St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

Matthew 7:12

22/12/23

Dear Family,

On Thursday morning we celebrated our end of term Mass with Father Nick and the parishioners of St Frances of Rome. It was a really lovely way to end the term and the children read and sang beautifully as always!

On behalf of us all at St Joseph's we would like to say a huge thank you for the constant support you have given us! We wish you all the most wonderful Christmas, enjoy some rest and special time with friends and family.

We look forward to our Spring term and making some more memories together, as a school family.

We will be returning on Thursday 4th January and on the Thursday and Friday of that week we will be holding our 'Review and Remember' days– where the classes will revisit the learning that took place in the Autumn term to ensure their knowledge is secure before moving on to their next topics.

All extra curricular activities will commence from Monday 8th January.

OUR KEY STAGE 2 CAROL CONCERT 2023

Our Key Stage 2 children performed their Christmas Carol Concert on Tuesday evening and it was absolutely brilliant!

All of the children sang beautifully and we are so proud of them!

A big thank you to all our families who came along to support this special event.

A wonderful way to end our Autumn term!







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Christmas Concert













chrismas dinner

Yesterday we held our Christmas Dinner Day altogether! It was such a fantastic day. After lunch, we enjoyed watching a Christmas Magic Show—which was so much fun!

The day ended with a visit from Santa, delivering gifts to all of the children.

A big thank you to our FSJ for organising such a special event!









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Funday







PLAY IN A DAY!

A message from Miss Steiner…

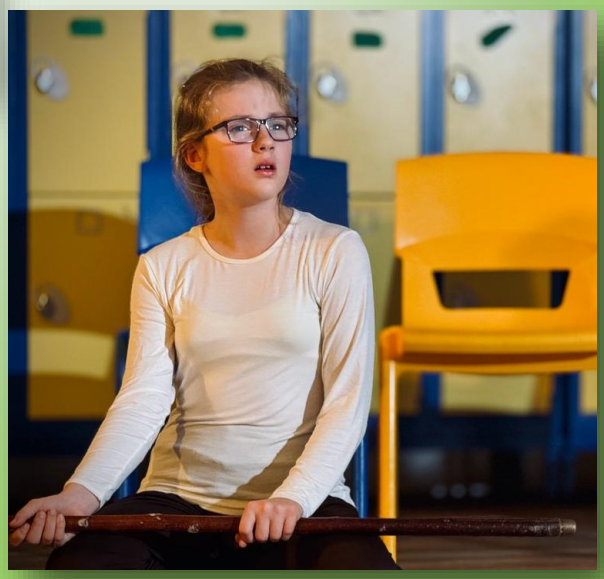
Huge congratulations to the eleven children who took part in our first 'Play in a Day' project on Sunday 17th December. A mixture of current and ex-St. Joseph's pupils came to school at 9am and worked incredibly hard all day to get the play - 'Boy with the Fire in his Eyes' - ready for a performance at 7pm.

A grown-up version of the nativity story told through tableaux and a series of duologues, the play was beautiful and poignant and included a chorus of angels singing in three parts! This was such an enormous achievement in one day and the 'theatre' was packed out in the evening for the show. Thank you so much to everyone who came along and watched and helped to create a wonderful festive atmosphere.









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Thank you so much to Mrs Preece and the team at Co-op in Ross-on-Wye for raising £185.00 in their Christmas raffle for St Joseph's school. We are extremely grateful and this will go towards learning resources for our children.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

PARKING SAFELY

Can we please remind everyone to park safely when dropping off and collecting the children. I have been notified that parents with prams are struggling to walk on the pavements as cars are blocking the pathway.

Thank you in advance for helping us to ensure everyone is safe.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY NEXT TERM...



Thursday 4th January	Children return to school
Wednesday 10th January	Young Voices Concert KS2
Wednesday 10th January	Year 2 swimming lessons start
Thursday 18th January	Beginning of term Mass
Friday 19th January	Year 5 Assembly @ 2:00pm
Monday 22nd January @ 9:00 am - Reception	Maths - Mastering Number parent workshop
Tuesday 23rd January	St Joseph's Got Talent 2024
Monday 29th January @ 9:00 am - Year 1	Maths - Mastering Number parent workshop
Monday 5th – Friday 9th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 5th February @ 9:00 am - Year 2	Maths - Mastering Number parent workshop
Wednesday 7th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th February	Matilda Performance 6:00pm
Thursday 8th February	Matilda Performance 6:00pm
Friday 9th February	School closes for half term
Monday 19th February	Children return to school
Wednesday 20th February	Year 1 swimming lessons start
Thursday 22nd February	Parent Voice at 2:00pm
Friday 1st March	St David's Day celebrations
Friday 1st March	Year 4 Assembly
Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March	Parents Evenings- Spring Term
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	Year 2 Assembly
Friday 15th March	Year 3 Assembly
Saturday 16th March	Herefordshire Schools Swimming Gala
Tuesday 19th March	Year 2 visiting Community Gardens
Tuesday 19th March	St Joseph's Feast Day
Thursday 21st March	End of term Mass
Friday 22nd March	Year 1 Assembly
Friday 22nd March	End of term

CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK!



After working hard to design and cut patterns for their waistcoats, our Year 6 children completed their DT project by assembling the pieces carefully using a sewing machine; they each sewed all three seams by themselves. Finally, they cut intricate felt pieces and attached these decorations to the waistcoat using fabric glue. All of the waistcoats are now completed - what a fantastic achievement, Year 6!











Everest class used the skills they have been practising to build a chair for Baby Bear. They thought carefully about the best shape to use so the chairs were both strong and stable. They worked together to achieve some amazing results.















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CHRISTMAS CRAFT AFTERNOON

A message from Miss Jenn...

We had a cosy and fun family Christmas Crafternoon on the 9th of December where we created pomander balls, light jars, Christmas themed watercolour, wall hangings and baubles. We even ensured a Christmas Gonk made an appearance in our creations! Thank you to everyone who attended and shared their creativity and enjoyment of making! I look forward to our next art afternoon in the New Year! Thank you again to the FSJ for their support on the day and also to Molly and Emma for their expertise and assistance!











WELL DONE EVERYONE !

A message from Miss Jenn...

A huge thank you to all of our pupils who participated in the Random Acts of Kindness challenge. Reading the "choose your own" spaces, I was SO impressed with what amazing and kind children we have at St Joseph's! Thank you as well to families for your support in this activity! Looking around the school on any normal day, I see where kindness is an everyday language at St Joseph's and while it's fun to do a challenge, it's really not challenging for our pupils to be kind, it's simply the way we are. Great job St Joseph's! Thank you for being amazing human beings! The Kind Club have created Kindness certificates for all participants and wants to congratulate Alice Hodges for winning the drawing, we hope you enjoy your £15 Amazon gift card!

Reception
Benji
Arthur
Sophie
Zach
Edith
Bella

Year 1
Phoebe
Ben
Joshua

Year 2
Isla
Viktor
Jacob
Rupert
Leo

Year 3
Joey
Kai
Tilly Rose
Abby

Year 4
Ruby
James

Year 5
Edward

Year 6
Lexi
Ella

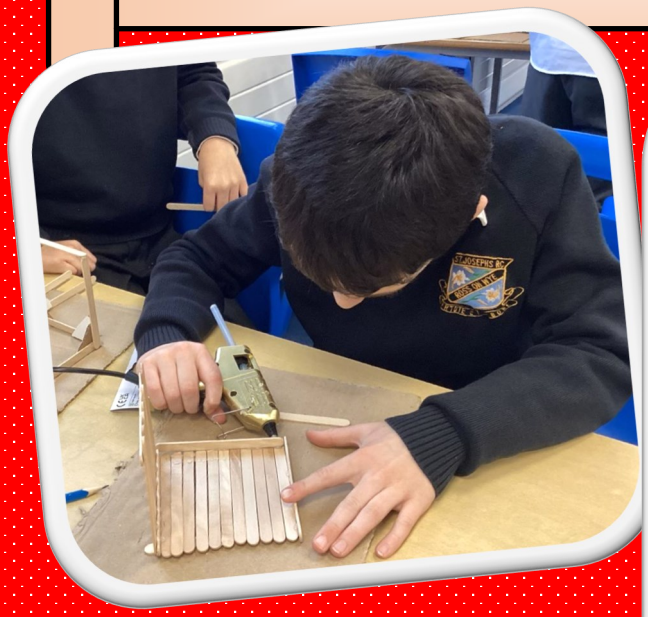




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CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

This week in DT, Year 4 completed their design and build projects by adding cladding to their pavilions. The children used different techniques from folding, cutting and weaving to add cladding that best fitted their theme. They are very proud of their finished structures having demonstrated many different problem solving skills throughout the project.



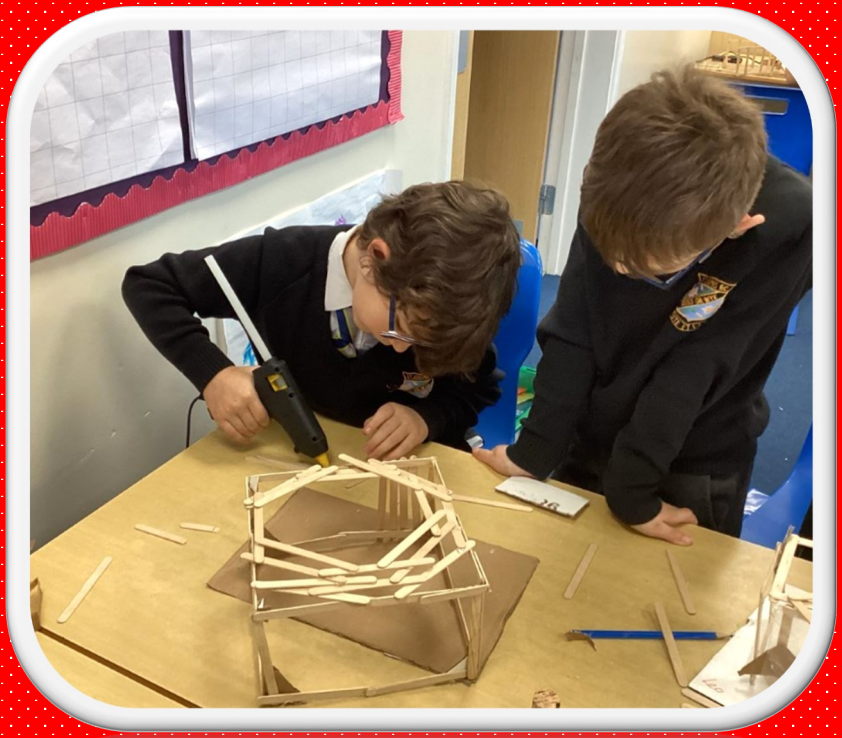












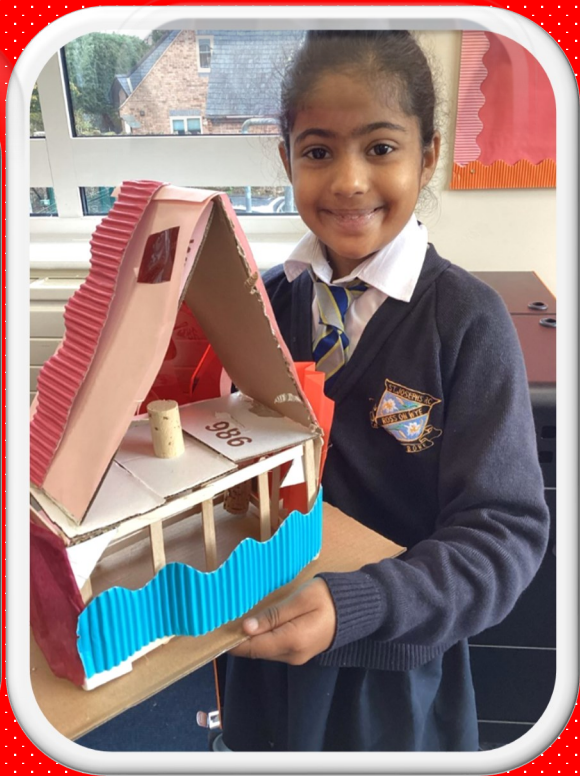












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On Wednesday morning our Curriculum Ambassadors were treated to a special breakfast for all their hard work this term and giving up their Wednesday lunchtimes to talk about their learning and share what takes place in lessons.

A big thank you to Cantilupe Cafe for a delicious breakfast and the crackers!



Today we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Cotton, who has been a dedicated member of staff at St Joseph's for nine years! She has been a great asset to our team and will be greatly missed by the children and the staff! We wish her well for the future and thanks again!



Today we also say goodbye to Mr Smith, who has been with us since 2021. We thank him for his commitment to the children of St Joseph's during his time with us and wish him all the best for the future.







The week commencing- Monday 8th January we will be taking part in the 'Speak out, stay safe' programme with the NSPCC. This is a very important part of our curriculum here at St Joseph's, ensuring our children are well equipped in keeping themselves and others safe. This child friendly programme consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities. A letter has been sent home with further details regarding the delivery of this programme. Please follow the link below to find out more:

Speak out Stay safe programme | NSPCC Learning

THANK YOU RADWAYS!





