



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

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

Matthew 7:12

15/12/23

Dear Family,

This week we have sent home a parent survey via email. Thank you to parents for completing this survey, we've had so many positive responses. We strive to ensure all of our children are most importantly safe, happy and receiving the best possible education whilst in our care, enjoying their primary journey, whilst becoming self sufficient , confident young learners.

There are always areas for us to develop and we acknowledge that fact. By working together we will continue to further improve our provision for the benefit of the children.

If you haven't yet filled out the form, we would really appreciate your feedback.

[St Joseph's RC Primary School Parent Survey \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com)

We are looking forward to the spring term, with lots more wonderful opportunities for our children.

OUR RECEPTION AND KEY STAGE 1 NATIVITY!

On Tuesday afternoon and evening, our Reception and Key Stage 1 children performed —'The Big Little Nativity'.

Both performances were spectacular! We were so proud of all of the children—they did a great job retelling the story of the birth of Jesus.

A big thank you to our dedicated staff who helped to make this such a fantastic event and thank you to our children for working so hard in preparation for this. Thank you also to our parents who support us in helping their children at home and attending these special events- It really was a memory to treasure.



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THE LION THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY C.S. LEWIS

Key Stage 2!

Last Friday our Key Stage 2 children had a wonderful time visiting the Birmingham Rep theatre to watch a performance of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. It was a fantastic performance, which kept us all captivated throughout! A perfect way to start out Christmas celebrations, together, here in school!

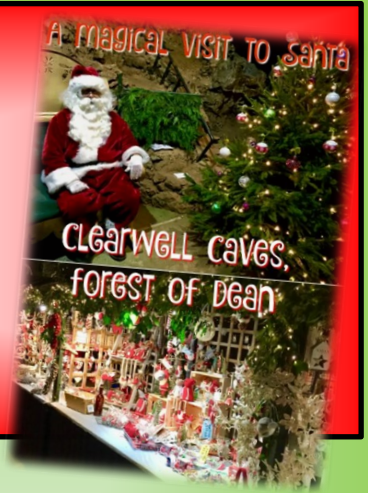


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CLEARWELL CAVES

CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE!



A message from Miss Sadler...

Liberty Class had a truly magical trip to Clearwell Caves today to see Santa! The children were bursting with excitement and loved telling Santa what they would like for Christmas. We handed Santa our letters we wrote and then got to choose a special Christmas treat from his workshop. We then walked around the magical caves, hearing a story about Bernard and his polar bear! We had a wonderful time and members of the public even commented on the children's beautiful manners and impeccable behaviour - we are very proud of you Liberty Class!



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**...COMING
NEXT WEEK!**



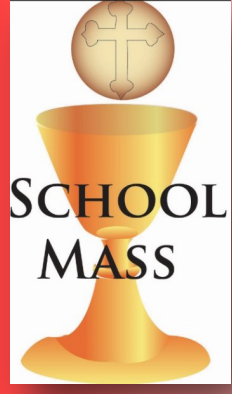
**Christmas
Concert**

Key Stage 2
Carol Concert
Tuesday 19th
December @ 6:00pm

The children will stay after school for a movie and some pizza before their performances to save going home and coming back again in the evening. They can also bring a packed tea if you would prefer they do this. A letter has been sent home with more details.

**Christmas
Dinner**

Christmas Dinner Day and
FSJ Special
Surprise...
Thursday 21st December



End of term Mass
Thursday 21st December @
10am

**Special
events!**



Next Friday 22nd December, our Key Stage 1 children will be visiting the ICC in Newport, Wales to watch the fabulous production of 'Cinderella on Ice', as part of our Christmas celebrations in school. This will be an amazing experience for the children and a perfect way to end our successful term, getting into the spirit of Christmas, with our school friends.

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CURRICULUM AMBASSADORS...

This week, Mr. Gunter and Mrs Murray met with our Curriculum Ambassadors to discuss their maths lessons. Each class brought their maths books with them to show the fantastic maths work they have completed this term. Year 2's current maths topic is "**finding the difference between numbers**". They have enjoyed their adding and taking away in this unit by using the Cuisenaire rods and blocks. They also said they are enjoying solving problems and are looking forward to working with bigger numbers soon. Year 3's topic is "**solving problems with multiples**". They are really enjoying their active math sessions by using resources in class such as: number lines, part-part-whole models and dienes. They are looking forward to drawing out their problems next by using bar models. Year 4's topic is "**rounding**". They have been learning how to round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000 in their lessons. They are also really enjoying their times tables work and quick fact recall. They also said how much they like to show their methods for their calculation. Year 5 are currently working on "**negative numbers**". They are enjoying their work being shown to them in context by seeing negative numbers in temperature by using thermometers, as well as objects that are above or below sea level. They have also liked seeing and working with decimal numbers. They are looking forward to solving additional contextual negative number problems this term. Year 6's current topic is "**multiplication**". They are really enjoying their maths this year and have found the learning structures helpful. They have enjoyed learning about different formal methods of calculation as well as re-capping and modifying previous methods they have looked at. They are looking forward to challenging themselves with greater complexity of numbers next.

