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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

'Treat others the way you want to be treated'

Matthew 7:12

Dear Families,

This week, our Year 6 children completed their end of Key Stage 2 standard attainment tests. All of the children were absolute superstars throughout the week, and we couldn't be prouder of their effort, determination, and positive attitude.

On Thursday, once the final test was completed, they took a trip into town to enjoy a well-deserved fish and chip lunch at Seven Seas. This is a long-standing tradition here at St Joseph's, and the children always enjoy this celebratory meal, followed by a visit to the park.

Now the countdown begins as they look ahead to starting their secondary school journey. We have so much for them to look forward to between now and then, and we look forward to sharing these special moments and memories with our families.



Year 6 post-SATs treats begin!

You did it – time to celebrate!





TRAINING

Year 5 stepped into their buddy role this week as they began preparing to support our new Reception children in September. They explored what it means to be a kind, patient and reliable buddy, and practised ways to help their younger peers feel safe and confident. The highlight of the week was joining Reception for Forest School, where everyone teamed up for mini-beast scavenger hunts and even cooked pancakes together over the fire. A brilliant start to their buddy journey - they cannot wait to meet their new buddies next week when our new starters have their first transition session at school!

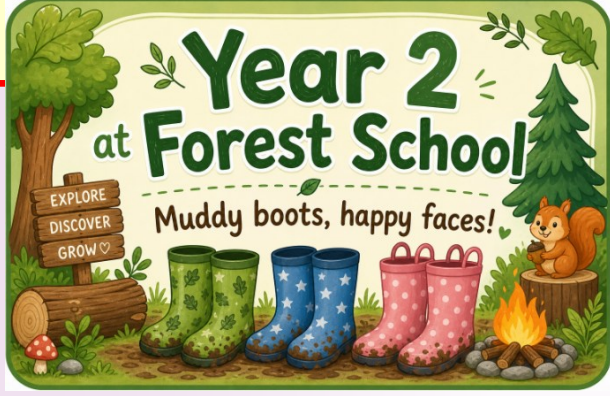


Be a Good Role Model!





Let Kindness
Bloom



Year 2 had a wonderful time at Forest School this week, learning how to make natural paintbrushes using willow. The children were intro-

duced to a bill hook and carefully watched how it could be used safely to shape and split the willow sticks. With support and guidance, they created their own unique paintbrushes using natural materials found around the woodland area. The children showed great teamwork, resilience, and creativity throughout the activity and were excited to test out their handmade brushes.

To end the session, everyone gathered around the fire circle to enjoy roasting marshmallows over the campfire.





The Seedlings have enjoyed their story of the week - 5 little speckled frogs. They explored the frog treasure basket and began joining in with some of the actions.

The Acorns have been finding their facial features in the mirror and using the emotions board to identify how they are feeling.

The Oakleaves created a lifecycle of a butterfly - talking about the stages and making a paper plate life cycle.





In Cooking Club this week, the children made delicious mini fruit cheesecakes. They started by crushing biscuits for the base, then whipped cream and mixed it with low-fat cream cheese to create a smooth filling.

They finished by chopping a colourful mix of strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, and bananas, adding their favourite fruits on top. A fun, hands-on session with tasty results.





Art Club was buzzing with creativity this week as the children explored an eclectic mix of activities. They crafted charming cress bunnies, added the felt they made two weeks ago to their growing 3D canvases, and spent time sketching still-life studies in their sketchbooks. A wonderfully varied afternoon of imagination and hands-on making.





A message from Mrs. Bennett...

The children had a fantastic time at Forest School exploring nature through creative art activities. Using hammers, they carefully tapped leaves and flowers onto fabric and paper to create beautiful natural prints. The children enjoyed discovering the different colours and patterns hidden inside the plants and showed great focus and care while using the tools safely.





A message from Miss Sprawson...

Our third running club session took place along the Town and Country Trail this week, and the children were fantastic! We increased the amount of time spent running with less walking, and everyone showed incredible resilience and determination to keep up the pace.

As our running statistics show, the children completed nearly 5K during a 48-minute running session — an amazing achievement!

Well done, Running Club! Miss Sprawson and Mrs. Hodges are so impressed with your effort and positive attitudes. Keep it up!



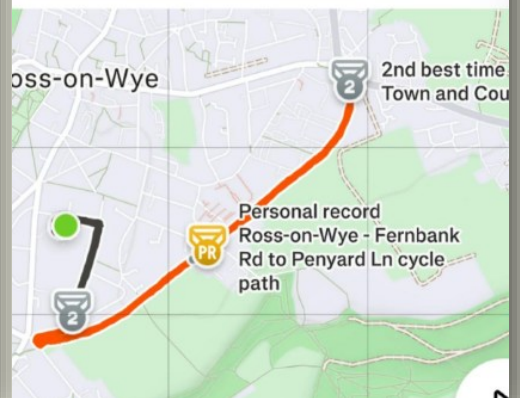
St Joseph's running club

Distance
4.86 km

Avg Pace
9:55 /km

Moving Time
48:10

Elevation Gain
40 m



Next Week!



Our school photographer will be visiting on **Monday 18th May** to take class photographs and leavers' photos.

Please ensure that children come to school wearing their full and correct school uniform for this occasion.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

On **Tuesday 19th May**, our new Reception children will be visiting for their first transition session.

We are really looking forward to welcoming them! During the morning, they will spend time familiarising themselves with their new classroom and meeting new friends.

They will also stay for lunch before returning to Nursery in the afternoon.

On **Tuesday 19th May** our current Reception class will be visiting the Community Gardens for a morning full of outdoor learning!

On **Tuesday 19th May** Year 6 will be visiting the Tuor House in Worcester as part of their History topic on World War 2. This will be a great experience for them and we look forward to sharing their learning with you!

