

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

Matthew 7:12

3/5/24



Dear Family,

On Tuesday we welcomed our Primary RE Advisor, Miss McIntosh. Each half term Miss McIntosh comes to visit our school, to support us in providing the best possible provision for our children in Religious Education, collective worship and helping to enhance the Catholic life of St Joseph's.

As part of this week's visit, she led collective worship in classes and observed RE lessons across the school. Overall Miss McIntosh was very impressed with how well collective worship time is delivered and received across the school. All of our children fully engage in the various forms of Collective worship. This offers our children and staff the chance to explore and understand the values at the heart of our ethos. From forgiveness and humility, to gratitude and justice, collective worship gives us all space and time to reflect.



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A message from Miss Steiner...

We have received INCREDIBLY EXCITING NEWS at St. Joseph's this week! Nine of our Year 5 and 6 children entered the national Poetry By Heart competition in March by learning and recording performances of one or two poems. There were 3030 entries from all over the UK and from those entries, TEN Key Stage 2 finalists have been selected by the judges.

One of those ten finalists is from St. Joseph's!!!

Enormous congratulations to Amelie, who is now entered in the grand final and has won the opportunity to perform her poems on the stage at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre in London in July. She will also have a tour of the theatre and get to watch a performance of Much Ado About Nothing there as well! We think Amelie has an excellent chance of being the overall KS2 winner at the final and we will certainly all be rooting for her. What an incredible achievement! Well done, Amelie - we are so proud of you.

All nine participants will receive a special certificate and should also be congratulated, as their performances were all excellent too. I'm already looking forward to taking part next year...



Yesterday we held our half termly Parent Voice meeting. This was a really productive meeting, where we discussed the expectations of a Section 48 inspection, that we are expecting soon, which is specifically for Catholic schools.

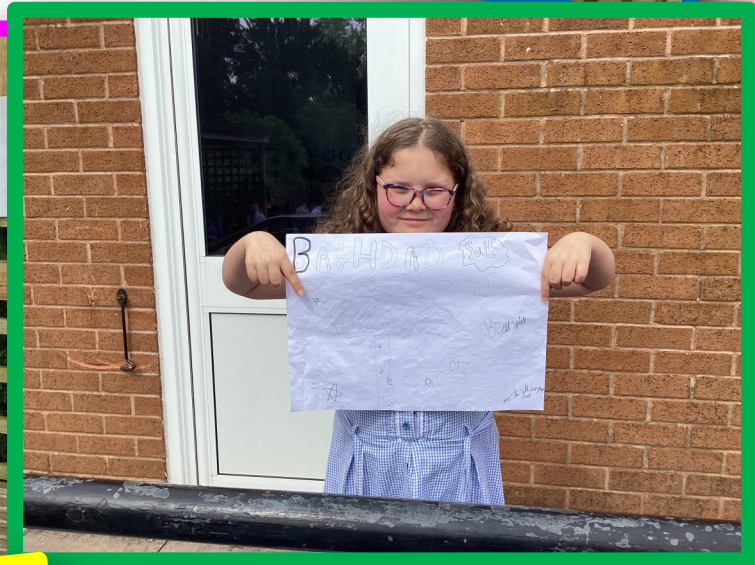
We also discussed matter arising. These can be found by following the link below to access the summary of the meeting. Thank you to our Parent Voice members for giving their time to support the school.

[Parent Voice | St Josephs RC Primary School \(st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk\)](http://st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk)

We are planning some new after school clubs for September. If you have any ideas please share them with our Parent Voice members.