A huge thank you to Radways for their support with helping Kindness ROCK at St Joseph's! Their generous donation of stones ensured every child in the school and nursery was able to paint a rock with an inspirational, positive message of kindness. These have been varnished now and weather permitting, will be placed around the school field to be found and help encourage kindness, joy and positivity.



NURSERY IN ACTION!

A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

What a fantastic last week of term we have had in Nursery! The children have enjoyed doing some Christmas baking, printing pictures of presents using Duplo blocks and exploring Santa's grotto!

The children loved their Christmas treat in the hall - A lovely Christmas dinner and watching a magic show AND a visit from the big man himself! Thank you FSJ!!!

We are really looking forward to our Nursery party this afternoon! Have a great Christmas everyone, see you in the new year!











Star of the week:

Star of the week is Isobel for playing really nicely with her friends.












The Lion First Bible
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Happy Birthday to all our children who are celebrating their birthdays this week and during the Christmas holidays! Wishing you all lots of fun and happiness celebrating with your family and friends!



LIBERTY	Lahna B
BIG BEN	Darcie Louise L
EVEREST	Rupert B
BLUE LAGOON	Amilia C
ARC DE TRI-OMPH	Poppy B
MOSI OA TUNYA	Freya A
ANGEL FALLS	Paisley CB



LIBERTY	Aiden G
BIG BEN	Poppy W
EVEREST	Charlie C
BLUE LAGOON	Kai H
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Lily Mae A
MOSI OA TUNYA	Edward R
ANGEL FALLS	Vera A



LIBERTY	98.08%
BIG BEN	98.44%
EVEREST	93.91%
BLUE LAGOON	97.14%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	97.39%
MOSI OA TUNYA	99.09%
ANGEL FALLS	96.88%



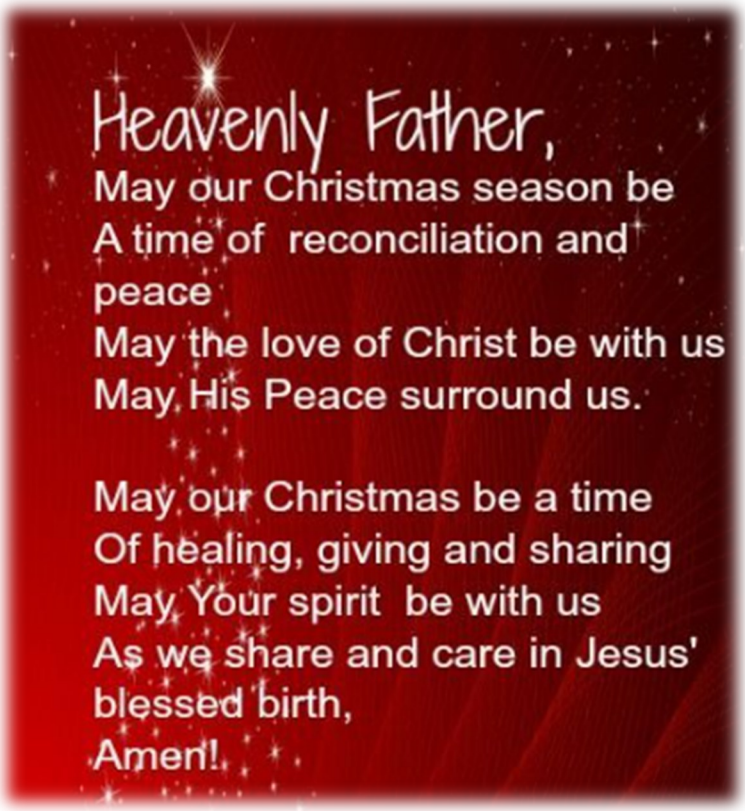
ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!



LIBERTY	Arlo A
BIG BEN	Edith G
EVEREST	Katia V
BLUE LAGOON	David A
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Livia L
MOSI OA TUNYA	Hugo L
ANGEL FALLS	Olivia Lei S



LIBERTY	Sophie A Antony L
BIG BEN	Jorgie D Alfie P
EVEREST	Jessie P Mimo A
BLUE LAGOON	Abigail D Guste J
ARC DE TRIOMPH	Ned K Mia O
MOSI OA TUNYA	Rhys B Amelia E
ANGEL FALLS	Daniela G Izzie KP



Wishing you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Thursday 4th January 2024**.

God Bless

Mrs Francis

