

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

*Matthew 7:12*

19/1/24

**Dear Family,**

**This week during our collective worship time we have been focusing on our half termly values—'Compassionate and Loving.'**

**Pupils at St Joseph's are growing to be compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.**



**All of the classes have been busy sharing what love means to them, using the reading from Corinthians for inspiration. We have displayed our finished pieces in the front entrance, please feel free to come and see the children's wonderful work.**

**LOVE**

is patient  
is kind  
does not envy  
does not boast  
is not proud  
is not rude  
is not self-seeking  
is not easily angered  
keeps no record of wrongs  
does not delight in evil  
rejoices in the truth  
always protects  
always trusts  
always hopes  
always perseveres  
never fails

*Love  
Never  
Fails*

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

**On Thursday morning we celebrated whole school Mass at the Church with Father Nick, Mr Burbidge and fellow parishioners. We dedicated the Mass to Mrs Kath Burbidge, who recently passed away. Kath was a dedicated teacher at St Joseph's for many years. She was an active member of the parish and led the First Holy Communion Programme for many years too as well as the Confirmation programme. During the Mass, the children read and sang beautifully, Kath would have been very proud.**



# CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

As part of their topic on 2d and 3d shapes, Big Ben Class looked at everyday items and identified which 3d shape they were! Super shape recognition everyone!

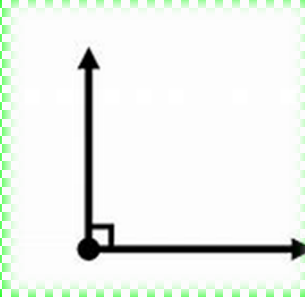
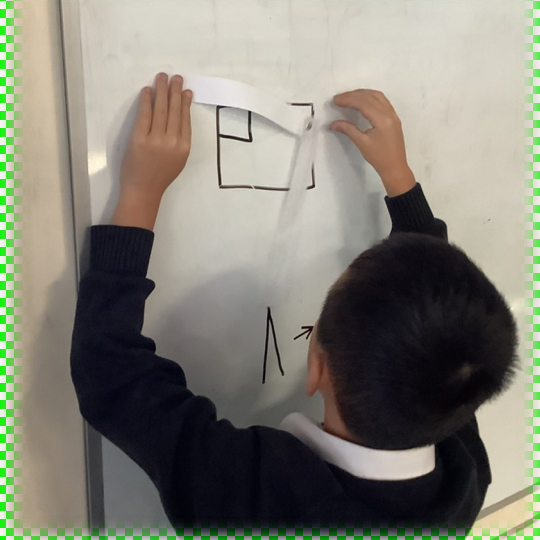


**Liberty Class** have enjoyed the start of their new topic—'Our Community Helpers'. We discussed lots of different people who help us in our every day lives and then role played various occupations. We enjoyed playing doctors, policemen and builders!



# MORE CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

*This week Blue Lagoon Class have been identifying right angles. They made their own resource to measure different angles to help them ascertain whether angles are greater than or less than a right angle, which they know is 90 degrees.*



**Liberty Class have been enjoying exploring their outdoor classroom in the cold weather this week. We have investigated lots of ice play, and exploring how it melts. We have also enjoyed baking in our mud kitchen and exploring number with the interlocking cubes. We have also loved helping Roy with creating our new play structure!**



# CURRICULUM AMBASSADORS

**A message from Mr Patel.....It was a very special first Curriculum Ambassadors' meeting of the year for us as we said Thank You and Good-bye to our outgoing ambassadors and welcomed in our new ones. We had an enthusiastic discussion on everything we have learnt about so far in history this year – from The Wright brothers' first flight and the discovery of Skara Brae to learning about the years before the start of WWII and how Hitler came to power, our wonderful learners were full of interesting facts and knowledge. They showed a real interest in knowing and learning about how history is relevant to us and how it has impacted us in Ross-on-Wye today. We look forward to discussing more of our curriculum over the coming weeks and months.**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY MR SMITH



*This week our fabulous Mr Smith celebrated his 50th Birthday. We welcomed him for a special birthday celebration where all the children sang Happy Birthday!! We hope Mr Smith had a wonderful day celebrating with family and friends. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!*



## PARENT WORKSHOPS

We will be holding Maths - Mastering Number parent workshops on the following dates:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January @ 9:00 am - Reception

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January @ 9:00 am - Year 1

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February @ 9:00 am - Year 2

These workshops, are designed to help you to support your child with their Maths learning. The sessions will be held in the school hall at 9:00am.

