



St. Joseph's RC SEND Newsletter

Support • Inclusion • Opportunity • Community

News, support and information for our
pupils, families and community

Be the
best version
of you ♥

Autumn Term
2026

'Treat others as you would
like to be treated'
Matthew 7:12

A Message from our SENCO

Welcome to our Autumn Term SEND Newsletter.
I hope you find this full of helpful information, local
updates, upcoming events and opportunities for support.
At St. Joseph's RC, we are committed to ensuring every
child feels valued, included and able to flourish.



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Kindness • Respect • Everyone Belongs



Local News

Proposed New Special School in Ross-on-Wye

Herefordshire Council is consulting on a proposal
to establish a new special school in Ross-on-Wye to
meet the growing need for specialist places in the county.
The consultation runs from August – October 2026.

Find out more and have your say:

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/ross-on-wye-special-school



Triple P – Positive Parenting Programmes

Free courses for parents and carers
of children and young people aged
0–16 (and up to 25 with SEND).

Happier
Families
Brighter
Futures ♥

- ✓ Build positive relationships
- ✓ Manage everyday challenges
- ✓ Support your child's behaviour and development

Courses available this term (online and face to face)
across Herefordshire.

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/triplep

Local SEND Activities & Short Breaks

Herefordshire offers a range of activities and short break
opportunities for children and young people with SEND.

- Herefordshire Short Breaks – activity listings
- SEND Local Offer – information, support and services
- Sports, youth clubs and holiday activities

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/localoffer

Different
Abilities
Brighter
Tomorrows ♥



MELO – Mental Wellbeing and Emotional Support

MELO offers free, confidential support for children
and young people aged 0–25 in Herefordshire.

- Emotional wellbeing support
- Group sessions and workshops
- Resources for young people and families

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/melo

You're
braver than
you think
♥



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- ♥ Useful contacts and resources

Stronger
Together
♥



Upcoming Parent/Carer Meet Ups

A chance to connect with other families, share experiences
and access support in a relaxed setting.



Ross-on-Wye SEND Parent Carer Meet Up

Wednesday 8th October 2026
10:00am – 12:00pm
The Larruperz Centre, Ross-on-Wye

No need to book – just come along!

All parents and carers of children and young people with
SEND are very welcome.

You're
not alone ♥



Workshops & Training

SENDIASS – Information, Advice and Support

Free, impartial support for parents and carers of children
and young people with SEND.

- Understanding EHCPs workshop
- Preparing for annual reviews
- SEND support in mainstream schools
- Drop-in sessions (online and in person)

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/sendialass

Knowledge
gives you power
♥



Lumi Nova – Tales of Courage

Free, safe and confidential digital wellbeing support
for children aged 7–12 years in Herefordshire.

- Helps children manage worries, fears and anxiety
- Builds confidence and resilience
- Fun, interactive therapeutic game
- Parent/carer supported
- Free access for families in Herefordshire & Worcestershire

www.luminova.app/handw

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Brighter
tomorrows
start with you
♥



Autism Coffee Morning

A friendly and informal coffee morning for parents
and carers of autistic children and young people.

Wednesday 15th October 2026
10:00am – 12:00pm
The Courtyard, Hereford (or local venue – check latest details)

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/localoffer

Chat
Share
Support
Connect
♥



Our SEND Contact

If you have any questions or would like support,
please contact our SENCO:

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"Every child is a different kind of flower,
and together, they make this world
a beautiful garden." ♥



Useful Links

- www.herefordshire.gov.uk/localoffer
- www.herefordshire.gov.uk/triplep
- www.herefordshire.gov.uk/sendialass
- www.herefordshire.gov.uk/melo
- www.herefordshire.gov.uk/ross-on-wye-special-school



Small Steps
Big Futures