summer Fayre
Friday 22nd May	Break up for Half term
Tuesday 2nd June	Year 3 visit Community Gardens

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
Thursday 18th June	Matilda the Musical—Bristol Hippodrome
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
Wednesday 24th June	Year 1 trip to Cattle Country
Tuesday 30th June	New Reception class family picnic @ 1:30pm
Thursday 2nd July	Future Naturalists Day
Friday 3rd 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



This week, we were delighted to host our Scholastic Book Fair, and what a wonderful event it was! It was truly lovely to see the children so excited about books—browsing, choosing their favourites, and sharing their enthusiasm with friends and family. Moments like these really highlight the joy that reading can bring.

A big thank you to everyone who came along and supported the fair. Your involvement helps us continue to promote a love of reading within our school community.

GREAT ATTENDANCE

WYE	97%
AMAZON	90.31%
DANUBE	98.06%
TIBER	97.7%
THAMES	96.07%
AVON	95.83%
SEINE	98.7%

This week in Reception, the children enjoyed a creative and exciting art lesson inspired by fireworks. They explored a range of techniques to create their own firework paintings, including splatting tea bags, flicking paintbrushes, and using different colours and textures to make bold, bright effects. They then put their pieces of art together to create a giant piece of group artwork!

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis