

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

8/3/24

Dear Family,

We've had a fun packed week, with Parents Evenings, World Book Day, theatre trips, Community Garden visits and well-being workshops taking place!

As we count down to Easter, we still have lots more events to look forward to in the next two weeks.

On Monday 18th March we will be taking part in our Big Lent Walk to raise funds for CAFOD. On Tuesday 19th March we will be celebrating the feast of St Joseph. On our patron saint's special day we will be celebrating Mass with Father Nick here in school at 10am. If families are able to join us for this, you are all warmly welcome. Parishioners will be invited too.



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

BIG BEN CLASS AT COMMUNITY GARDENS!

On Tuesday afternoon Big Ben Class had a sunny walk to the Ross-on-Wye Community Gardens, where they thoroughly enjoyed a Stick man trail and creating their own stick man.

They also spotted the signs of Spring all around them.

Thank you to Tim Shelley all those involved in making it such a lovely afternoon.





WORLD

BOOK

DAY



We had a fantastic day yesterday, celebrating World Book Day as a whole school!

During the day the key stage 2 classes completed literacy based activities and we enjoyed a costume parade in the playground together to end our fabulous day!

Thank you to our families for making such an effort for this special occasion and the F SJ for organising the Wonka bar sale after school too-everyone was so excited about finding a golden ticket!!!!









GAME TIME!

Year 6 had lots of fun celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, by designing their very own board games based on their favourite books. After planning the rules, they worked collaboratively to create all the parts that they needed, before testing the games out with their friends. In the afternoon, the children invited Year 4 to join them and share their creations. Great job everyone!





VISITING THE COURTYARD THEATRE

What a wonderful time our Reception and Key Stage 1 children had on their trip to the Courtyard Théâtre yesterday as part of our World Book Day celebrations.

We are so grateful as always to our parents for their voluntary contributions which help to make special experiences like this possible



for our children. Supporting financially is and remains so vital in ensuring that we can continue to provide these highlights and enjoy the children's awe and wonder moments, making memories that will last a lifetime! Thank you!



YEAR 4 ASSEMBLY!

Year 4 sent a message loud and clear during their class assembly—we have to take better care of our planet. Did you know that by 2050, when the class will only be 35 years old, there will be more plastic in the oceans than fish. We are thankful for the visit of our Cllr Mayor Louis Stark, who reiterated our message of taking action now.

Help us in Year 4 to repurpose crisp packets into survival blankets for the homeless by sending us your empty packets.





Garden Club



A message from Mrs Hodges...

This week in gardening club, we erected our bean structures, divided our daffodil bulbs now the flowers have died back and replanted the herbs back into our herb bed. We talked about forcing rhubarb and looked at some roy had pre planted for us and also our strawberry and raspberry plants in our kitchen bed, we can't wait to try those! We have just been awarded our RHS level 2 gardening award, we loved looking at our new book and seeds. We've also been discussing how we will spend our £50 voucher!

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Jeremy Steele from Morrisons for his generous donation of compost, it means so much to us.





A message from Miss Sadler...

Today at Cooking Club, we had loads of book characters help to bake some delicious brownies! We started by whisking together the eggs and sugar - Captain Hook was particularly good at this! We then melted together the chocolate and the butter, and then combined all our ingredients to make a delicious smelling batter. We then spooned these into individual cupcakes cases before baking. After school club smelt just like Willy Wonka's chocolate factory! Yum!



YOUR mental health MATTERS

A message from Mr Gunter...

On Monday afternoon, year 6 took part in workshop all about mental health and well being, with Kate from The Courtyard Theatre.

We explored what the terms, 'mental health' and 'wellbeing' mean as well as discussing facts and myths that surround mental health. We also looked at ways we can promote positive mental health and prevent negative mental health in and outside of school. We were then given a booklet to complete some of the activities at home, ready for our next workshop in the summer term.



St Joseph's Lucky Ticket

We have our Winners!!!



