

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

*Matthew 7:12*

12/4/24

Dear Family,

This half term our values are 'Eloquent and Truthful'.

Pupils at St Joseph's are growing to be **eloquent** and **truthful** in what they say of the relations between people, and the world. Our pupils grow by developing an **eloquent** language which they can use to understand and articulate their emotions, beliefs, and questions, encouraged by the example of their teachers to be **truthful** in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world.



This week in class the children have been reading scripture from the old and new testament, demonstrating the values of Eloquent and Truthful.

Years 1 and 2 have been focusing on the 10 commandments or as we know them— '*God's top ten tips*' on how to lead a good life. We used these to create their own versions of how to be truthful, honest and caring citizens.

Years 3 and 4 have been focusing on the story of Peter and enjoyed discussing whether he was a good role model because of his actions of denying Jesus and then how his honesty was restored in the end.

Year 5 and 6 have been focusing on the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus explains to his followers what kinds of human lives are blessed by God. The statements he made are known as the Beatitudes.

Through learning and reflecting on scripture it gives us the tools and inspiration to become the best versions of ourselves and have a closer relationship with Jesus.

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# LEARNING IN ACTION

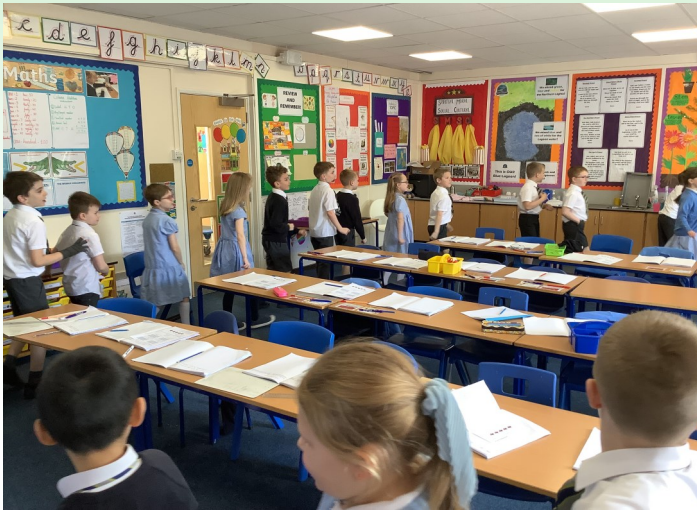
**A message from Miss Steiner...**

**Our Year 6 children are in the middle of a Write Stuff unit on speech writing. We have been reading various Greta Thunberg speeches as inspiration and have been gathering facts and information about climate change during our experience days. The children have been working hard to expand their technical vocabulary during sentence stacking lessons and have learnt some great techniques for the kind of passionate writing that speeches call for, such as repetition and personification. In one experience lesson, the children had a look at images of young people protesting against climate change and then had a go at producing their own passionate protest placards!**



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

***Maths magic is happening in Year 3 this week with the children starting their new unit around the 2, 4 and 8 timetables. The unit has been carefully planned for children to understand the concept of doubling. They have turned into the Blue Lagoon Army led by Sergeant Mason and have marched their way through the 2 and 4 timetable to remember the numbers included. They now understand that they can only march on an even number! To support the development of doubling in their learning they went outside in the sun to group themselves in pairs. When Sergeant Mason shouted 'DOUBLE' they then had to find a group of 4. They have all shown a great attitude to this new unit and are excited for what is ahead.***





***A message from Gabriella...***

***On Wednesday afternoon we went to Birmingham to see Shrek the Musical at the Alexandra Theatre! The theatre was really big and behind the curtain there was a surprise, such as different stage settings– which were amazing!!! At the end of the show we all got to stand up and sing and dance to 'I'm a believer'!***

***It really was a great experience!***





**It was really fun! The actors were so funny! I got to sit next to my friends and at the end we got to boogie!**  
**Zelda Year 3**

**I enjoyed watching the show! The end song was really cool and I was with all my friends and it was really fun!**  
**Reuben Year 3**

# FUN IN FOREST SCHOOL!

**Liberty Class began their topic of 'Amazing Animals' this week and started with learning about Earthworms! During our forest school session, the children learnt about how earthworms move, what they eat and about their habitat through close-up and first-hand observations. They loved searching for earthworms in the mud and observing how their bodies moved when carefully holding them, remember to be gentle and kind to the earthworms before returning them back to their homes.**



# BIG BEN CLASS!

*As part of our RE topic, Big Ben Class have enjoyed making Easter gardens. We talked about the importance of Easter Sunday; Jesus' resurrection and what this means for us. The children planted their gardens with grass seed and so now they will enjoy watching these grow! Well done everyone.*





# Garden Club



*A message from Mrs Hodges...*

This week in gardening club we were amazed to see how much our potatoes had grown over half term! We covered over our smaller ones and brought the others outside. We pinched out and re potted our sweet peas into troughs with canes and string ready for them to grow up and sowed some more sunflower seeds as our previous ones had been nibbled by a visitor over the holidays! We had a taste of our mustard plant we have grown, it has made us excited for the other things we are growing to eat.



# Cooking Club



*A message from Miss Sadler...*

This week at Cooking Club, the children helped to bake some chocolate chip cookies. We first combined our ingredients to make a thick dough and added milk and white chocolate chips. The children then each floured their hands and rolled the cookie dough into a round ball before popping extra chocolate chips on to the top. These then cooked in the oven and we couldn't wait to eat them! We even made some extra cookies for after school club!





*thank you*

We just wanted to take a moment to say a huge thank you to Ben Taylor and the wonderful team at Pengethley Garden Centre. They've been such incredible supporters of our gardening community and we couldn't be more grateful!