Using the rods and blocks in class help me to see the difference between numbers.



Seeing our work in real life problems is great. I've really liked working with thermometers for negative numbers.

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CHRISTMAS *Holiday Club*



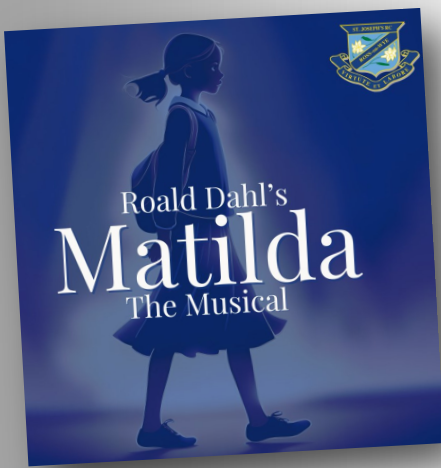
27TH, 28TH & 29TH DECEMBER
2ND & 3RD OF JANUARY



We are taking bookings for our Christmas Holiday Club. As always places are filling up fast. Please contact the school office to make a booking.

You may be eligible for funded places and if so, you can follow the link below to book your child's places.

[Christmas Holiday Club St Joseph's, Ross with Mr. Smith · Eegu](#)



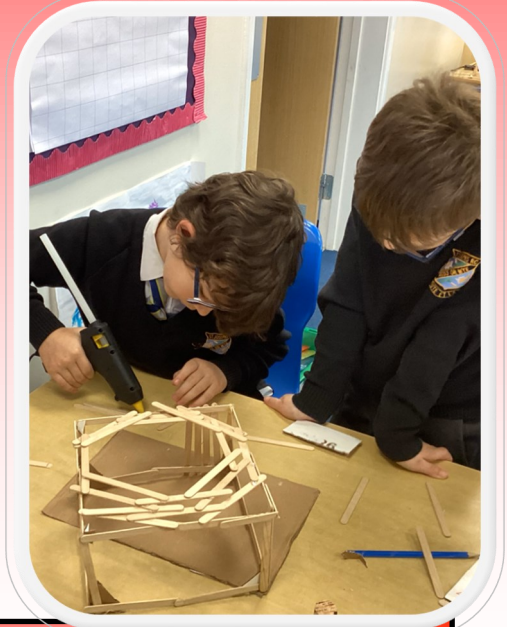
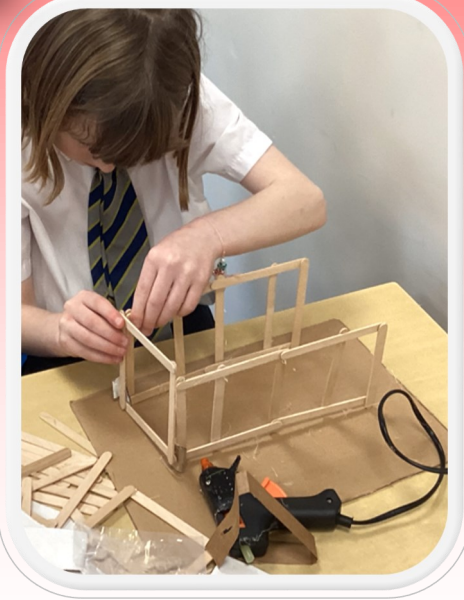
On Thursday morning the cast of Matilda entertained our local community by singing some songs from their up and coming show in February. The local community thoroughly enjoyed their performance—well done everyone!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM...

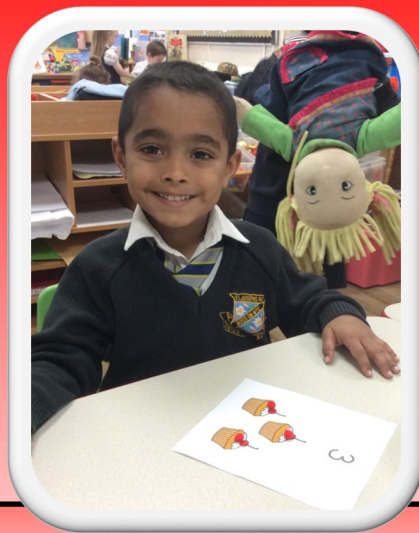
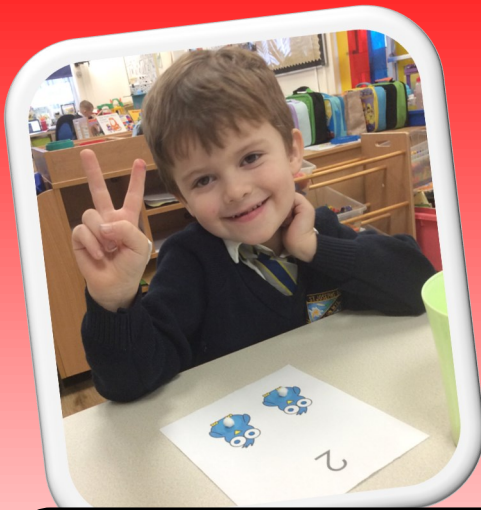
Tuesday 19th December	KS2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 21 st December	End of term Mass
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Dinner Day and special surprise...
Friday 22 nd December	Yr. 1 & 2 Christmas Outing
Friday 22 nd December	Nursery Christmas Party
Friday 22 nd December	End of term

CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK!



Year 4 showed fantastic resilience, problem solving and critical thinking skills when creating their pavilion structures in DT. Our aim to is to design and build an aesthetically pleasing pavilion for leisure. Next week, we will be adding cladding to our finished designs.





Liberty Class have been super busy with their learning this week. We have looked at quantities to 5 with their corresponding number in Maths, created some beautiful water-colour nativity scene Christmas cards in R.E and looked at standing up for ourselves during PSHE. Fantastic learning all around Liberty Class—well done!



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GARDEN CLUB

A message from Mrs Hodges...

In gardening club this week we made some bird feeders using honey and sunflower hearts, the children were excited that these might attract birds into their houses. We checked on some indoor bulbs we planted to see how they'd progressed in the last few weeks and were excited to see our first flower bud! We have proudly given these out to classrooms in school to display. We also planted up some winter hanging baskets with some hidden bulbs for a pop of colour in spring, they look great!



COOKING CLUB THIS WEEK...

A message from Mr. Mason...

In the last cooking club for the Autumn term, the children made the ever festive famous mince pies. They all had a really lovely time and can now make mince pies for the family on Christmas Day!

Merry Christmas to you all!



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NURSERY IN ACTION! A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

We have been very busy this week practicing our Nursery nativity and making lots of Christmas items to take home! The children have taken part in the second a Advent assembly and are enjoying opening the doors on the advent calendar. We have been using the small world nativity scene to talk about the story of Christmas. In our weekly tuff trays, the children have been putting 'lights' on the string and decorating the Christmas trees.

We look forward to our Nursery Nativity performance at 2pm Friday! :-)



Star of the week:

Star of the week is Prunella for joining in beautifully with nativity practice.



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WISHING YOU A VERY
Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to Ben in Year 1, who turned 6 on Tuesday 12th December. Happy Birthday to Theo in year 2 who turned 7 on Wednesday 13th December and Charlie in Year 1 who also celebrated his 6th birthday on the same day.

Happy Birthday to Henry in year 5 who celebrated his 10th birthday on Thursday 14th December. Happy Birthday to Freya, also in year 5, who is celebrating her 10th birthday today!

Wishing them all a very Happy day celebrating with family and friends!



The extra curricular clubs list has been sent home for next term. Please complete the form if your child would like to take part in these as places are filling up fast and send it back to the office.
Many thanks

LIBERTY	<i>Maks. S</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Harry. C</i>
EVEREST	<i>Hunter. W</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Abigail. D</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Ned. K</i>
MOST OA TUNYA	<i>Riley. E</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>T.K. Worrall</i>



ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!



LIBERTY	98.4%
BIG BEN	96.5%
EVEREST	95.2%
BLUE LAGOON	97.14%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	96.52%
MOSI OA TUNYA	98.64%
ANGEL FALLS	99.38%

LIBERTY	<i>Oscar. H</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Norrie. P</i>
EVEREST	<i>Isla. H</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Archie. Br</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Leo. H</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Henry. H</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Leo. W</i>



LIBERTY	<i>Edmund K.P Arlo. A</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Charlie. M.A Jason. V</i>
EVEREST	<i>Leo. O Viktor. S</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Karla. B Immy-May. B</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Jacob. L Livia. L</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Toby.S Evana. S</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Olivia- Lei .S Vera. A</i>

LIBERTY	<i>Arthur. H</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Amaya. P</i>
EVEREST	<i>Defne. D</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Henry. S</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Matthew. W</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Joseph. L</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Daisy- Mai. N</i>

Enjoy your weekend
God Bless
Mrs Francis

