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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

'Treat others the way you want to be treated'

Matthew 7:12

Dear Families,

We have now reached the end of the first half of our summer term, and it has been a busy, successful, and joy-filled six weeks. Our days have been full of learning, both within and beyond the classroom, as well as creating lifelong memories with friends along the way.

We have enjoyed celebrating many wonderful experiences here at school, including our Year 3 camp adventure, weekly Forest School sessions and community garden visits, and exciting class trips to Eastnor Pottery Barn and Noah's Ark Farm, to name just a few. These opportunities have allowed our children to grow in confidence, curiosity, and teamwork while making special memories together.

This week, we were delighted to welcome our new Reception children for their first transition morning. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces settling into their new learning environment with such excitement and confidence. They also had the opportunity to meet their buddies, and it was heart-warming to see our Year 5 children step up as exemplary role models, making the children feel so welcome, safe, and excited about starting their journey with us.

As we look ahead to the second half of the summer term, we are excited for all the opportunities, celebrations, and experiences still to come. Thank you, as always, for your continued support — we wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another fantastic few weeks together.



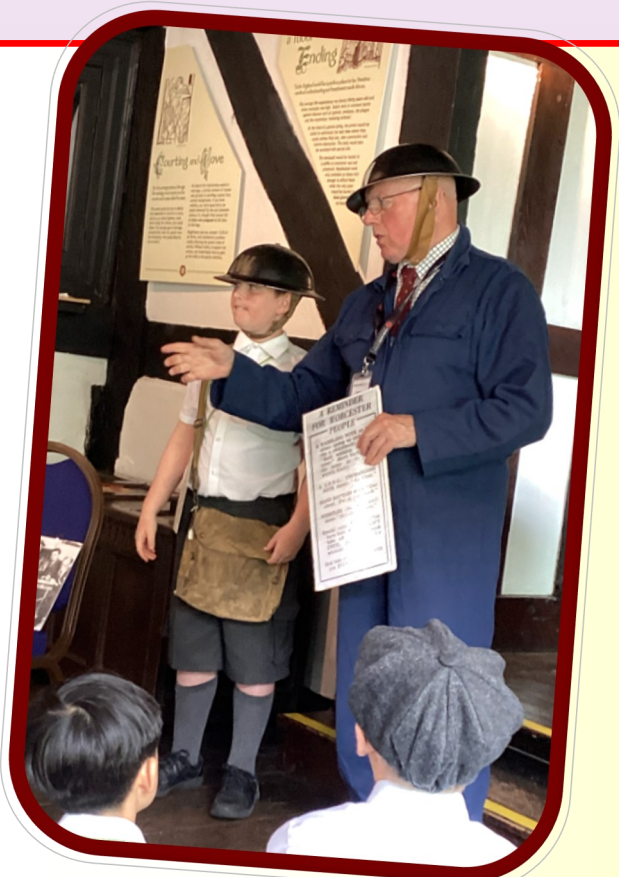
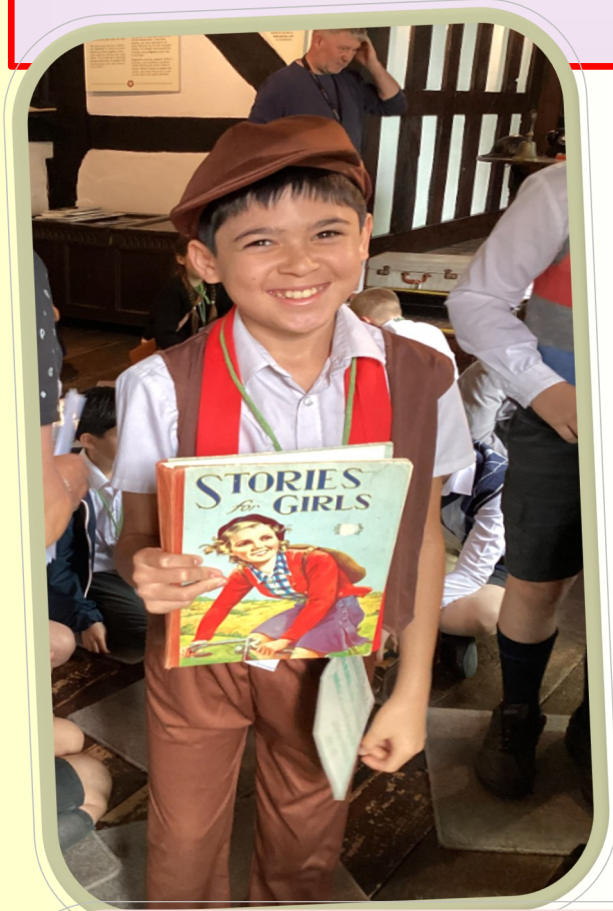


