

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



*'Treat others the way you want to be treated.'*

*Matthew 7:12*

17/5/24

Dear Family,

This week our Year 6 children have successfully completed their SATs. They have all worked hard in preparation for these assessments and we are so proud of them! We have lots of fun events planned for them in their remaining seven weeks here at St Joseph's and we look forward to sharing these with you.



This coming Sunday we will be celebrating Pentecost. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church, which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass. Pentecost Sunday is popularly known as the birthday of the Church, because this was the day when the mission of the Church began almost 2000 years ago.



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# ART CLUB IN ACTION!

*This week in Art Club, we paired our creativity with physical activity through making walking sticks. Each of the children chose which colour yarn to glue to their stick, then used acrylic paint pens to add personalized decoration to them. A huge thank you to Clare, Teresa, Hillary, Lauren & Zoe for their help!*



# THE COOKING CLUB



**A message from Mr Mason...**

***This week in Cooking Club the children made a muffin and doughnut combination called a 'Duffin'. They enjoyed making a mixture of chocolate and jam flavoured Duffins and were very excited to see the end result. A lovely fun treat for the children to take home!***



# FUN AT FOREST SCHOOL!

**A message from Miss Sadler...**

**Liberty Class enjoyed creating bird feeders at Forest School this week. The children enjoyed using their fine motor skills to roll the tubes in the honey before covering them with seeds and then hanging them in the trees. We were even quiet enough to see a few blackbirds come and investigate! We wonder whether there will be any seeds left when we come back to check on them....**



# SMOOTHIES IN YEAR 1!

A message from Mrs Urding...

As part of Big Ben's Design and Technology topic, the children enjoyed making delicious smoothies. They had planned the ingredients they would use in their smoothies in the previous lesson so it was just a case of chopping and whizzing all of the delicious fruits to make their creation. They also designed a carton to match their smoothie. Judging by the smiling faces and the pink moustaches, I think they all had a fabulous time and a tasty treat!



## **YEAR 5 VISIT ROSS COMMUNITY GARDENS!**

**Year 5 were lucky enough to visit the community gardens this week on Tuesday afternoon and it was a really lovely experience for us all. Tim and Philla showed us around and it was exciting to see the active bee hives - both honey bees and bumbles bees - as well as all the fruit trees and other plants and vegetables that are being grown there. Tim explained the importance of the zero waste stall and the small raised beds that are available to people in the local community who need support to grow food.**

**So much fantastic work is being done at the gardens and the children learned so much from the visit. They also had the chance to brave venturing right in to the willow dragon, which was great fun! After playing in the labyrinth and planting a few peas, we headed back to school. Huge thanks to Tim and Philla for such a wonderful afternoon!**







**Garden  
Club**

*A message from Mrs Hodges...*

**This week in gardening club we were excited to see just how much our potatoes, sweet peas and herbs have grown! We checked over our stock for the summer fayre and admired the cart that Roy has upcycled ready for us to use and sell our plants from. We have sown rudbekia, aubrieta and a daisy mix today and can't wait to see their vivid colours once they are in bloom. We have found an unused water butt so discussed how best to clean it up and where best to position it. On our way up to the reception garden, we paused to smell the beautiful roses we currently have blooming outside the lunch hall, they smell divine! We were all very excited and proud to learn that we have obtained our RHS level 3 gardening award and couldn't wait to look at our latest certificate, seeds, voucher and lovely book all about wildlife gardens. We have already had a look through it and have some great ideas to try!**



***Our Gardening Club success has been recognised and celebrated by the Royal Horticultural Society and this has been published on their official website and newsletter. Please follow the link below to read the full article. Thank you to Mrs Hodges and Roy for inspiring our children to become keen and knowledgeable gardeners! Keep up the great work!***

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## From seedlings to success: St Joseph's journey into gardening

What is it like to start a garden in a school? We caught up with teaching assistant Carrie Hodges to find out.

01 May 2024



# RECEPTION MUSIC LESSONS IN ACTION!

As always, Liberty Class thoroughly enjoyed their Moo Music session this week! They read the story 'Dear Zoo' and enjoyed an animal themed session. They learnt how to sign the words 'elephant', 'crocodile' and 'butterfly' in their first song. They then learnt about the animals on Noah's Ark, noticing which ones rhymed before creating their own funny animals from picture cards. Finally, they enjoyed working as a team to bounce some monkeys on the big net!



