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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

'Treat others the way you want to be treated'

Matthew 7:12

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you to our exceptional Leadership Team. Last week brought some incredibly challenging weather conditions, yet their calm, dedicated and effective leadership ensured that our school remained open throughout. Their commitment to the safety, wellbeing and education of our children was unwavering, and we are incredibly grateful for all they did behind the scenes.

I would also like to thank our entire school community. Staff, pupils and families worked together with positivity, flexibility and understanding during what was a particularly demanding week. It was wonderful to see our school values come to life as everyone pulled together, demonstrating resilience, teamwork, kindness and a shared commitment to supporting one another.

That same spirit of kindness and community is at the heart of everything we do, so I am delighted to share that we have been awarded the

'*SuperKind Social Impact Award*.'

This wonderful recognition celebrates our school's commitment to making a positive difference in the world through acts of kindness, generosity and social action. It is an achievement that belongs to our whole school community, and we are incredibly proud that the values we promote each day are being recognised beyond our school.

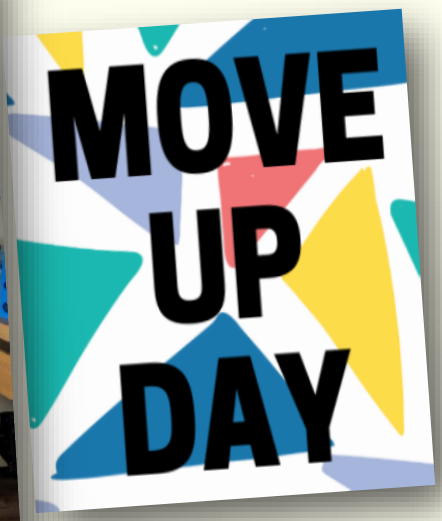
Moments like these remind us of the strength of our school community. By working together and supporting each other, we continue to provide the very best for our children, whatever challenges come our way.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you enjoy reading about the many successes and achievements from across the school in this week's newsletter.

Everyone had a fantastic time on Monday morning in their new classes—a wonderful way to start our week!










Kind
Writing Rainbow





SCHOOL GAMES



What a fantastic day our Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed at Hereford Leisure Centre on Wednesday!

The day was packed with fun, teamwork and sporting challenges as the children took part in volleyball, rugby and a variety of team-building activities. Throughout the event, they demonstrated outstanding School Games values, showing determination, respect and excellent sportsmanship every step of the way.

A special congratulations goes to our Star of the Tournament, Logan, who was a wonderful ambassador for our school and truly embodied these values throughout the day!

A huge thank you to all the schools, colleges, young leaders and Stride Active for organising such a memorable and inspiring event. Our children had an amazing time and represented the school brilliantly!



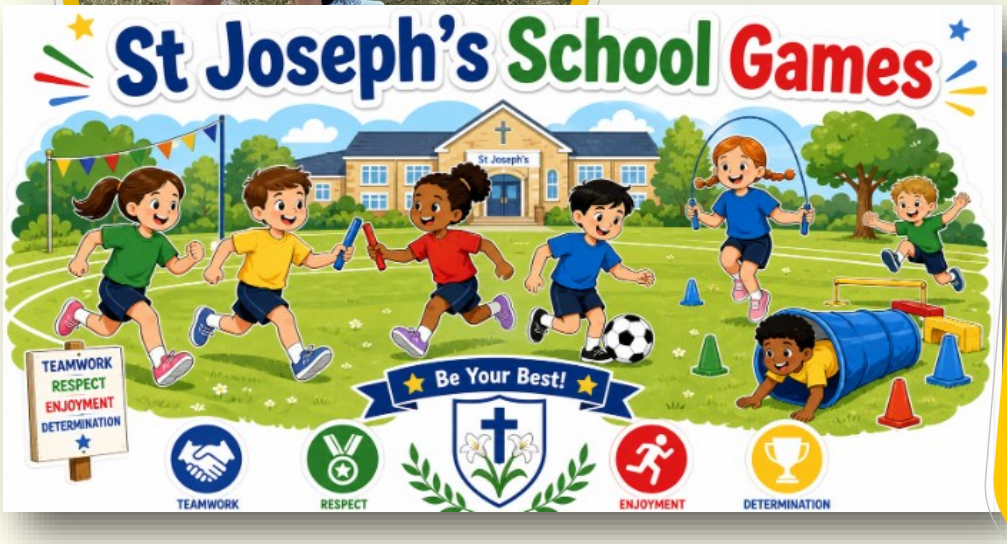









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St Joseph's School Games
St Joseph's
TEAMWORK
RESPECT
ENJOYMENT
DETERMINATION
Be Your Best!
TEAMWORK
RESPECT
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DETERMINATION



