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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

'Treat others the way you want to be treated'

Matthew 7:12

Dear Families,

On Thursday, we came together to celebrate a joyful Mass with Father Nick and our fellow parishioners, marking the beginning of our summer term. With the sunshine on our side, we were delighted to hold the event outdoors on the field—it made the occasion feel even more special!

The children truly shone, reading and singing so beautifully throughout. It was a heartwarming celebration and a wonderful opportunity for us all to gather as a community and celebrate the Catholic life and mission of St Joseph's.

As we now enter the month of May, we look forward to our May Procession on 15th May in honour of Mary. Families are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion.





This week our Year 3 forest school session was all about exploring natural materials and having a go at whittling willow. We began by gathering together to chat through our safety rules and to introduce the tools we would be using, including peelers and penknives.

Using freshly cut willow, the children started by trying out the peelers to strip away the bark and smooth the wood. This helped them build confidence and get a feel for the tools before

moving on to using the penknives.

As the session went on, it was lovely to see the children growing in confidence and independence. They showed a great understanding of how to use the tools safely, while also enjoying being creative and trying out their own ideas.





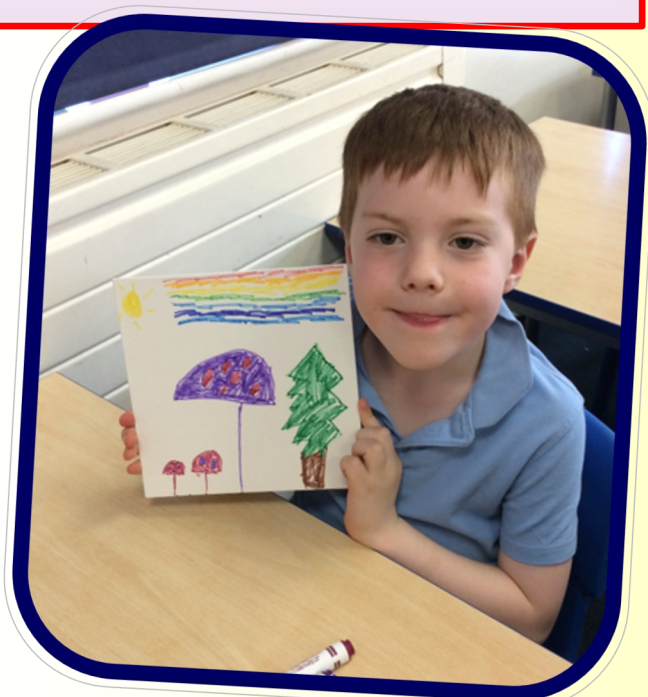
This week, the children enjoyed a different kind of Cookery Club, as they made a savoury dish instead of their usual sweet treats. They prepared spaghetti bolognese, developing their chopping and mixing skills by cutting mushrooms and peppers for the sauce. The vegetables were combined with tomatoes and mince to create a tasty bolognese, which was then added to the spaghetti. The children were very proud of their work and enjoyed making a delicious evening meal!





This week in Art Club, the children had a great time exploring wet felting. They used wool, warm water and lots of energy to create their own colourful pieces of handmade felt. They also began working on forest inspired canvases, building backgrounds full of natural colours and textures.

Next week, they'll use their felt to create animals to add to their woodland scenes, bringing their forest artworks to life.





A message from Mrs. Bennett...

We had an amazing time at Forest School Club on Tuesday, taking part in an exciting, hands-on cooking experience around the campfire. Everyone got involved in making pancakes from scratch—mixing the batter, carefully cooking them over the open fire, and working together to get

them just right. The crackling flames, the delicious smells, and the fresh outdoor setting made it a truly memorable activity that helped build teamwork, confidence, and independence.

To finish off a fantastic session, we gathered around the fire to make and enjoy some warm,

gooey s'mores—the perfect sweet treat to share together outdoors!







Congratulations to our Year 5 children who participated in the Bike Ability training held here at school last week. They all did extremely well and demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm throughout the sessions. The children learned a range of important skills and knowledge, including how to ride safely on the road, understand traffic signals, and develop confidence and awareness as cyclists. Well done, Year 5 — a brilliant achievement!





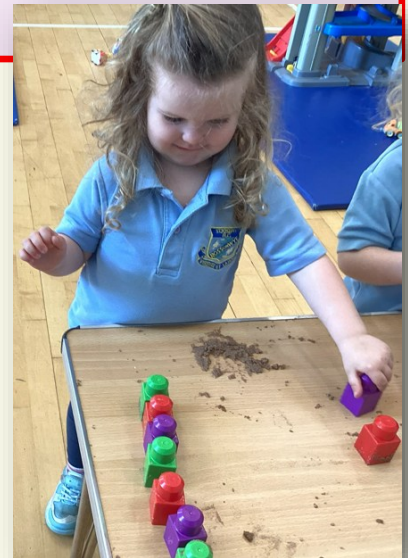
Welcome to our Nursery



The Seedlings have been exploring the shaving foam this week - spooning it in and out of containers and making patterns with their fingers in the foam.

