

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

15/3/24

*The
Journey
of Lent*



Dear Family,

Working in partnership with parents is key to ensuring our children achieve their full potential during their learning journey with us here at St Joseph's.

In order for the children to make the most of their education they must attend school every day during term time. Of course there will be occasions when they are ill and we understand that. It is so important that we have high expectations and aspirations for our children, standing them in good stead for their future.

Today we have sent home a parent questionnaire regarding Religious Education at St Joseph's, which also includes —the Catholic Life of our school and Collective Worship. Could you please complete this questionnaire at your earliest convenience and so we can gather valuable feedback to help us drive school improvement and further develop Catholic education here at St Joseph's.

On Thursday morning Year 4 enjoyed a visit from Father Nick to further support their understanding in their learning of The Eucharist. They learned about the order of the service for Sunday Mass and how each rite relates to the next as well as learning about Jesus's Last Supper with his disciples. The class also asked brilliant questions throughout the session.



'Treat others as you would like to be treated.'

BLUE LAGOON CLASS VISIT BISHOPS WOOD!

Blue Lagoon tribe visited Bishops Woods Field Studies to embark on a wonderful journey through the Stone Age to Iron Age. They learnt how to work as a team and build shelter, hunt for animals (including a Woolly Mason), forage for berries, grind wheat and make fire. This was a wonderful day out and a special thank you to Sarah who provided the children with a brilliant learning experience.





My favourite part of the trip was making the fire and doing archery!

Henry S

After lunch we could take part in lots of different activities, such as making flour by using rocks to crush the seeds! I enjoyed everything about this trip!

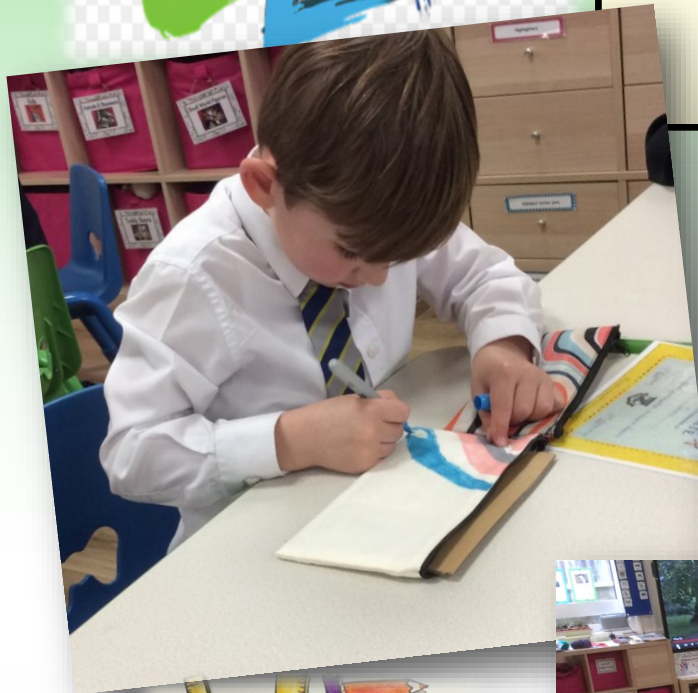
David

ART CLUB

A message from Miss Jenn...

This week Art Club experimented with tie dying pencil cases using sharpie and isopropanol alcohol, watching the ink transform once the alcohol was applied. Anyone who finished early played with yarn, hoops and fabric strips to see what they could create.

Our final week will see a few art stations on offer where the club will rotate between projects, continuing the focus on textiles as well as different print-making techniques. The weather forecast looks good, so hopefully we can do a couple of the projects outside.



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



EASTER HOLIDAY Club

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Monday

On Monday 18th March, years 1—6 will be venturing to the Malvern Hills and taking part in the Big Lent Walk as part of our Lenten challenge and supporting CAFOD. On this day the children will come to school in comfortable clothes and suitable walking footwear. They will need a packed lunch and a filled water bottle. A letter with more information can be downloaded from the letters section on the school website.



Tuesday

On Tuesday 19th March it is the Feast Day of our patron saint—St Joseph. In the morning we will be celebrating Mass here in school with Father Nick at 10am to celebrate this special day. In the afternoon Year 5 will be visiting St Mary's Church in Ross to take part in a community Easter event with other local schools. We look forward to sharing their experience in next week's newsletter.



Wednesday



On Wednesday we will be having a belated St Patrick's Day celebration! Mrs Wilkes (Olcan and Hunter's mum) will be visiting classes during the day to share the story of St Patrick, make some shamrocks with the children, finding out about their significance, as well as teaching them how to play the spoons! We look forward to marking this special feast day (albeit a little late..).

After school on this day, Mr Gunter will be presenting a parent information session for our Isle of Wight residential in June. After this session he will also be presenting a SATs information session for our year families in preparation for May. We look forward to welcoming families then.

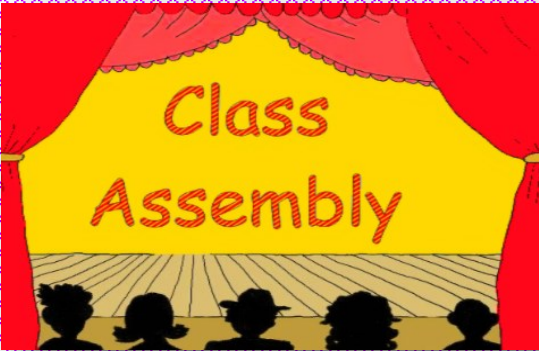
ALL OF THE CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME TO SCHOOL IN THE COLOURS OF THE IRISH FLAG ON THIS DAY!

Thursday



Our amazing FSJ team have been busy preparing art and craft Easter themed activities for the classes next Thursday afternoon. They have also planned an Easter Egg Hunt on the school field!

Friday



Next Friday is the last day of the Spring term!
Year 1/Big Ben Class will end our amazing term with their fabulous class assembly! We look forward to welcoming our year one parent to this at 2:00pm in the sports hall.

Archie in Year 6 really enjoyed his day at Hereford FC with his Dad last weekend.
Hereford lost to Chorley 1-0 but he still loved watching a game of football! We're glad you had a great time!
Hugo in year 5 will be going on 23rd March!



LIBERTY CLASS VISIT - LITTLE OAKS PLAY VILLAGE!

A message from Miss Sadler...

As part of our Spring Term topic - 'Our Community Helpers', Liberty Class had a fantastic day at Little Oaks Play Village in Newport on Wednesday. The children got to explore lots of different occupations and some fantastic role-playing experiences in this large indoor role play centre. Highlights included the very popular hair salon - with many budding stylists amongst us! And also the fire station role play, complete with fire engine and slide! As always, the children's behaviour was exemplary and they were fantastic role models for our school - well done Liberty Class!







Garden Club



A message from Mr Smith...

We had a wonderful time in Gardening Club with Roy this week. We began by planting a tree on our school field. It is a 'mountain ash', which will have lots of bright red berries later on in the year. We carefully loosened the roots before putting the tree into the pre-dug hole and firming it with some soil.

Afterwards, Roy showed us how to plant marigold seeds, which we are growing ready to add to the border at the front of school. We put four seeds spread out into each pot, before covering them with soil and giving them a water. We can't wait to see them growing!



Roy has some mixed seeds (veg and flowers) if you would like to purchase some it's a£1.00 per packet and you can collect them from the school office. All proceeds will go to our school gardening club.



This week at Cooking Club, the children made their own pitta bread pizzas. They had fun picking their favourite ingredients including sweetcorn, pepperoni and red peppers.



After the Easter holidays, Year 4 will be swimming every Wednesday morning. Lessons will start from Wednesday 17th April. A letter has gone home today and can also be downloaded from the letters section on the school website.



Thank you so much to Charlotte, from the Dogs Trust who came to visit us yesterday, as part of our safeguarding curriculum. Charlotte's workshops were excellent!

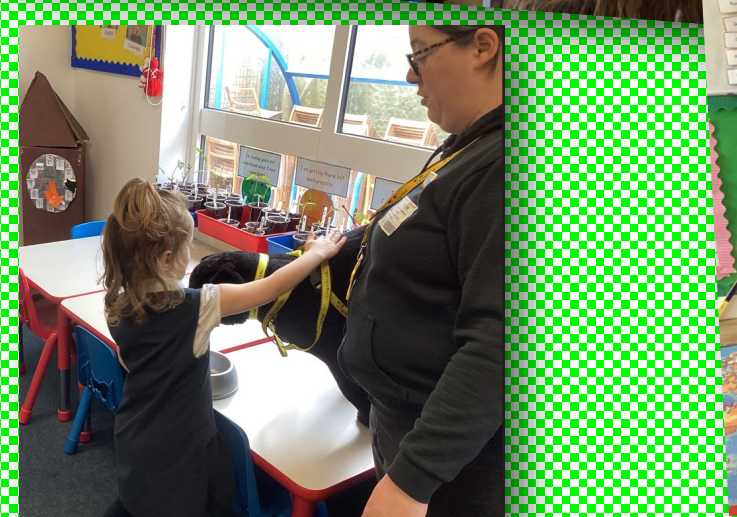


What will you learn?

Our aim is to help everybody learn:

- The types of emotions dogs experience
- How dogs use their body language to show us how they are feeling and how this impacts how we behave towards them
- How dogs give us consent to be close to them.

Be Dog Smart





On Thursday 14th March a representative from 'The Dog Trust' came to visit us in school. We learned all about canine behaviour and the signs to look out for to know when dogs are: happy, sad, nervous and when they want to be left alone. Our visitor was called Charlotte and she taught us lots of fascinating information about dogs and how to treat them carefully and sensibly. I learned that it is important to read the dog's behaviour to know what they are saying about how they feel.

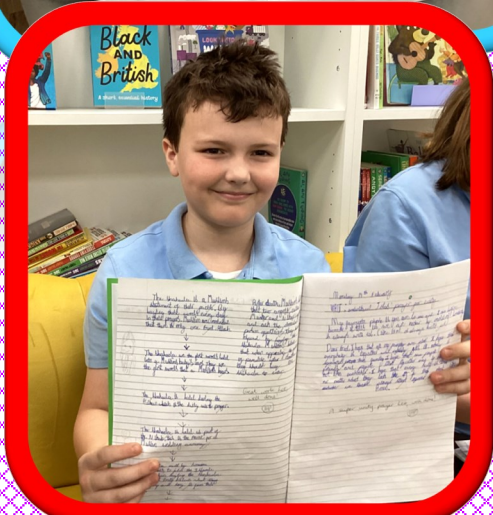
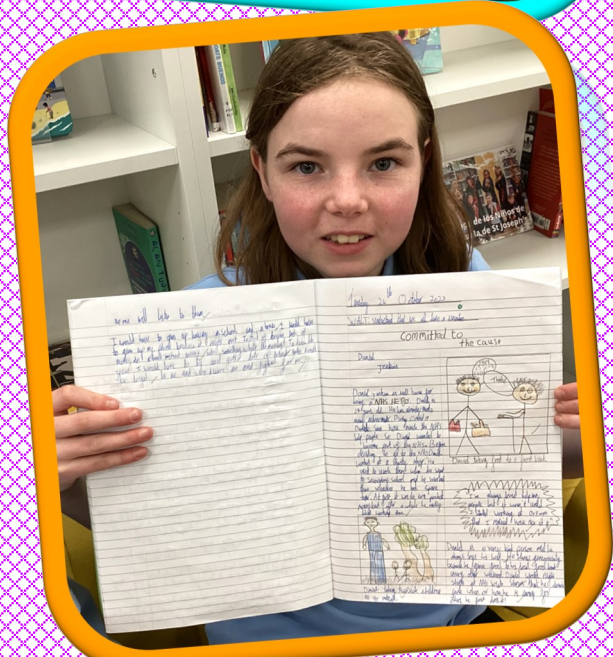
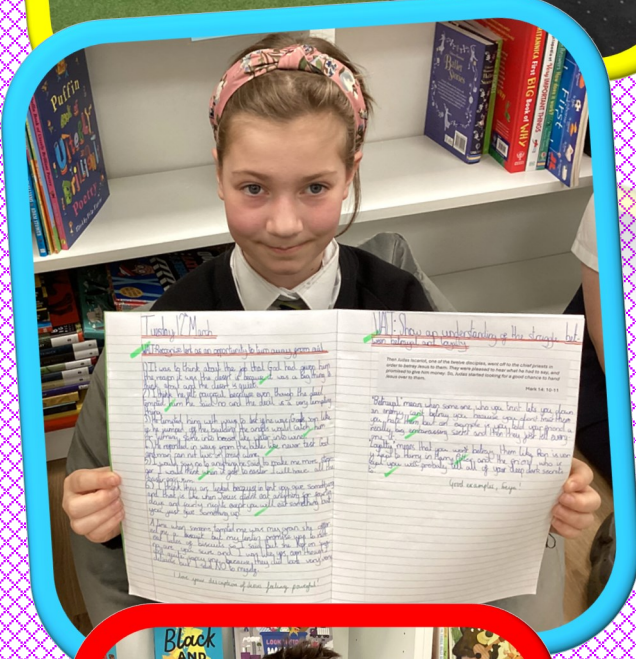
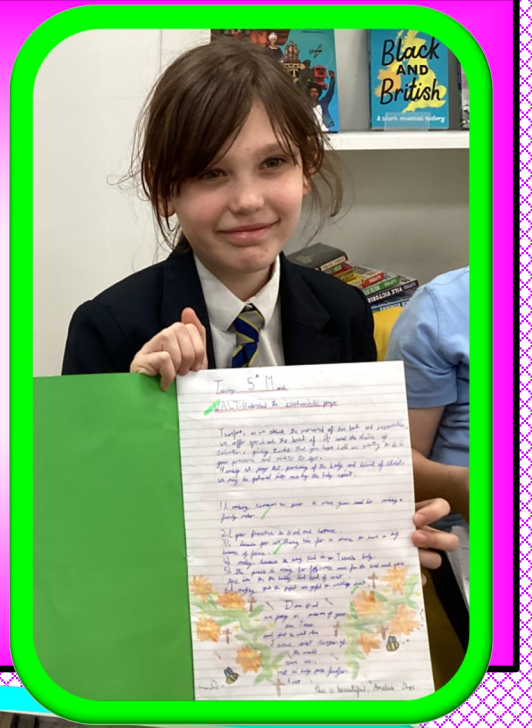
Leo Williams Year 6

The dog trust is a dog rescue program whose aim is to help dogs in need and to create awareness about how to treat and act around dogs. A representative from this charity came to visit us in school. She taught us how to read 'dog language'. Dog language is how we tell how a dog is feeling from watching their actions. We learnt that what might seem like playful behaviour might actually be signal for 'I am NOT okay' or 'Leave me ALONE'. By reading the signs and acting respectfully towards the dogs we can prevent aggressive behaviour or further discomfort. There are 5 main signs we look for in a dog to tell whether they are feeling fine or uncomfortable, worried or scared. The signs are: ear position, how the eyes look, what the dog is doing with their mouth, what their tail is doing and their body position.

Amelie and Phoebe Year 6

CURRICULUM AMBASSADORS

On Wednesday our curriculum ambassadors enjoyed sharing feedback on their RE lessons and collective worship experiences with our school's RE advisor- Miss McIntosh. The children did a fantastic job talking about their different topics within their RE lessons and how we celebrate the Catholic life of our school through living out our school mission statement!



Dates to Remember

Monday 18th March	The Big Lent Walk—Malvern Hills Year 1– 6
Saturday 16 th March	Herefordshire Schools Swimming Gala
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 2 visiting Community Gardens
Tuesday 19 th March	St Joseph's Feast Day– Mass in school @ 10am
Wednesday 20th March	Year 5 and 6 Isle of Wight Parent Meeting @ 3:45pm
Wednesday 20th March	St Patrick's Day (belated celebrations) Non uniform—orange, white and green
Friday 22 nd March	Year 1 Assembly @ 2:00pm
Friday 22 nd March	End of term



Poppy's Dad—Matthew Webb in Year 1 is going to be taking part in the Wye Valley TEC Ultra Marathon challenge Saturday 18th in aid of raising funds for the FSJ and the School. We wish Matt the very best of luck with his training and for this event. Matt has set up a GoFund Me page and we would all be grateful if you are able to support him in reaching his fundraising goal. To donate please follow the below link:

<https://gofund.me/547c1074>

NURSERY IN ACTION! A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

What an exciting week our Nursery children have had!

They have been very busy planting new trees with Roy - digging the holes, putting the small trees in and covering them back over with soil.

We had some very special guests on Wednesday - Mrs. Bennett's three baby guinea pigs! The children all had a cuddle and we talked about how we look after them.



Star of the week:

Eddie for good listening this week





Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday to Abigail in year 3, Rhys B in year 5 and Eli also in year 3 who all celebrated their birthdays on Wednesday 13th March. Happy Birthday to Thomas, Toby and Anna in Reception who are turning 5 today!



Happy Birthday to Viktor in Reception and Joseph in year 5, for their birthdays tomorrow!



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



The Season of **Lent** Is A Time To **Grow** Closer to **Jesus**

LIBERTY	<i>Arthur H</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Matas J</i>
EVEREST	<i>Isla H</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>David A</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Olcan W</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Ellie R</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Vera A</i>



**ROYAL WRITER
OF
THE WEEK!**



LIBERTY	96%
BIG BEN	94.85%
EVEREST	91.25%
BLUE LAGOON	94.07%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	96.52%
MOSI OA TUNYA	98.18%
ANGEL FALLS	99.38%

LIBERTY	Tolu A
BIG BEN	Joshua G
EVEREST	Jacob A
BLUE LAGOON	Kai H
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Leo H
MOSI OA TUNYA	Freya A
ANGEL FALLS	Paisley CB



LIBERTY	Viktor K Illy CS
BIG BEN	Phoebe B Jack B
EVEREST	Antonio B Isla W
BLUE LAGOON	The whole class for their assembly!
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Matthew W Mia O
MOSI OA TUNYA	Amelia E Ollie B
ANGEL FALLS	Dustin A Izzy KP

LIBERTY	Anna M
BIG BEN	Ben H
EVEREST	Viktor S
BLUE LAGOON	Patrick HD
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Otto C
MOSI OA TUNYA	Darcey G
ANGEL FALLS	Olivia Lei S

Enjoy your weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Francis