Year 4 History

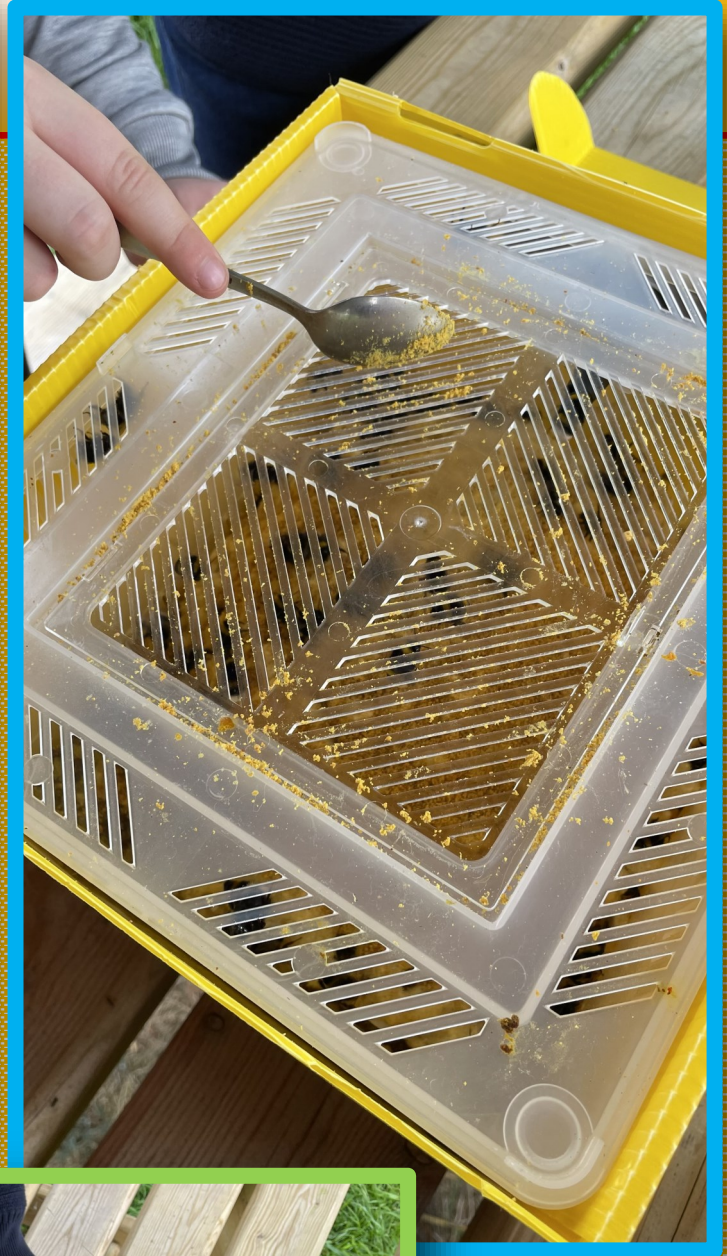
This week, we traded like Vikings in Year 4. Setting up trade stations in Jorvik, Baghdad and Birka, we learnt how to trade for valuable possessions, like wool, spices and iron to name but a few.



YEAR 4 AT COMMUNITY GARDENS

Year 4 enjoyed a terrific afternoon at the Community Gardens. We were lucky enough to be able to feed 100 busy bees some pollen before they were being re-released to pollinate flowers.

We also had the chance to plant and bring home our own sweet peas.





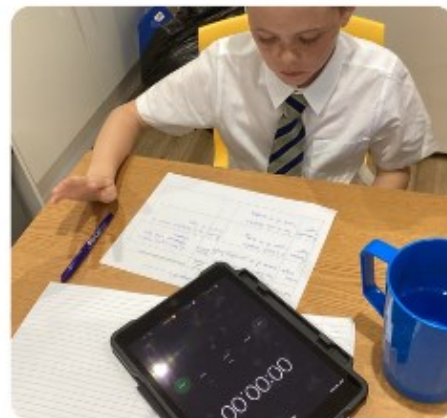
ROAD SAFETY

This week, Year 6 took part in a Road Safety session in preparation for their transition to High School. They learnt about different modes of transport and how they can stay as safe as possible on the roads as pedestrians, cyclist and passengers. We learnt the importance of planning our route to our new schools in September and how we can stay in contact with our families so they know we are safe. 🚦 🚲 🚗 🚶 🚶



YEAR 5 SCIENCE

In Science, this week, Year 5 were looking at how the rate at which sugars dissolve differs. They looked at using different types of sugar as well as investigating how they could speed up the process by increasing the temperature of the water, reducing the amount of sugar used or increasing the number of stirs to their mixture. 🧑‍🎓 🧑‍🎓 🧪 🧑‍🎓





Garden Club



A message from Mrs Hodges...

This week in gardening club we started by checking on what we've previously planted in the reception garden raised beds and were amazed to find that the lettuce we sowed only last week has already germinated! We also saw a lovely row of pea shoots that we planted a few weeks ago. We picked some mint, rosemary and welsh onion from our herb garden and enjoyed describing the different smells. We then headed down to the greenhouse where we went through some pots that haven't germinated, talked about the reasons why this might happen and emptied out the pots to make some space. We sowed cherry tomato seeds, our first lot of pumpkin seeds and talked about what we could grow to sell on our stall at the summer fayre on Saturday 29th June.



THE COOKING CLUB



This week at Cooking Club, the children helped to bake Flap Jacks. After melting the butter, the children helped to mix in the light brown sugar and golden syrup. They then mixed in the oats and all had a turn of stirring. The mixture was placed into cup cases and into the oven to make them nice and golden once cooked.



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

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. 🏠 ⚽



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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ROSS-ON-WYE
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HOLIDAY
Club

28TH - 31ST MAY

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Dates to Remember

Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 14 th May	Year 5 Community Gardens
Monday 20 th May	FSJ Crazy Hair Day – donations for Summer Fayre
Tuesday 21 st May	Noah's Ark Farm visit
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term

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.