The Acorns loved creating some lovely pictures using textured rolling pins and paint onto paper.

The Oakleaves have been focusing on a repeated pattern - building on their knowledge using unifix blocks, pattern puzzles and apple printing colours.



Gardening Club with Roy

Gardening Club was full of fun in the sun again this week! When our mulberry tree was first planted, it was as tall as Kostia, now it has doubled in size! We look forward to eating its berries, which we are told taste like jelly beans. The rest of our time was well spent spreading grass seed in our forest school. Roy and Mrs Bennett are working so hard to make it a beautiful space to learn in—we are very grateful to be part of it!

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Happy
Gardening!





This week, our Running Club took things up a notch by venturing beyond the school grounds and exploring the beautiful Ross-on-Wye. The group followed the scenic Town and Country Trail, enjoying a mix of fresh air, countryside views, and lovely sunshine!

It was fantastic to see such determination and teamwork from everyone — every runner gave their best effort.

A huge well done to all participants for their amazing energy and enthusiasm! Special congratulations to our Runner of the Week: Alice, whose effort, positive attitude, and encouragement really stood out.

Looking forward to another fun and active session next week!



HEALTHY SCHOOL SNACK IDEAS

Fruit, veg sticks, cheese, crackers



BLT pasta salad



INGREDIENTS

- 25g pasta bows
- 2 cooked crispy bacon rashers broken into pieces
- 15g spinach chopped
- 6 cherry tomatoes halved
- ½ tbsp crème fraîche
- ¼ tsp wholegrain mustard

The night before school, cook the pasta following pack instructions and run under cold water to cool quickly. Mix in the bacon, spinach, tomatoes, crème fraîche and mustard, and season with a little salt and pepper. Spoon into an airtight container and keep overnight in the fridge.

IMPORTANT

We would like to remind all parents and carers that holidays taken during term time **cannot be authorised**. In accordance with guidance from the Department for Education (DfE), the school is required to adhere to national regulations regarding pupil attendance.

Regular attendance is essential in supporting each child's learning, progress, and overall development. Parents and carers are therefore expected to arrange family holidays outside of term dates. Requests for leave of absence during term time will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

We appreciate your cooperation in supporting high standards of attendance across the school.



Limited
Spaces
Available!

St Joseph's

MAY HALF TERM

Holiday
CLUB



BOOK
NOW!

TUESDAY 26TH – FRIDAY 29TH MAY



Coming to St Joseph's Next Week

We can't wait to welcome you!



Eastnor Pottery Workshop

Get creative with clay!

Create Shape & Imagine!

Date: _____
Time: _____
Class/Year: _____

On **Wednesday 6th May**, Year 2 will be visiting Eastnor Pottery for an exciting and creative day out. We will be leaving school at 9:00am and will return in time for normal pick up at the end of the school day.

As part of our art work on sculpture, the children will take part in a hands-on sculpture workshop, where they will design and create their own unique pieces. The sculptures will then be professionally fired, and once the process is complete, the children will be able to take their finished work home.

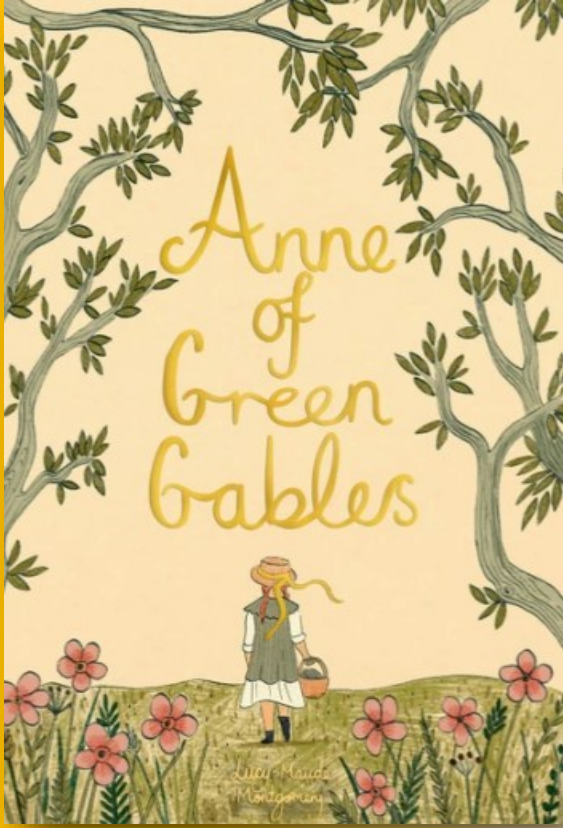
On **Friday 8th May**, our Year 3 children will be taking part in their exciting 'Big Camp Over' experience. This is a highly anticipated event and we are really looking forward to sharing it with the children.

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in suitable clothing and brings all belongings needed for this adventure, as outlined in the parent meeting.

Pick up will be at 10:00am on Saturday 9th May. We are very much looking forward to the experience and can't wait to share the outcomes with our families!