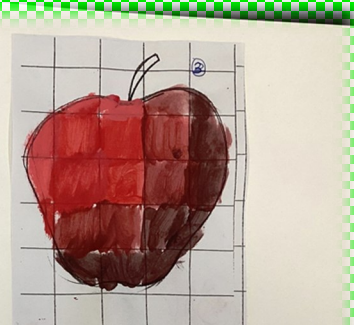
# YEAR 4 ART

Using light and dark tones to create a 3D effect really made us think in Year 4. It was really challenging to create the right range of tints and shades to show where the light source fell on our apple, however we persevered and the results were fantastic!



As an Artist, I am learning to: use tints and shades to give a three-dimensional effect when painting.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024





Free pre-loved school uniform stall at  
Ross Community Garden, Old Gloucester Rd.  
Please feel free to drop off unwanted school uniform items as well  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 10.30am-12noon**



## Ross on Wye Pancake Races Sunday 11th February 2024 Ross on Wye Town Centre

Registration at the Market House from 11am  
Races start 12 noon

**Race Categories and Order**  
Under 5 years  
5 - 7 years  
8- 10 years  
Adult Fancy Dress  
11 - 13 years  
14 - 16 years  
Adult - ladies  
Adult - men  
Teams (4 people)  
Business teams also welcome!

**Special Prizes**  
Children's Fancy Dress  
Adult Fancy Dress Race  
Team Trophy

**Free Entry**  
Certificate for all entrants,  
winners medals  
and a lot of free fun!



Organised by Ross on Wye Lions and Ross Rotary

The logo for Garden Club, featuring the word "GARDENCLUB" in a white serif font on a dark rectangular background with a small leaf icon above the letter 'N'.

## ***A message from Mrs Hodges...***

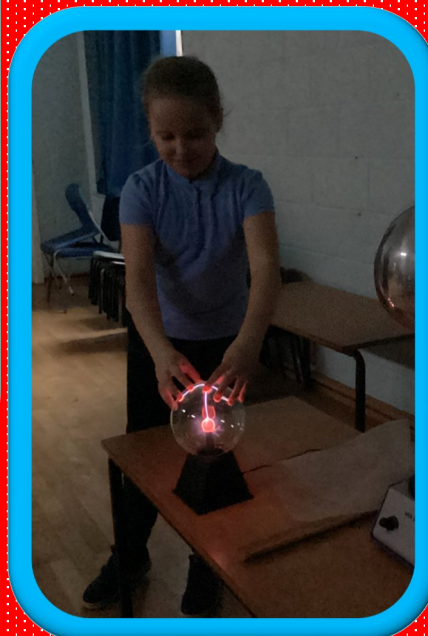
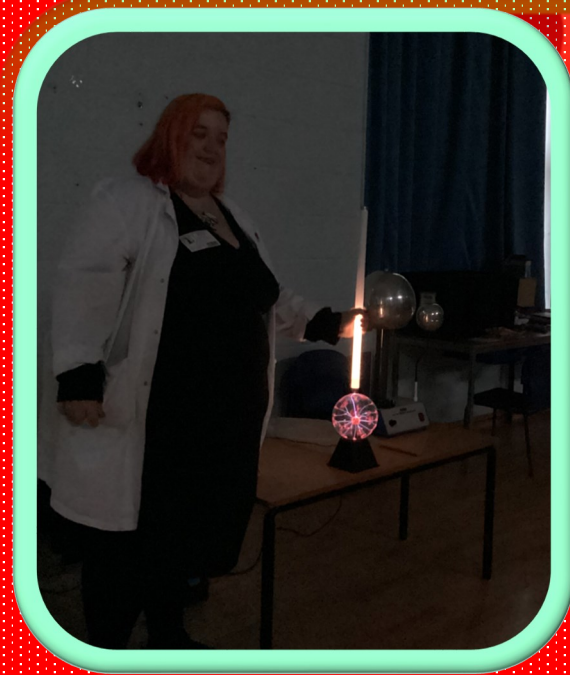
In gardening club this week, we talked about the importance of trees, we walked around the school grounds and used our tree identification activity to find out what kind of trees we have, we talked about how old the trees might be and took some bark rubbings, we learned lots of interesting facts about trees too! We talked about our upcoming participation in the rspb big school's bird watch 2024 studying our entry pack for ideas and planning ways to attract more birds before the big count! We sowed some early sweet pea seeds today, which we hope to use at the front of school in spring so keep an eye out for those!





## A message from Ned.....

On Fridays' we take part in Science Club with Abigail from Fizz Pop. During last week's Club we learnt about atoms, and that they are made up of electrons, neutrons and protons. We used a Van De Graaff to show how static electricity works. It made my fingers feel tingly and also made the ends of my hair stand up.





During the past two weeks, we have been taking part in the Speak Out Stay Safe programme with the NSPCC. All of the classes have completed the set activities and have learnt lots of new important information on how to keep themselves and others safe. We will continue to revisit our learning on this throughout the school year. Well done everyone!