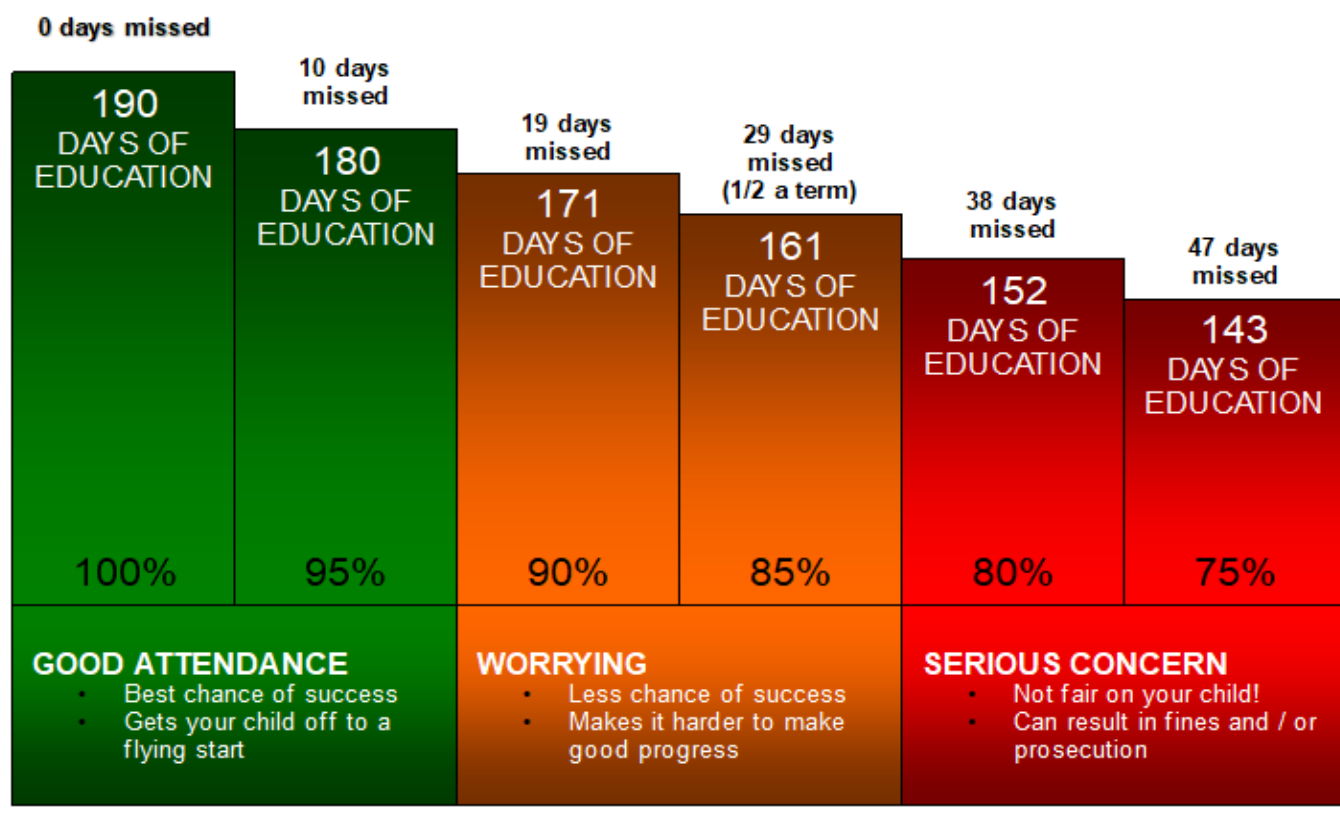
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

At St Joseph's we expect all children to attend school every day. They should only miss school if they are too ill to attend as per the guidance. As we move into the spring and summer months, we hope to wave goodbye to all the winter ailments and look forward positively to improved attendance for all that may have been unfortunately affected by illness previously.

Mild symptoms, such as a cold or a runny nose should not prevent your child from attending school. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you are unsure if your child should attend or not. Please see NHS guidance link <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please note, holidays should not be taken in term time. Absence for leave in term time may only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The application for leave must be made in advance and in line with our attendance policy. If you have previously been issued with a Penalty Notice from Herefordshire Council, PLEASE NOTE YOU MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITH ANOTHER. Herefordshire Council may take alternative legal proceedings.

1 or 2 days a week may not seem like a lot but.....



What does Good School Attendance look like?

We take school absence very seriously. We identify pupils whose attendance drops below 95% and provide support and intervention to help improve this if required. It is important for parents or carers to work together with the school when a pupil's attendance is a concern.

If a pupil does not attend school or is not taking part in an approved educational activity, they are classed as **ABSENT** from school. This means that if your child is off school for any reason, even if they are ill or have medical permission to be off school, they will be marked as **ABSENT**.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 12th March	Blue Lagoon Class visiting Bishopswood— Field Studies Council
Wednesday 13th March	Reception Class—Little Oaks Play Village
Thursday 14th March	The Dogs Trust visiting for class workshops
Friday 15 th March	Year 3 Assembly @ 2:00pm
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
Thursday 2st March	Poetry Evening for Key Stage 2 @ 6:00pm
Friday 22 nd March	Year 1 Assembly @ 2:00pm
Friday 22 nd March	End of term

HEREFORDSHIRE SWIMMING GALA!



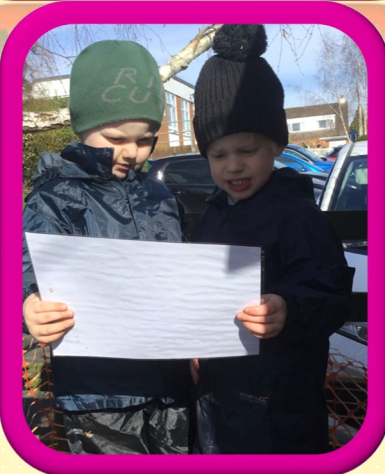
Next Saturday 16th March some of our Key Stage 2 children will be competing in the Herefordshire Schools Swimming Gala at Halo in Hereford, on behalf of St Joseph's. We wish them all the best of luck and look forward to hearing all about it!

**NURSERY IN ACTION!
A MESSAGE FROM MRS
LEREGO**

The children loved celebrating world book day - dressing up as their favourite storybook character and sharing lots of books with each other.

We have been busy making mother's day cards and enjoying a mothers day tea party!

The Oakleaves have been very busy following a map outside to find the teddy - using positional language and directions.



Star of the week:

Dominic for gaining in confidence and using his words.



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



TIMES
7.45AM - 5.45PM



NUTRITIOUS MEALS
BREAKFAST, SNACKS, LUNCH
AND TEA AVAILABLE



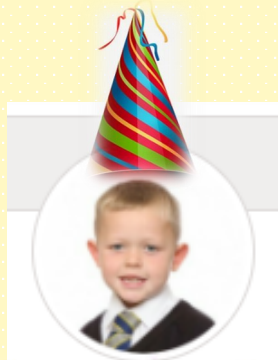
**OPENING 4TH
SEPTEMBER**

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



Happy Birthday to Ella-Louise in year 6 who celebrated her 11th birthday on 4th March. Happy Birthday to Callan and Alfie in year 1, who both turned 6 on Wednesday 6th March. Maisie in Reception turned 5 on Thursday 7th March and Lexi in Year 6 turned 11, also on 7th March. Sophie in Reception is 5 today!

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



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>

LIBERTY	<i>Oscar-James H</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Jason VWR</i>
EVEREST	<i>Emmy R</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Tanya-May W</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Oliver M</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Gabriella B</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Daisy-Mai N</i>



ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!



LIBERTY	91.6%
BIG BEN	93.64%
EVEREST	94.58%
BLUE LAGOON	95.71%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	97.83%
MOSI OA TUNYA	90.91%
ANGEL FALLS	93.13%

LIBERTY	<i>Arthur W</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Daisy P</i>
EVEREST	<i>Antonio B</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Guste J</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Ruby W</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Amelia L</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Daniela G</i>



LIBERTY	<i>Maisie B</i> <i>Maks S</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Andrew G</i> <i>Aryah W</i>
EVEREST	<i>Holly W</i> <i>Theo B</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Immy-May B</i> <i>Henry B</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Ned K</i> <i>Logan H</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Henry H</i> <i>Rugile J</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Archie W</i> <i>Silvija A</i>

LIBERTY	<i>Nora A</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Zach MW</i>
EVEREST	<i>Jessie P</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Harrison F</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Jacob L</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Rugile J</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Phoebe P</i>

Enjoy your weekend. Wishing all our mums and grandmothers a very Happy Mother's Day this weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Francis