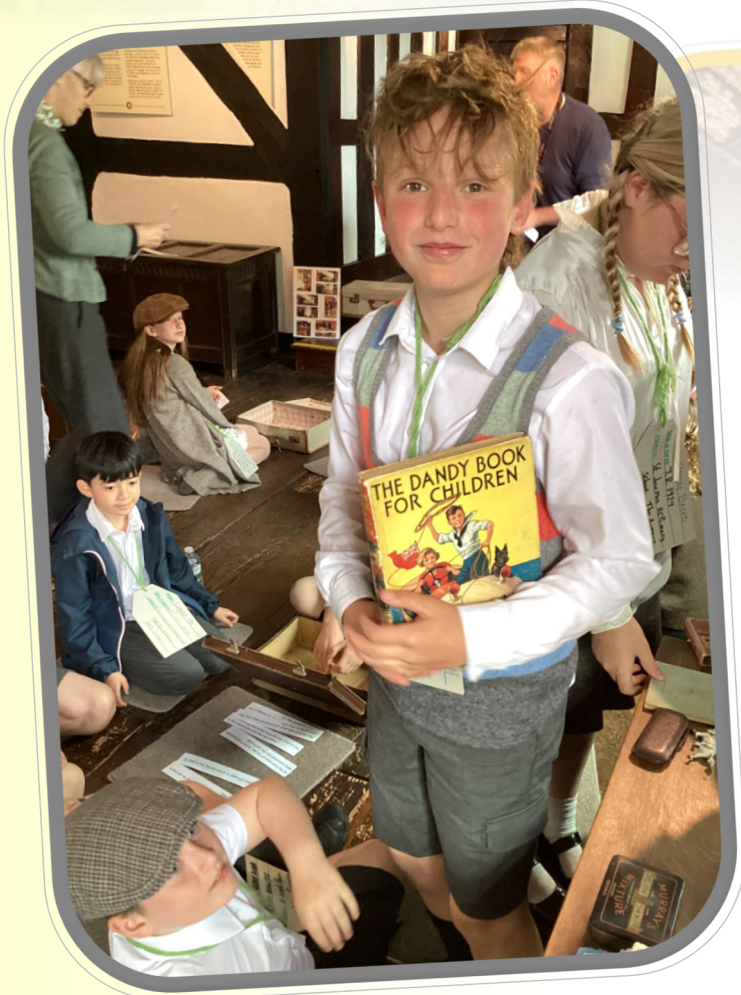
On Tuesday, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Tudor House Museum in Worcester, to support their learning about World War II. The children explored wartime life through exciting hands-on activities and learnt more about evacuation, rationing and life during the war.

A special mention must go to the children for their awesome costumes — it was wonderful to see so many fantastic

evacuee outfits which really brought the experience to life!

We were incredibly proud of how well the children represented our school with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the day.





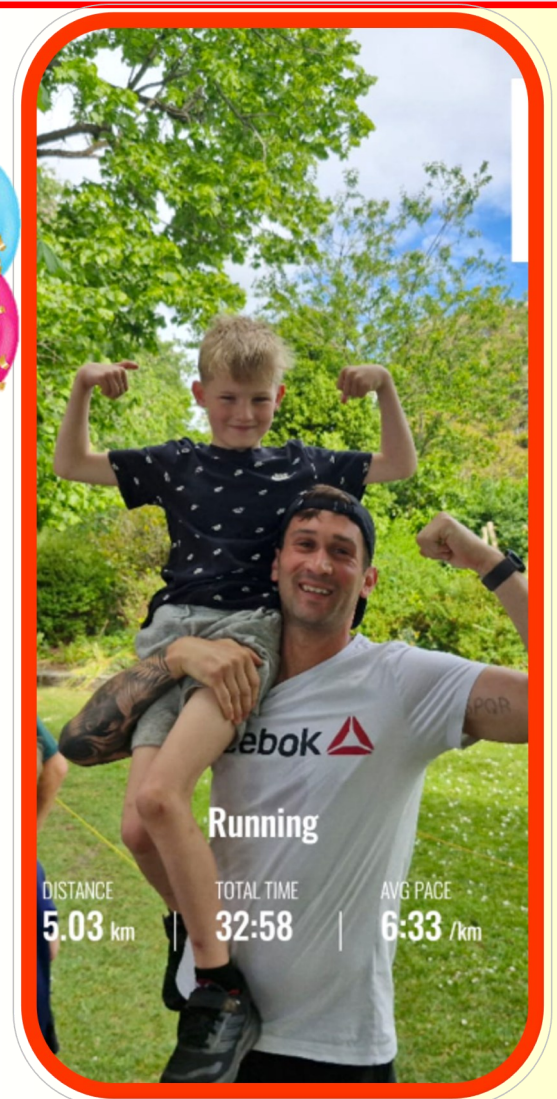


Congratulations to all of our children who celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend. It was a wonderful and prayerful occasion, and we are very proud of each one of them as they reached this important milestone in their faith journey.

Thank you to the families, catechists, teachers, and everyone who helped prepare the children for this special day. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.



Congratulations to Albie! He has been taking part in the Parkrun in Bourne-mouth with his dad and achieved an amazing 10th place last weekend – what a fantastic accomplishment! We are all incredibly proud of you, Albie.





The seedlings this week enjoyed exploring their treasure basket whilst singing their rhyme of the week 'row, row, row your boat'.

The Acorns and Oakleaves have been learning shape names and identifying simple shapes through fun matching and printing activities.

The preschool children have been reading the story 'Harry and the dinosaurs go to school' sharing their own experiences from their first taster session in Reception.



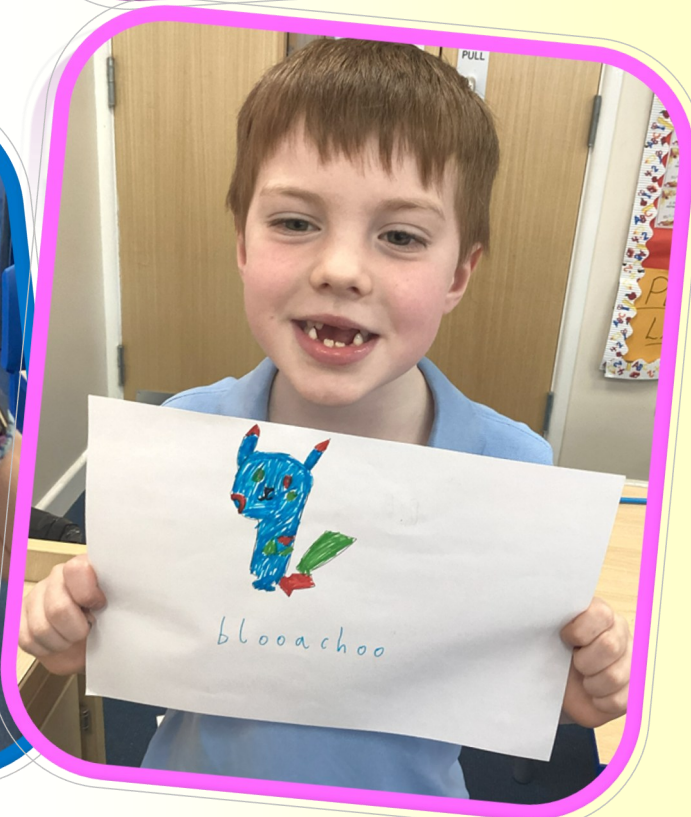


In cooking club this week, the children were delighted to bake strawberry and chocolate doughnut muffins. They carefully mixed the flour, eggs and butter, taking turns to stir the mixture with great care. Once ready, they thoughtfully spooned the mixture into the cupcake cases. This enjoyable activity not only provided lots of fun, but also supported the development of their independence and teamwork skills.





Art Club enjoyed a relaxed and creative session this week. The children took part in some guided drawing, following step by step instructions to build their own pictures. They chose Pokémon as the theme, which led to lots of focused sketching and plenty of proud smiles as their characters took shape. It was a lovely, calm afternoon where everyone had the chance to develop their drawing skills and express their creativity.





A message from Mrs. Bennett...

This week at Forest School, we had a lovely time outdoors enjoying the school woods. We made wind chimes using natural materials and hung them up around the Forest School area, where we enjoyed listening to the sounds they made in the breeze. Around the fire, we roasted delicious s'mores and warmed up with hot chocolate.





A message from Miss Sprawson...

Week 6 of Running Club at St Joseph's RC Primary School and the children just keep getting better and better! 🏃 🏃

This week we increased the amount of running time, and the children coped brilliantly with the extra challenge. Their determination, resilience and positive attitudes have been fantastic to see!

A huge thank you as well to all the walkers along the Town and Country Trail who have been offering such lovely encouragement to our runners — it really does make a difference. 🍌

Miss Sprawson and Mrs Hodges say: enjoy a well-earned break next week everyone!





On Tuesday, Year 3 learnt the essential skills needed to stay safe as pedestrians in our local community. Accompanied by six adults, the children walked a route around school to demonstrate their understanding of the Green Cross Code. They all did an excellent job and showed maturity, responsibility and fantastic STOP, LOOK and LISTEN skills throughout. Thank you to Julie from the Herefordshire Council Road Safety Team for this valuable experience.



Stop



Look



Listen



On Tuesday, Year 1 had a wonderful time at the community gardens, exploring, learning and enjoying the outdoors together. Even a little bit of rain couldn't stop our adventures or dampen our smiles!