**Your**  
Speak out. Stay safe.  
**certificate**

**Awarded to:**

St Joseph's RC Primary School

A massive thank you and a big well done to all pupils for being such great listeners and taking part in *Speak out*. Stay safe. with Buddy.

 Peter Wanless  
Chief Executive

Date: January 2024

Thank you for helping to keep more children safe!

**NSPCC**

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Resource 1: Respectful and disrespectful behaviour

Hugging someone in the class	Asking to link arms with a friend
Playing a game of 'kiss chase'	Giving high fives
Shaking hands	Touching someone's body, hair or clothes without consent
Hurting someone in a game or as a joke	Giving someone a shoulder massage

**Graffiti walls**

Discuss with a partner:

How can the PANTS rules help us understand how to treat other people?

Add your ideas to the graffiti walls.



**...COMING  
NEXT WEEK!**



**Next Tuesday 23rd January, we will be holding our 'St Joseph's Got Talent'—whole school event! We look forward to this exciting event!**



*A message from Mr Patel...*

*On Wednesday afternoon, 11 of our St Joseph's sporting superstars went to John Kyrle school to compete with five other local primary schools at a dodgeball festival. The squad of players equipped themselves very well, taking part in a highly competitive and fast paced competition. The players represented St Joseph's school brilliantly, showcasing a great team ethic, resilience, the ability to improve after every match and excellent sporting behaviour.*



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM...



Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	St Joseph's Got Talent 2024
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Matilda Performance 6:00pm
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Matilda Performance 6:00pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentines Disco—FSJ
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 swimming lessons start
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Parent Voice at 2:00pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	St David's Day celebrations
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 Assembly
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evenings- Spring Term
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Assembly
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Herefordshire Schools Swimming Gala
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 visiting Community Gardens
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	St Joseph's Feast Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	End of term Mass
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 1 Assembly
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	End of term

# NURSERY IN ACTION!

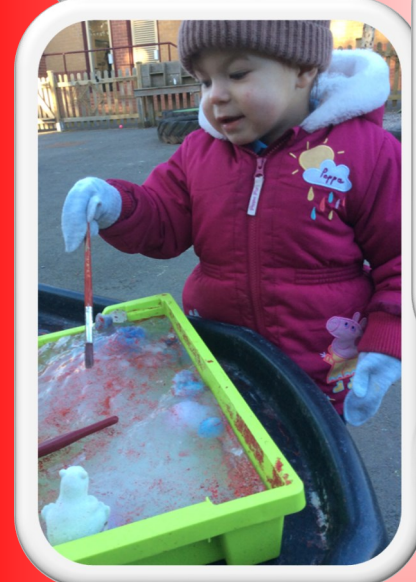
## A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

This week in Nursery we have been exploring the change in seasons and looking for signs of Winter. We have been exploring and melting Ice and going on Winter walks around the field and forest school.

The Oakleaves have been taking part in their Read, Write, Inc planned talk sessions as the foundation for learning their sounds.

Our story of the week is Stick Man - the children have been making stick men using a range of media - playdough, pipe cleaners and sticks.

Star of the week: Charlie. P for walking into Nursery happily by himself.



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## New Opportunity...

### A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

An exciting opportunity to be a part of our amazing Nursery team!

We are looking for a new member of staff to join us as a **level 3 apprentice** starting in March. This is a great opportunity if you have a passion for working with young children and helping them to develop, whilst working towards achieving a qualification at the same time.

If you are interested in this position, please pick up an application form from the office. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The successful candidate will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service enhanced check and further pre-employment checks will be conducted in accordance with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023.

## FSJ NEWS!

### *Valentine Disco - Friday 9th February*

To celebrate the end of half term, we will be hosting our annual Valentine themed disco.

KS1 3:30pm – 4:30pm

KS2 5pm – 6pm

Disco, entertainment, snack box and drink

£3 per child attending. More information for how to book next week!

### **Cake Raffle**

We are looking forward to bringing back the cake raffle! The raffle was always very popular with the children and so, on the last Friday of every month we will organise a cake raffle. 50p per ticket, or 3 for £1.

### **Next FSJ Meeting**

Our next meeting is today after school (Friday 19 January). We will be discussing upcoming events and any suggestions for planned events throughout the year. If you are unable to make it, but would like to share any ideas, please email reception, or [stjosephs.fsj@outlook.com](mailto:stjosephs.fsj@outlook.com)

### **Funds**

As always, we thank everyone that supports FSJ and our school community. Through the events that have taken place recently, we have managed to raise funds to purchase ipads to benefit all the classes. A really useful tool for the learning of our children, thank you!