New Reception's Family Picnic

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome our new Reception children and their families for a special parent picnic. The afternoon was filled with sunshine, smiles, and plenty of excitement — including a much-enjoyed bouncy castle!

It was a wonderful opportunity for children to begin making new friends, while families had the chance to mingle and build connections with one another. Everyone also enjoyed spending time with Miss Sadler, helping to make those first important links with school.

The event was a lovely way to start forming strong relationships within our school community, and we look forward to seeing these continue to grow in the months ahead.

























A message from Mrs Urding…

In Cooking Club today, the children made delicious stuffed peppers by halving peppers, removing the seeds, and chopping mushrooms, courgettes, and tomatoes. These were mixed with savoury rice before being added to the peppers. Grated cheese was then sprinkled on top, creating a really delicious and healthy snack.

The children also made sausage rolls by simply wrapping sausages in puff pastry and pinching the edges together. This was a simple activity that was great fun for everyone to do.

Once again, well done to Cooking Club for some super cooking this week!

















We have been busy practicing for our sports day this week - getting used to 'ready, steady, go' and practising the obstacle race.

In reception garden, we have been using water and soap to wash our dollies, dry them, then dress them.

The Seedlings have enjoyed playing in the baby garden - lots of water play, practicing to climb the slide and exploring the water wall.

We can't wait for our sports day this afternoon!







Our Key Stage 1 and 2 children have had a fantastic day taking part in the Future Naturalists Project, enjoying hands-on outdoor learning in our Forest School area. They explored local wildlife, identified plants and animals, investigated habitats and discovered why it's important to care for nature.

A huge thank you to Tim from Cultivating Learning and Nature CIC for leading such an inspiring day and sharing his passion for the natural world.













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ART CLUB

This week in Art Club, the children had a fantastic time exploring air-dry clay and creating beautiful 2D artworks on acetate. They enjoyed experimenting with colour mixing, discovering how different shades can be created, and loved exploring the wide variety of textures the clay could make. It was wonderful to see their creativity shine as they designed their unique pieces. Next week, the children will build on these skills as they move on to creating their own exciting 3D clay sculptures! We can't wait to see what they make.















Music lessons



If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument from September, lessons are available in school with our specialist music teachers. Please contact the school office by email, and we will put you in touch with the appropriate teacher.

Instruments available:

- Drums
- Piano
- Flute
- Saxophone
- Oboe
- Violin

We look forward to hearing from you.









A letter will been sent home on Monday 6th July, regarding the extra-curricular activities available from September for the Autumn Term.

Please complete and return the form as soon as possible so that we can add your child to the clubs they would like to attend.

Thank you for your support.



On Thursday 18th June, we held our Parent Voice Meeting. As always, it was a valuable and productive opportunity to engage with parents and discuss key aspects of school life.

A significant focus of the meeting was safeguarding, highlighting the importance of keeping children safe and the collective responsibility we all share in promoting their wellbeing. We outlined our school safeguarding procedures, providing parents with a greater understanding of the processes and practices we have in place to support our pupils. To complement this, we have developed a Parent Safeguarding Guide, which will be available on the school website for parents to access and refer to.

We also shared updates regarding the curriculum for September, outlining forthcoming developments and priorities for the new academic year.

Please follow the link below to view a summary of the key discussion points from the meeting.

download.asp

Forest School Club

St Joseph's with Mrs Bennett

This week, we made clay animals inspired by the different animals and insects we have spotted during Forest School. The children enjoyed sharing their ideas and showing their creativity, using a variety of natural objects to add detail and bring their unique creations to life. Everyone was engaged and proud of the wonderful designs they produced.

