Coming Soon!



A group of our Year 6 children have begun rehearsing a production of 'Anne of Green Gables' - a story that they read in Reading Together Time in Year 5 and became very attached to! The play has been written especially for them and we are very excited to have booked the studio theatre at Hereford Courtyard for the performance at **6pm on Tuesday 9th June.**

Please come along and support the children if you can. There are limited seats available - tickets are £8 each and can be booked through the Courtyard website.

[Anne of Green Gables by St Joseph's RC Primary School - The Courtyard](#)

**Year 6
SATs**

As we approach SATs week, we would like to share the arrangements to help ensure the children feel calm, confident and ready to do their very best.

All Year 6 children are asked to arrive at school by 8:00am each morning. Upon arrival, they should come straight into the classroom, where staff will be there to welcome them and help them settle.

To give the children a positive and relaxed start to each day, we will be providing a free breakfast each morning:

We know that SATs can feel like a big moment, so children are welcome to bring a small comfort mascot to keep under their table during the tests if they wish.

We are incredibly proud of how hard the children have been working in preparation for SATs. Their effort, determination and positive attitude have been fantastic to see. After SATs week, we have lots of exciting activities and events planned to celebrate all of their hard work and to make the most of their final term in Year 6.



Summer Term Begins

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| 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 |
| Friday 15th May | May Procession |
| Monday 18th May | Class photos and leavers photos |
| Tuesday 19th May | Year 6 visit to Tudor House Museum Worcester |
| 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 Sum- mer Fayre |
| Friday 22nd May | Break up for Half term |
| Tuesday 2nd June | Year 3 visit Community Gardens |

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| 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 |



Wishing all our April birthday children a very Happy Birthday!

This month we are delighted to celebrate all the children at St Joseph's who have their birthday in April. We hope you enjoyed a wonderful celebration with your family and friends. Thank you for all the joy, enthusiasm and smiles you bring to our school community each day.

From everyone at St Joseph's, we wish you a very happy birthday and a year filled with fun, friendship and new adventures.



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| WYE | 92% |
| AMAZON | 95.41% |
| DANUBE | 97% |
| TIBER | 94.57% |
| THAMES | 98.57% |
| AVON | 99.17% |
| SEINE | 97.3% |

A BIG thank you to everyone who donated to our bottle tombola for the Summer Fayre – your generosity is very much appreciated!

Our FSJ members will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 6th May at 3:30pm in the school library to plan the Summer Fayre.

If you're able to help, please do come along – we'd love to see you there.



A message from Miss Sprawson...

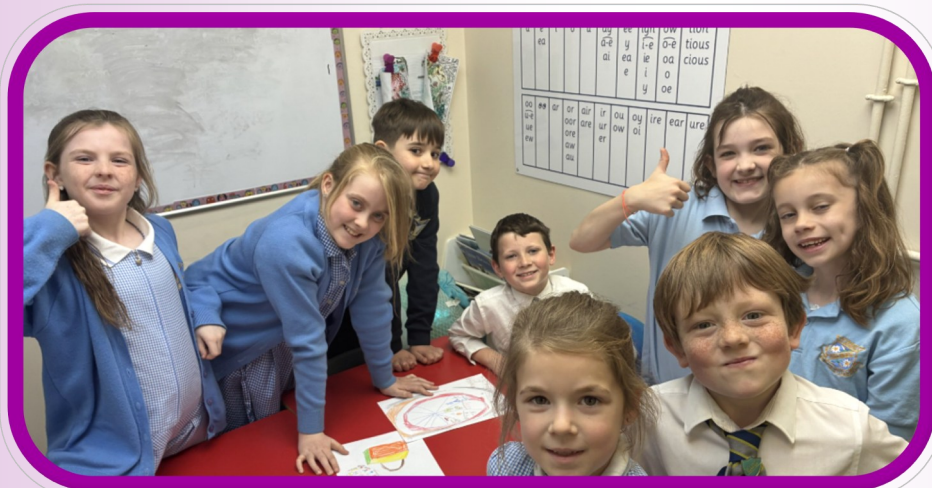
The children have recently taken part in a healthy eating poster competition, and we are delighted to celebrate their fantastic efforts. Every pupil completed a poster, showing great enthusiasm, creativity, and care in their work.

As part of the activity, the children thought carefully about why eating healthily is so important. They explored how a balanced diet helps us grow, stay active, and keep our bodies and minds strong. It was wonderful to see them applying their knowledge in such imaginative ways.

The posters also highlighted the different types of food and drink we can enjoy to stay healthy. Many children included a variety of fruits, vegetables, proteins, dairy, and carbohydrates, as well as the importance of drinking plenty of water.

Their work demonstrated a clear understanding of how to make healthy choices in everyday life.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work and thoughtful contributions. Well done to everyone who took part!



Congratulations to the following three winners who will receive their prize today, and have their posters showcased around the school!

Medeea: Reception

Leo O: Y4

Ruby and Jessie: Y6



Enjoy your long weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