### **2024 events**


We have lots of new and exciting events planned for this year! Updates to follow through the coming weeks.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



# HALF TERM **HOLIDAY** 12TH - 16TH FEBRUARY

*Club*

 [holidayclub@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:holidayclub@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk)

 01989 564655

Mr Smith and his team are looking forward to hosting our February half term holiday club, they have lots of exciting themed days planned!

As always, places are filling up fast so if you would like to book your child a place, please email the school office.

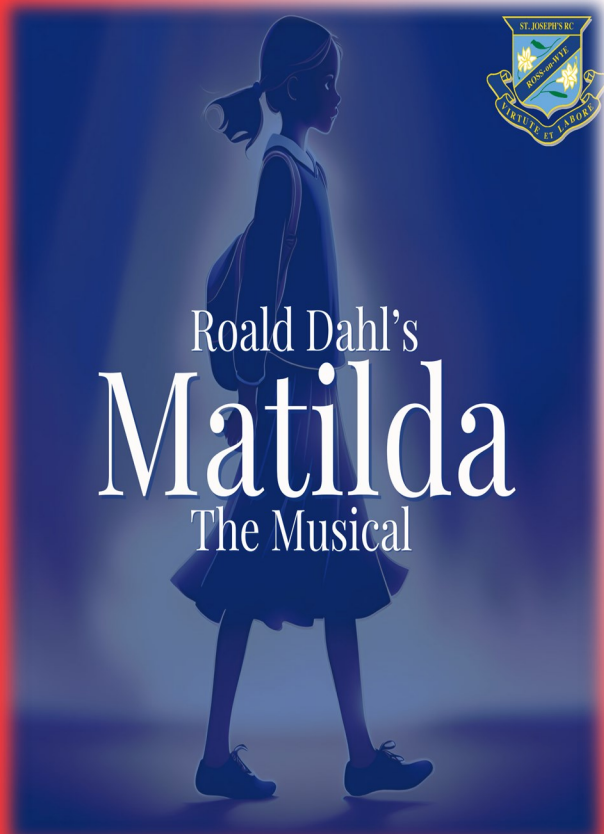


Congratulations to Mrs Tokos for successfully completing her level 3 Early Years CACHE qualification. She has worked extremely hard towards this and we are all so proud of her!



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Can parents please ensure children are supervised on the playground before school each morning. Children should not be left unsupervised before the classroom doors open. Please note, parents are able to use our Breakfast Club provision if they need to get to work. From 8:30am it is £1.00 per day.



Tickets are now available to purchase for our Matilda Performances at the Phoenix Theatre in Ross on the following dates:

Wednesday 7th February @ 6:00pm

Thursday 8th February @ 2:00pm

Thursday 8th February @ 6:00pm

*'Treat others as yo*

# Happy

# Birthday!

Happy Birthday to Freya H.D in year 5 who celebrated turning 10 on Wednesday 17th January. Happy Birthday to Riley and Emmy in year 2, who celebrated their 7th birthday, also on Wednesday 17th January.

Happy Birthday to T.K in year 6, who turned 11 on Thursday 18th January.

Happy Birthday to Daisy in year 1, who is celebrating her 6th birthday today!

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



<b>LIBERTY</b>	<i>Illy CS</i>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<i>Alice H</i>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<i>Jacob A</i>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<i>Archie Pl</i>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<i>Matas J</i>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<i>Joseph L</i>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<i>Archie W</i>



# ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!



<b>LIBERTY</b>	<b>99.62%</b>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<b>97.81%</b>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<b>93.91%</b>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<b>93.93%</b>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<b>95.22%</b>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<b>92.73</b>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<b>98.75%</b>

<b>LIBERTY</b>	<i>Benji G</i>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<i>Zak MW</i>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<i>Hunter W</i>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<i>Henry S</i>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<i>Oliver M</i>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<i>Evlyn M</i>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<i>Daniela G</i>



# Mathemagician!



<b>LIBERTY</b>	<i>Thomas C Lahna B</i>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<i>Daisy P Andrea S</i>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<i>Rupert B Isla H</i>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<i>Guste J Zelda H</i>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<i>Connie F Jessie W</i>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<i>Luke J Edward R</i>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<i>Daisy Mai N Ella Louise C</i>

<b>LIBERTY</b>	<i>Arlo A</i>
<b>BIG BEN</b>	<i>Jack B</i>
<b>EVEREST</b>	<i>Leo O</i>
<b>BLUE LAGOON</b>	<i>Tanya-May W</i>
<b>ARC DE TRIOMPH</b>	<i>Logan H</i>
<b>MOSI OA TUNYA</b>	<i>Amelia L</i>
<b>ANGEL FALLS</b>	<i>Lexi S</i>

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