We are delighted to share some wonderful news about Viktor, who has achieved outstanding success at the International Bulgarian Reading Competition "Az Buki Vedi" held in Paris. Viktor was awarded the prestigious title of "Lord of the Letters" (Властелин на буквите) after excelling across all stages of this highly regarded international event, which tests reading fluency in Cyrillic through increasingly challenging tasks.

His achievement was recognised internationally, and he was also interviewed by Deutsche Welle (DW) Bulgarian, where he encouraged other children to read a little every day.

We are very proud of Viktor and are pleased to share this success with our school community.





On Monday afternoon, our pupils took part in an engaging and informative Water Safety Assembly, where they learned how to stay safe in and around water.

The session encouraged children to think carefully about water safety, especially as we approach the summer months when more families spend time outdoors. We were impressed by the pupils' thoughtful questions and excellent participation throughout the assembly.

STAY SAFE!





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Limited Spaces Available!

St. Joseph's SUMMER Holiday CLUB

BOOK NOW!

WED 15TH JULY – FRI 28TH AUGUST

Monday – Friday



Please email the school office if you would like to book places for this provision, places are filling up fast!

Next Week!

We are looking forward to next Tuesday's performance of *Fiddler on the Roof Jr.*

Tickets are now on sale! Please email the school office to place your order.

Please note that children who are not yet of school age will be unable to attend the performance.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a wonderful performance.





Thursday 9th July—Year 6 Leaver Mass at the Church @ 10am all year 6 families are welcome to join us

Friday 10th July—Year 6—SURPRISE TRIP!!!!! Please be in school at 8:15am



Thursday 9th July— Our Year 1 children are off to Cattle Country to enjoy a fantastic day out with their friends, combining fun, discovery and learning. We look forward to sharing this event with you!



We are delighted to invite parents and carers to our Nursery Graduation on **Friday 10th July at 2:00pm.** Join us as we celebrate our wonderful children and their achievements before they begin their next exciting adventure. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you!

Coming Soon!



We are so excited for our Annual School Colour Run, taking place on Monday 13th July from 1:00pm on the school field!

This is always one of the highlights of the school year, filled with laughter, energy, and plenty of colourful fun. We can't wait to see everyone enjoying this fantastic event together.

To help everyone make the most of the afternoon, please ensure your child comes to school with:

An old T-shirt that you don't mind getting covered in coloured powder.

A pair of old shorts that can also get a little messy.

Please remember that the coloured powder may stain clothing, so we recommend wearing items that you are happy to get colourful!

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – Tuesday 14th July at 2:00pm

Our Year 6 families are warmly invited to join us for our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on Tuesday, the last day of term, at 2:00pm. This special celebration is an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful memories, achievements and friendships made throughout their primary school journey.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils and wish them every success as they begin an exciting new chapter. We look forward to sharing this memorable occasion with our families.

Summer Term

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
Thursday 9th July	Year 1 trip to Cattle Country

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

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GREAT ATTENDANCE

WYE	99.62%
AMAZON	90%
DANUBE	99.03%
TIBER	96.76%
THAMES	98.57%
AVON	96.25%
SEINE	99.13%

congratulations

A huge congratulations to Abby on achieving her Chief Scout's Silver Award – the highest award that can be earned in Cub Scouts!



This fantastic achievement recognises Abby's dedication, commitment, teamwork, and willingness to take on new challenges. It is a wonderful accomplishment and something to be incredibly proud of.

We are all super proud of you, Abby! Well done on reaching this amazing milestone – what a fantastic achievement!

June Birthdays



We wish all pupils celebrating birthdays in June a very happy and blessed birthday. May God's love be with you on your special day and throughout the year ahead.

As we move into the weekend, we pray everyone has a peaceful and restful time, enjoying moments with family and friends.



We would like to thank everyone for their support at our Father's day drop off breakfast!

We raised just over £100 which will go towards much needed resources for the nursery including a constructions set and small world figures.

Thank you so much to Mr and Mrs Barlow for donating all the food, and their time at this event and to everyone for their support!

End of year school reports will be emailed to parents on Monday 6th July.

Enjoy your weekend!

God Bless

Mrs Francis