A message from Miss Sadler...

Reception had an amazing day at Noah's Ark Zoo Farm on Thursday.

We loved meeting a hissing cockroach, giant African land snail, tortoise and guinea pig, as well as spotting the bears, tigers, lions and elephants around the zoo. After a picnic in the sunshine and an ice lolly treat, our little explorers went home with lots of smiles and happy memories!



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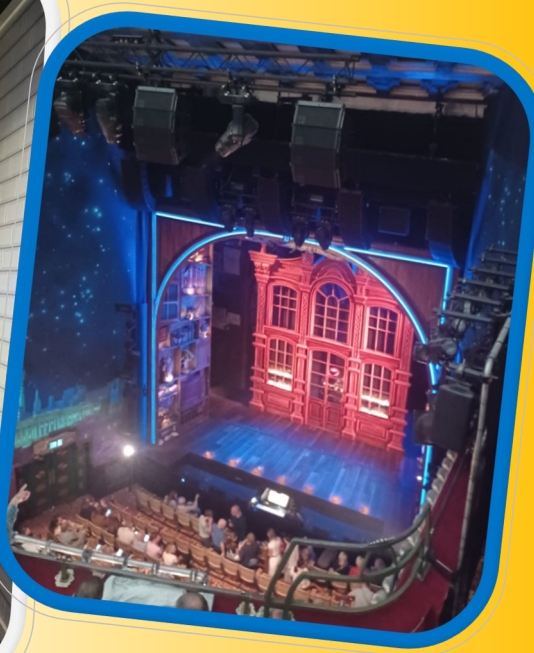


Year Four have had an unforgettable week on their residential trip to London! The children have embraced every moment of their exciting adventure and created memories that will last a lifetime.

During their stay, they explored the fascinating Paradox Museum, discovered the rich history of the Tower of London, and enjoyed breathtaking views across the capital from the London Eye. One of the highlights of the trip was an incredible afternoon watching *Paddington the Musical*, which the children absolutely loved.

However, the biggest excitement of all was the opportunity to stay aboard the famous HMS Belfast! Sleeping on the historic warship was a truly unique experience and gave the children a real taste of adventure. From climbing through the ship's corridors to imagining life at sea, it was an experience they will never forget.









On Tuesday 2nd June Year 3 will be visiting the Community Gardens. Please can children bring in a change of suitable clothes for this event. We will leave after lunch and arrive back for the end of the school day.



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 wide range of fun stalls, games, refreshments and activities for children and families to enjoy. It promises to be a fantastic afternoon filled with fun, laughter and community spirit.

We look forward to welcoming everyone as we come together to celebrate and 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 what promises to be a fantastic day and hope to see you there!



Summer Term Begins

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 10 th July	Nursery Graduation
Friday 10 th July	Year 6 Surprise Trip!
Monday 13 th July	Whole school Colour Run
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Tuesday 14 th July	End of Summer Term



Good attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their full potential at school. Every day in the classroom matters, and even small amounts of absence can quickly add up to significant lost learning over the course of the year.

Children whose attendance falls below 90% are classed as persistently absent. While 90% may sound high, it actually means a child is missing around half a day of learning every week — which equates to almost four whole weeks of school across the academic year. This can have a significant impact not only on academic progress, but also on children's confidence, friendships, routines, and overall wellbeing in school.

At St Joseph's, we want every child to thrive, make excellent progress, and enjoy all the opportunities school life has to offer. In order for children to make the best possible progress and achieve their full potential, it is essential that they attend school every day and arrive on time, unless they are genuinely unwell.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of our families in promoting positive attendance habits and helping children develop lifelong routines that will support them both now and in the future. Together, we can ensure every child has the very best chance to succeed.



Wishing a very Happy Birthday to all our children celebrating in May. We hope you each have a wonderful day filled with joy, laughter and special moments.



WYE	91.15%
AMAZON	97.3%
DANUBE	98.06%
TIBER	91.43%
THAMES	96.43%
AVON	94.17%
SEINE	100%





Mini wrap stations!



Pack a mini wrap station with tortillas, shredded cheese, vegetables, and chicken strips so your child builds their own wrap at school.

A dip and dunk box with vegetables and cream cheese or ranch, pita bread wedges, and rolled deli meat makes eating more interactive and fun.

Snack box mixes combining crackers, grapes, cheese cubes, hard-boiled egg, and banana bread feel like snacking but provide a complete meal.



After half term Year 6 will be swimming for the first three weeks and then Year 2 will be swimming for the remaining three weeks of the term. Letters have been sent home to parents. Year 6 will start their swimming lessons on Wednesday 3rd June. The children will need to be in school for 8:40am prompt.

Enjoy your May half term break!

God Bless

Mrs Francis