## A MESSAGE FROM MR SMITH....

Join us for half-term fun at St Joseph's Holiday Club! 🤗

Taking place on the 28th - 31st of May, children aged 2-11 can take part in a variety of exciting activities. 🎨🏈🧘👦🌱🎉

Places are now limited and so if you would like to book please contact the school office.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



**HALF TERM  
HOLIDAY**  
28TH - 31ST MAY

Club

📧 [holidayclub@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:holidayclub@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk) ☎️ 01989 564655

**A group of our year 5 and 6 children will be performing a production of 'Little Women' on Wednesday 29th May at 7:00pm, at St Mary's Church, Ross on Wye. If you would like to come along tickets can be purchased from the school office. We look forward to welcoming our families.**

ST JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Little Women

A PLAY



WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY, 7PM  
ST MARY'S CHURCH, ROSS-ON-WYE

Tickets: £6

TO BOOK, CONTACT  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
ON 01989 564655 OR  
BUY ON THE DOOR

**PUT THIS  
on YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

# Dates to Remember

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	FSJ Crazy Hair Day – donations for Summer Fayre
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Reception Class visiting Noah's Ark Farm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 1 visiting Techniquet
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term

**MONDAY!**

**NEXT WEEK**

**CRAZY HAIR DAY**

**Tuesday**

*Next Monday 20th May, we will be holding a CRAZY HAIR DAY here in school. On this day the children are invited to come to school with a wacky hair style and we will be holding a competition for the craziest styles!*

*On this day we are asking for donations for the summer fayre, such as toiletries, chocolates, bottles and toys. Please could these be brought to the school office on the morning on 20th May. Thank you in advance.*

*Next Tuesday 21st May, Liberty Class will be visiting Noah's Ark Farm as part of their topic- 'All Around the World', Liberty The children will get to explore the Zoo and discover a range of different animals from elephants and lions to lemurs and meerkats. They will also be taking part in a workshop where the children will be able to get closer to some of the animals.*

**Wednesday**

*Next Wednesday 22nd May, Big Ben Class will be visiting Techniquet to take part in the interactive Theatre Show- 'At the Circus'. We look forward to hearing all about their adventure!*

# Dates to Remember

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Cheltenham Science Festival KS2
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Ross Community Gardens Year 6
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Voice
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Class Picnic afternoon
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Summer Music Concert @ 2:15pm
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 and 6 Isle of Wight residential
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fayre @ 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 4 London Residential
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Ross Community Gardens – Nursery
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Summer School Games Festival
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Move up Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	FSJ Bingo after school @ 5:00pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Shrek the Musical Junior @ Monmouth Savoy Theatre
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 2:00pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Graduation @ 10:30am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	FSJ – Whole School Colour Run!
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of summer term

# NURSERY IN ACTION!

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

We have been reading 'The very hungry Caterpillar' and learning about life cycles this week. The children have been searching for bugs in the garden, ordering the life cycle pictures and exploring the Bug investigation role play area.

In little swallows this week, the children loved wearing all the different hats and acting out the different characters through music and dance.



Mason for joining in with the nursery routines.



**Monday 3rd June  
2024!**



**Sports For  
Champions UK<sup>®</sup>**  
Community Interest Company

**A message from Mr Gunter...**

On Monday 3rd June, we are welcoming Rob Mitchell from Sports for Champions to lead in our circuit training workout. Rob has represented team Wales at the Commonwealth Games as well as competing in multiple British National Finals. Rob has a personal best jump of 2.25m high. He is very much looking forward to meeting everyone. Don't forget to continue raising your sponsorship money if you can for our session with Rob to achieve your fundraising prizes!

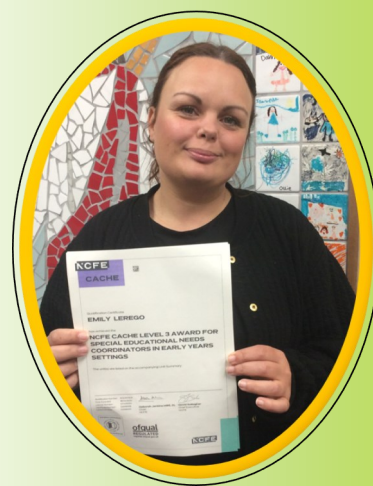
**The St Joseph's RC Primary School Fundraiser - a Community crowdfunding project in Ross-on-Wye by Sports For Champions UK (CIC) ([crowdfunder.co.uk](http://crowdfunder.co.uk))**

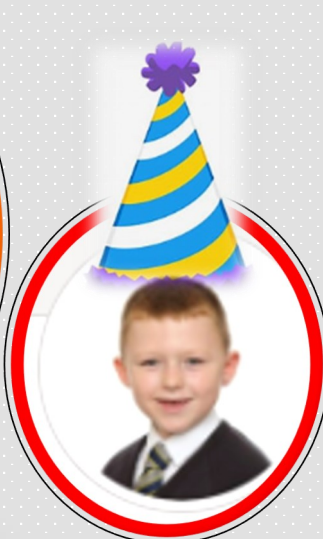


Next Wednesday 22nd May we will be welcoming our new Reception class into school for the morning to meet Miss Sadler, Mrs Dick and their new buddies! This will be the first of our induction sessions and so by the time September comes, the children will feel settled and familiar with their new learning environment.



**Congratulations to Mrs Lerego, for successfully completing her Early Years SENCo qualification. This is an important role in ensuring the best possible educational outcomes are achieved for children with special educational needs and disabilities.**





**Happy Birthday to Jacob in year 2, who turned 7 on Monday 13th May. Happy Birthday to Arthur in Reception, who turned 5 on Tuesday 14th May.**

**Happy Birthday to Archie Plant in year 3, who turned 8 on Thursday 17th May. Happy Birthday to Jaxon in year 1, who will be 6 on Saturday 18th May.**

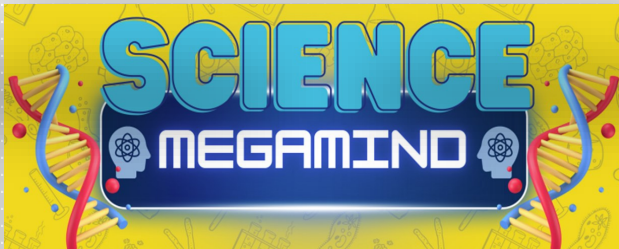
**Happy Birthday to Harrison in year 3, who will be 8 on Sunday 19th May.**

**Wishing them all a wonderful weekend, celebrating with family and friends!**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION—  
ATTENDANCE**

***I would like to clarify the school's position regarding holiday or leave of absence in term time. Authorising absence is a policy decision. I have to work within the policy adopted by the Governors, Local Authority and Department for Education. All school absences are monitored by the Local Authority, Education Welfare department and Ofsted and all school procedures are checked regularly.***

***Holidays are NOT permitted in term time. Requesting holidays because it is cheaper to go in term time is not a valid reason, neither are celebrations abroad considered a necessity. Holidays should be taken in holiday time of which we have 13 weeks available. Thank you for your continued support.***



<b>LIBERTY</b>	<b>Ariana P</b>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<b>Oliviia U</b>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<b>Katia V</b>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<b>Henry S</b>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<b>Jessie W</b>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<b>Rhys B</b>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<b>Back next week!</b>



<b>LIBERTY</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<b>95.08%</b>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<b>93.75%</b>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<b>94.44%</b>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<b>98.44%</b>

<b>LIBERTY</b>	<b>Kevin A</b>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<b>David P</b>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<b>Hunter W</b>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<b>Harrison F</b>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<b>Livia L</b>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<b>Freya A</b>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<b>Back next week!</b>



<b>LIBERTY</b>	<b>Viktor K</b> <b>Anna M</b>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<b>Phoebe S</b> <b>Andrea S</b>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<b>Charlie C</b> <b>Leo O</b>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<b>Tanya May W</b> <b>Maddie L</b>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<b>Logan H</b> <b>Jacob D</b>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<b>Joseph L</b> <b>Evlyn M</b>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<b>All of Year 6 for completing their SATs!</b>

<b>LIBERTY</b>	<b>Illy CS</b>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<b>Aryah W</b>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<b>Theo B</b>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<b>Cece G</b>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<b>Jacob L</b>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<b>Amelia E</b>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<b>Back next week!</b>

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