Dates to Remember

Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
Thursday 6 th June	Cheltenham Science Festival KS2
Friday 7 th June	Sports Day
Tuesday 11 th June	Ross Community Gardens Year 6
Thursday 13 th June	Parent Voice
Wednesday 19 th June	New Reception Class Picnic afternoon
Thursday 20 th June	Summer Music Concert @ 2:15pm
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th June	Year 5 and 6 Isle of Wight residential
Saturday 29 th June	Summer Fayre @ 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Monday 1 st – Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 4 London Residential
Tuesday 2 nd July	Ross Community Gardens – Nursery
Thursday 4 th July	Move up Day
Friday 5 th July	FSJ Bingo after school @ 5:00pm
Wednesday 10 th July	Shrek the Musical Junior @ Monmouth Savoy Theatre
Thursday 11 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 2:00pm
Friday 12 th July	Nursery Graduation @ 10:30am
Friday 12 th July	FSJ – Whole School Colour Run!
Friday 12 th July	End of summer term

NURSERY IN ACTION!
A MESSAGE FROM MRS
LEREGO

The children have loved our 'Amazing Animals' topic - going on safari in the role play area, painting different animals and playing animal sound bingo.

We have started our 'Time to shine' toothbrushing this week and the children have loved brushing their teeth after lunch at Nursery.



**Esme for following
nursery routines!**



YEAR 6 DESIGN TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS!

A message from Miss Steiner...

Year 6 finished their playgrounds this week! Their DT work has involved thinking about the structures and materials commonly used in children's playgrounds. They needed to consider spacing, safety and interest when they designed their own playground and then they used a mixture of materials (including rubbish) to create the structures and arrange them in an appropriate formation. Aren't they wonderful?





Happy Birthday to Amelia in Year 5 who celebrated her 10th birthday on Monday 29th April. Happy Birthday to Elia in Year 2, who celebrated her 7th birthday, also on 29th April.

Happy Birthday to Logan in Year 4, who turned 9 on 1st May.

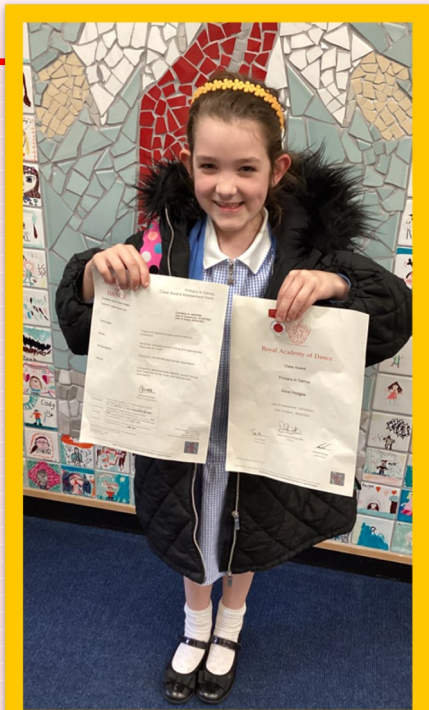
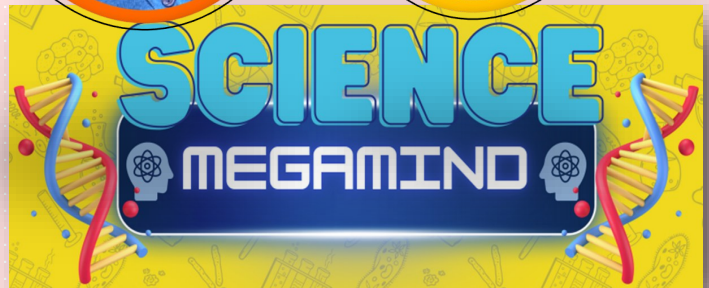
Happy Birthday to Miss Jones who is 21 again today!

Wishing them all a very happy time celebrating with family and friends this weekend!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Alice in Year 1 who achieved her Primary Grade Ballet award! Well done Alice!



LIBERTY	Sophie A
BIG BEN	Amaya P
EVEREST	Fifoluwa A
BLUE LAGOON	Abby KP
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Logan H
MOSI OA TUNYA	Hugo L
ANGEL FALLS	Paisley CB



**ROYAL WRITER
OF
THE WEEK!**



LIBERTY	97.2%
BIG BEN	92.42%
EVEREST	98.75%
BLUE LAGOON	97.04%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	96.52%
MOSI OA TUNYA	95.45%
ANGEL FALLS	100%

LIBERTY	Maks S
BIG BEN	Jack B
EVEREST	Riley P
BLUE LAGOON	Amilia C
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Jessie W
MOSI OA TUNYA	Luke J
ANGEL FALLS	Olivia Lei S



LIBERTY	Ariana P Benji G
BIG BEN	Annabella C Aurora M
EVEREST	Elia E Jessie P
BLUE LAGOON	Henry B Henry S
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Jake B Grace S
MOSI OA TUNYA	Dandre M Ollie Br
ANGEL FALLS	Phoebe P Daisy Mai N

LIBERTY	Halle S
BIG BEN	Amaya P
EVEREST	Hunter W
BLUE LAGOON	Archie Br
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Livia L
MOSI OA TUNYA	Henry H
ANGEL FALLS	Vera A

Enjoy your long weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