WELCOME

Community Gardens





Year 3 will be taking part in Road Safety Training next **Tuesday 19th May**. The children will learn important skills for staying safe near roads, including how to cross safely, recognise potential dangers and make sensible decisions when travelling. We are looking forward to this valuable opportunity to help pupils build confidence and awareness as pedestrians.



On **Wednesday 20th May** Year 4 are heading to London for their residential. It is going to be an exciting few days for them, as they visit the Paradox museum, The Tower of London, The London Eye, as well as going to watch Paddington the musical! We look forward to sharing their adventures with you as they stay on the HMS Belfast!





On Thursday 21st May Reception class will be venturing to Noah's Ark Farm for a day of fun and adventure. The children will have the opportunity to meet a variety of animals, explore the farm and take part in exciting outdoor activities. We are looking forward to a fantastic day of learning, discovery and memorable experiences together.



On Friday 22nd May, we will be holding a non-uniform day and kindly asking for chocolate donations for our Summer Fayre. Donations can be brought to the school office. Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity and support — it is greatly appreciated!





We are excited to announce that our Summer Fayre will take place on **Friday 5th June at 1:30pm** here at school. There will be a range of fun stalls, games, refreshments and activities for children and families to enjoy. We look forward to welcoming everyone for an afternoon of fun and community spirit while helping to raise funds for our school. Thank you for your continued support — we hope to see you there!



We are excited to announce that our annual Sports Day will take place on **Friday 12th June** at Ross Sports Centre CIC! Families and friends are warmly invited to join us for a fun-filled day of races, activities and team spirit. Events will begin at 10:00am, followed by a whole-school picnic at lunchtime and our exciting main races in the afternoon. Children may be collected from the venue at 2:30pm. We can't wait for a fantastic day and hope to see you there!



On Friday, Year 3 took part in a fantastic camp over experience at school. The children threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm and positivity, showing real resilience when faced with new challenges and working brilliantly together as a team throughout the evening. From outdoor games to settling in for the night, they supported one another and demonstrated excellent behaviour and independence. We are incredibly proud of how they represented the school and of the maturity and teamwork they showed during this memorable experience.





Future Naturalists

WILDLIFE QUEST

at Ross-on-Wye
Community
Garden

access through Old Gloucester Road

26th May 10 till 12.30



Join us to discover how many species of animal, fungi and plant we can discover. Grab a net, tray, binoculars and books and see how many you can spot. Led by an expert wildlife enthusiast this is great for young and old. No charge and just turn up at any time.



Part of the 'Future Naturalists' project supported by the Green Oak Fund. For any details please email tim@clan-cic.org

Haygrove
COMMUNITY GARDENS CHARITY





A message from Mrs. Urding...

Amazon Class had a fantastic visit to Haygrove Community Gardens on Tuesday!

We were given a very warm welcome and began our visit in the hay barn, where we learned all about insects and their habitats. The children were fascinated to see tadpoles close and enjoyed learning about their life cycle. There was great excitement when we heard that a brand-new pond is being created in the community garden!

We discovered where different insects like to live, from ladybirds in pine trees to woodlice hiding under logs and explored many other fascinating mini-beasts. The class then went on an insect hunt, where we found worms and centipedes in the compost, as well as bugs living in bug houses.

To round off our visit, we enjoyed some time playing games, swinging in hammocks, and soaking up the beautiful surroundings.

It was a wonderful day full of learning and exploration. Thank you to Haygrove Community Gardens for such a memorable experience!





Summer Term Begins

Monday 18th May	Class photos and leavers photos
Tuesday 19th May	New Reception Class visiting 10am – 1:00pm
Tuesday 19th May	Year 6 trip to Tudor House Worcester
Tuesday 19th May	Reception visit Community Gardens
Tuesday 19th May	Road Safety Training years 3
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
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



Arriving at school on time is an important part of every child's success. Being punctual helps children settle calmly into the school day, take part in morning learning activities and develop positive routines and habits. Arriving late can sometimes leave children feeling unsettled or anxious as they miss important instructions and the chance to start the day alongside their classmates. Even a few minutes late each day can quickly add up to lost learning time.

Please remember that all children need to be in school and ready for registration by 9:00am each morning. Thank you for your continued support in helping children arrive promptly, ready to learn and thrive.

Important

Please can parents and carers ensure that their ParentPay accounts are kept up to date. This helps us to manage school payments efficiently and ensures that meals, trips, and other activities can be organised smoothly.

In particular, we kindly ask that payments for wraparound care are made in advance of the daily cut offs. Unfortunately, we are unable to sustain this provision unless it is paid for accordingly.

We would also like to highlight that, without contributions towards trips, we would not be able to provide the wide range of enriching experiences and opportunities that the school is proud to offer. These contributions make a significant difference in enhancing children's learning beyond the classroom.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation.



CHEESE AND CRACKER PLATTER...

WYE	93.27%
AMAZON	95.39%
DANUBE	97.5%
TIBER	98.21%
THAMES	98.21%
AVON	95.83%
SEINE	98.37%

Cheese selection: cubes of cheddar, mini cheese triangles or mozzarella balls

Crunchy sides: wholegrain crackers, breadsticks or pitta strips

Fresh bites: cucumber sticks, cherry tomatoes and carrot batons

Fruit pairing: apple slices, grapes and strawberries for a sweet balance

Dippy pot: plain yoghurt dip or cream



Limited
Spaces
Available!

St. Joseph's

MAY HALF TERM



Holiday CLUB



TUESDAY 26TH – FRIDAY 29TH MAY



Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

Have
a Great
Weekend

Family Weekend Prayer

May our home be filled with love, laughter, rest, and God's gentle peace this weekend.