From all of us at St Joseph's - children, teachers, and our wonderful gardener Roy - thank you Ben, and thank you [@pengethleygardencentre](https://www.instagram.com/pengethleygardencentre) for helping us create something truly special. 🌱 🌸 🌻



Joshua and Benjamin had a wonderful time at Hereford united on Easter Monday. Ben in Year 1 is the lucky winner of our next ticket to the match on Saturday 20th April. We look forward to sharing his experience with you all.



**On Monday our governors will be visiting us for the morning. The focus for this visit is to see the Catholic Life of our school in action.**

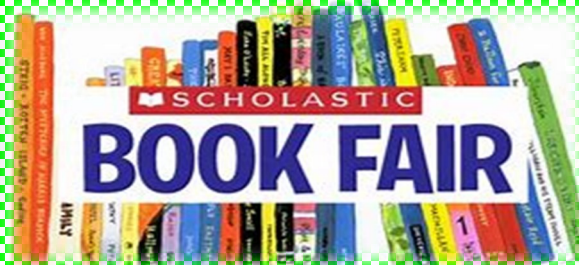


**On Tuesday Mr Gunter will be taking a team of year 5 and 6 children to represent St Joseph's at the Herefordshire School Games event. In the afternoon, Reception will be venturing to the Community Gardens for an afternoon of fun outdoor learning!**



**Next Wednesday our Year 6 children will be taking part in their Bikeability programme. This is the Government approved National Standard for Cycle Training, which sets out the training and skills essential for making cycling trips on today's roads. The programme is carried out by qualified instructors.**

**Also next Wednesday morning, our year 4 children will start their swimming lessons. They will need to be in school for 8:40am.**



**Next Thursday after school we will have our Book Fair in the central area straight after school. The book fair will be in school every day until 25th April.**



**Next Friday after school we will be holding a jumble sale in the sports hall. If you would like to make donation please bring them to the school office before next Friday. Many thanks**



# Dates to Remember

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Herefordshire School Games
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Community Gardens
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Bikeability Year 6
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Voice
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 2 Eastnor Pottery Barn
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Nursery and Year 3 Community Gardens
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Pizza Express Monmouth
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	School Photographer – Class photos
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Assembly
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Road Safety – Reception, Year 1, 3 and 6
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Community Gardens
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Community Gardens
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	FSJ Crazy Hair Day – donations for Summer Fayre
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Noah's Ark Farm visit
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term

# 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
Thursday 20 <sup>th</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
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

The children have had a fabulous week back at Nursery after the Easter break. We have welcomed a few new children: Mason and Oliver and they are already settling in nicely!

We have made the most of the dry weather when we could - playing in the mud kitchen and on our new climbing structure.

The children were keen to explore our new Nursery areas - the cozy book corner and the role play room.



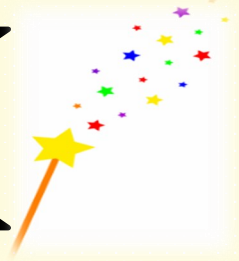
### Star of the week:

Delilah for settling so well back into nursery.





# MATHS MAGIC IN RECEPTION!



During their Maths learning this week, Liberty Class have further developed their confidence in counting strategies, including counting on from different starting numbers. We also discussed strategies for counting larger numbers of objects, including those that cannot be moved.

The children made their own special counting wands which they took around school to count a range of different objects, and are beginning to count beyond 20!



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friday

# JUMBLE

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**From 3pm In The Sports Hall  
Friday 19th April**

St Joseph's School, Ross On Wye

**Refreshments will be available**

# Happy Birthdays!



**Happy Birthday to Lahna in Reception who celebrated her 5th birthday on Wednesday 10th April. Happy Birthday to Antonio in year 2 who turned 7 on Thursday 11th April and Mia in year 4, who turned 9, also on 11th April.**

**Happy Birthday to Isla Watts in year 2, who is 7 today!**

**Happy Birthday to Norrie in Year 1 who will be turning 6 on Sunday 14th April.**

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





## ST JOSEPH'S BABY ROOM

Introducing Our Newest Addition: The Baby Room.

- Designed for infants from six months old.
- 7:45am - 5:45pm all year round and term time available.
- Nutritious meals provided throughout the day.
- Government funding places available.

Book your visit from the 8th of April.

**OPENING 4TH SEPTEMBER**

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Contact Mrs Lerego, our Nursery Manager on 01989 564655 to register your interest.

<b>LIBERTY</b>	<i>River R</i>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<i>Daisy P</i>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<i>Riley P</i>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<i>Tilly Rose W</i>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<i>Matthew W</i>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<i>Evlyn M</i>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<i>Archie W</i>



**ROYAL WRITER  
OF  
THE WEEK!**



<b>LIBERTY</b>	<b>94.4%</b>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<b>88.79%</b>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<b>89.58%</b>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<b>95.93%</b>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<b>95.65%</b>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<b>90.91%</b>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>LIBERTY</b>	<i>Illy CS</i>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<i>Alice H</i>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<i>Sonny L</i>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<i>Kai H</i>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<i>Grace S</i>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<i>Riley E</i>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<i>Leo W</i>



<b>LIBERTY</b>	<i>Toluwani A Lahna B</i>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<i>Ozi H Jason v WR</i>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<i>Hunter W Katia V</i>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<i>Reuben CB Tyler H</i>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<i>Matas J Poppy B</i>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<i>Toby S Ellie R</i>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<i>Silvija A Olivia Lei S</i>

<b>LIBERTY</b>	<i>Maisie B</i>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<i>Alfie P</i>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<i>Fifoluwa A</i>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<i>Harrison F</i>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<i>Oskaras J</i>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<i>Joseph L</i>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<i>Daisy Mai N</i>

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis