

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

1/12/23



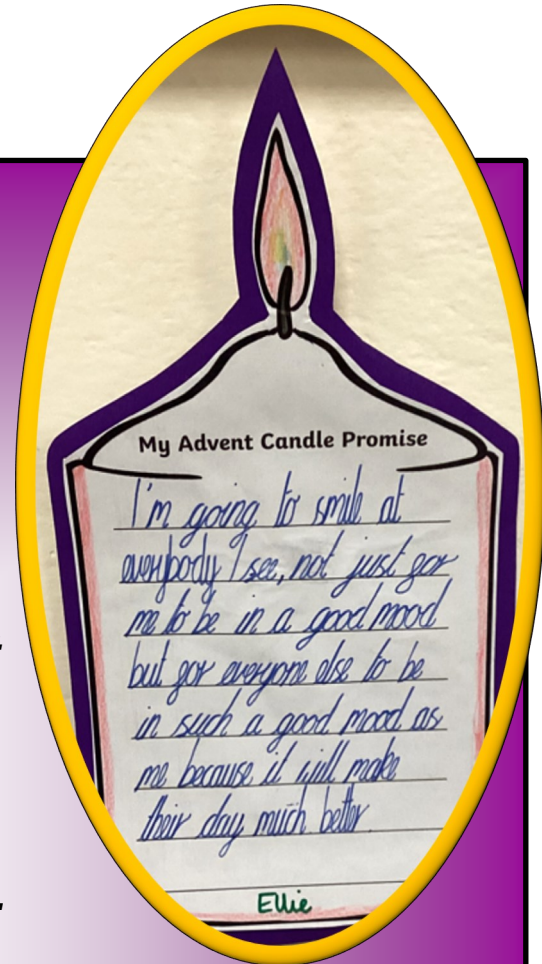
Dear Family,

This week we have been preparing for the start of our Advent journey, this coming weekend.

In Reception and Key Stage 1 the children created their own individual stars, with a message of how they would be preparing for Advent. We have hung them in the front entrance. The Key Stage 2 children composed

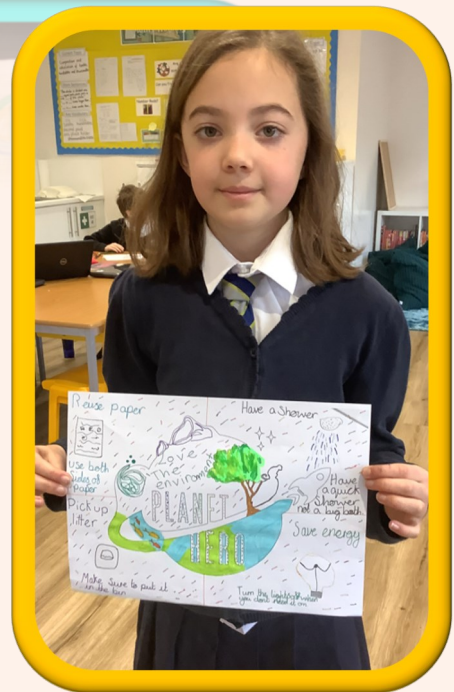
their own Advent

candle promises to help prepare their hearts for our journey in the lead up to Christmas. Please come and read them!

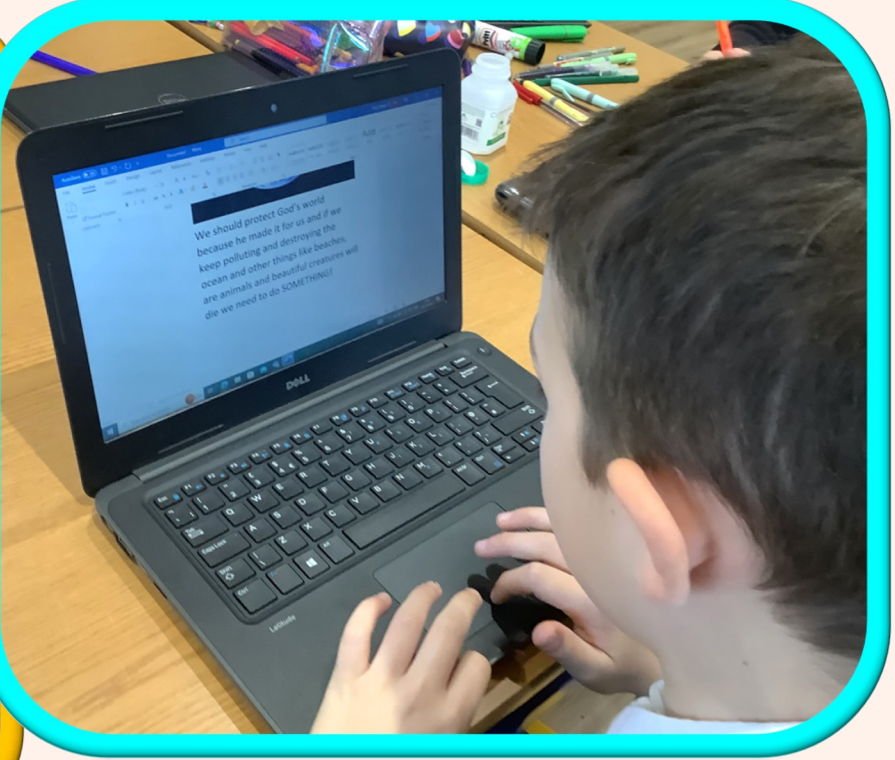
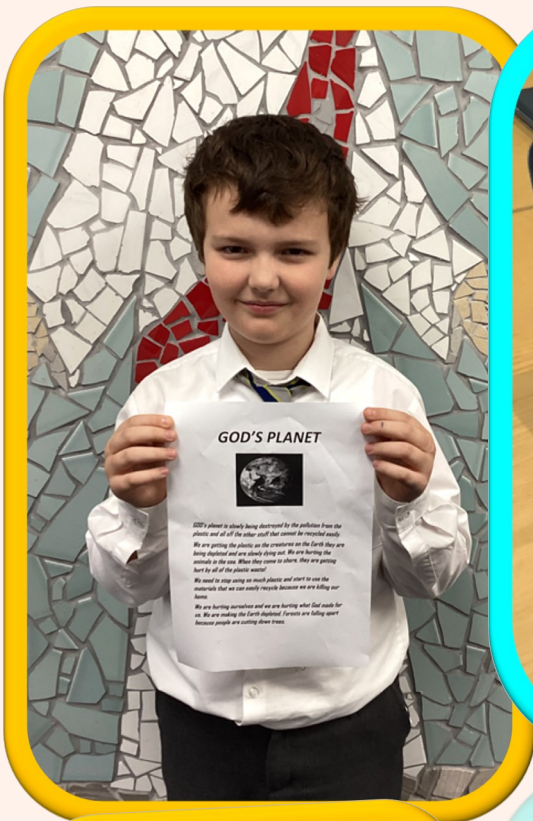


GOD'S PLANET WORKSHOP DAY!

On Tuesday the children enjoyed a full day's workshop with Rise Theatre company—learning all about the practical ways we can care for our planet. The classes enjoyed interactive sessions, exploring climate change issues and what it means to be a good steward of our planet. It really was a wonderful opportunity for the children to get creative and share their learning through an end of day performance that we were extremely proud of!



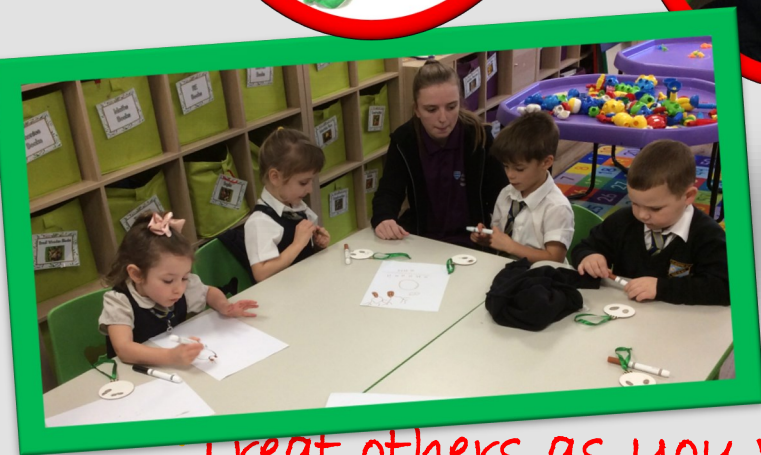
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WHOLE SCHOOL EVENT!

OUR CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK...

Liberty Class made reindeer Christmas decorations for our Christmas fayre today. They each did two finger prints and added wiggly horns and a red nose to their decoration. They are all so different and unique, just like we are in our class!



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CAFOD

Just one world

We were delighted to welcome in Mrs Warrick, from CAFOD, who explained the great work that CAFOD do around the world. We learned about how we can fundraise to help those less fortunate than ourselves.



I can't believe that just £150 for a 'Moo cow' can help support a family in need. We are looking forward to raising money to help support this good cause.

Year 4

We also learnt about how the area the size of 100 million football pitches has been chopped down over the last 20 years and that we need to work together to save our planet.

Year 4



CAFOD do amazing things like supporting a boy, called Sammi—from Syria, who lost his little sister to a bomb attack. Sammi is now doing well at school thanks to CAFOD.

Year 4

**Coming
SOON!**

CHRISTMAS SEASON
SCHEDULE



Nursery Nativity

**Friday 15th December
@ 2:00pm**



**Reception and Key
Stage 1 Nativity**

**Tuesday 12th Decem-
ber @ 10:00am and
5:30pm**



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 will be sent home on Monday 4th December with more details.

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Special events!

TALES FROM THE FARMYARD!

Sea Legs Puppet Theatre will be coming **next Wednesday 6th December** at **9.30am**, to perform their show 'Tales from the Farmyard' for the nursery and reception class children. The performance will last approximately an hour.

Tickets will cost £7.50 per child.

We would also like to extend this invitation to all our families with younger siblings (preschool age). Tickets will cost £7.50 per child and the adults go free.

A magical visit to Santa



CLEARWELL CAVES,
FOREST OF DEAN

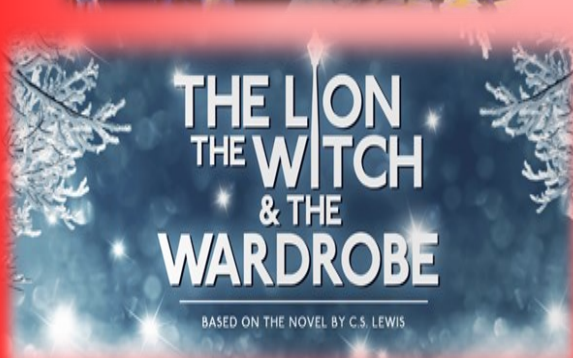


Next Friday 8th December, our Reception children will be visiting 'Clearwell Caves', as part of our Christmas celebrations in school. This will be an amazing experience for the children and a perfect way of getting into the spirit of Christmas, with our school friends. During this magical tour, we will be visiting Santa and receiving a gift, then stopping off at Beechenhurst, for a picnic and some outdoor games on the way home. Please be assured, they will be eating in a covered area.

The children can wear non-uniform on this day and so something warm and comfortable would be ideal.



On **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.



Next Friday 8th December, our Key Stage 2 children will be visiting the Birmingham Repertory Theatre to watch the fabulous production of The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe (based on the novel by C.S Lewis), as part of our Christmas celebrations in school. This will be an amazing experience for the children and a perfect way to enter into the spirit of Christmas with our school friends.

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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](#)

Every day
COUNTS!



School success starts
with attendance

Overall St Joseph's pupils maintain excellent attendance with our school target at 97% for this year. We completely appreciate that this time of year is particularly challenging with lots of germs and bugs to deal with and there will be occasions when the children are too poorly to come to school. However, it is our duty of care to work with parents and ensure they are up to date on the Department for Education's expectations for schools. If a child's attendance falls below 90% (it is classified as persistent absenteeism) we are obliged to notify parents of this and as always if we can offer support in anyway then we will.

If you have any questions on attendance please refer to our Attendance policy.

Thank you for supporting us in this matter.



On Monday 4th December our choir will be visiting the residents of Westbank Residential Home to entertain them with some Christmas carols. We're look forward to this event and getting into the Christmas spirit!



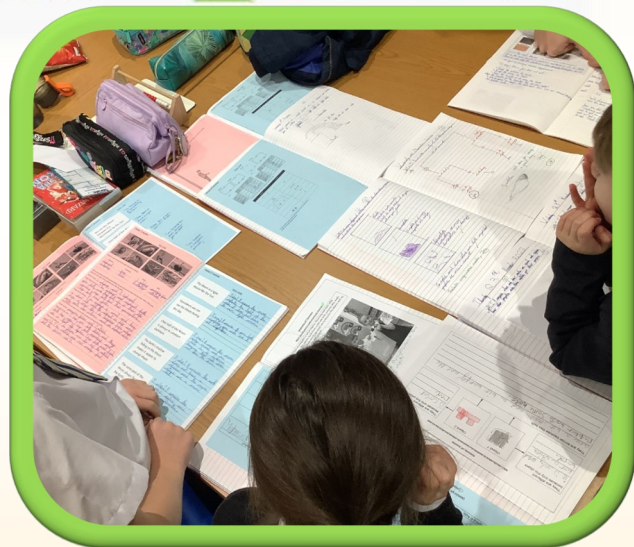
On Tuesday 5th December Year 4 will be venturing to Chase Woods as part of their Geography topic. They will be leaving school ay 9:30am and will need to wrap up warm and snug and so they can wear non uniform on this day and comfortable footwear for plenty of walking! Please provide a packed lunch and a filled water bottle.

CURRICULUM AMBASSADORS...

This week our Curriculum Ambassadors met with Mr Gunter and Mr Mason to discuss what's happening in their Science topics. All children could articulate aspects of learning that they enjoyed in their lessons such as the practical elements of science.

Year 2 and 3 children said that since the introduction of the "Science Megamind" reward, they felt that science as a lesson was more rewarding and their work is celebrated to a greater extent.

As part of their next meeting they will be completing some 'review and remember' activities to see how children are retaining their knowledge from previous topics.

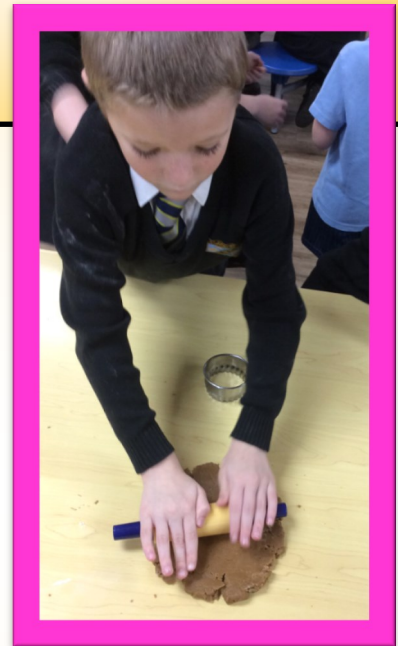


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COOKING CLUB THIS WEEK...

A message from Miss Sadler...

At Cooking Club this week the children were getting into the Christmas spirit and helped to bake gingerbread! They added the ingredients to a bowl and used their hands to combine the ingredients together to form a dough. After flouring the tables, we used rolling pins to roll out our dough and used cookie cutters to create different shapes.



FSJ NEWS

MOVIE NIGHT SUCCESS! THANK YOU!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported our **Movie Night** last Friday. We managed to raise a total of **£340!**



Today @ 1:30pm!

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Christmas FAYRE

Friday 1st of December.



CHRISTMAS CRAFTERNOON!

ST JOSEPH'S RC PRIMARY
SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CRAFTERNOON!
(ACTUALLY, MORE OF A LATE MORNING,
EARLY AFTERNOON TYPE OF THING!)

PLEASE JOIN MISS JENN FROM 10:30 AM. TO
12:30 P.M. SATURDAY THE 9TH OF DECEMBER
IN THE SCHOOL SPORTS HALL FOR A COUPLE
HOURS OF ART AND CRAFTING!

WE WILL MAKE SOME LOVELY DECORATIONS
TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON AND BEAUTIFUL
ITEMS TO EITHER KEEP OR GIFT.

£5 PER PERSON
(INCLUDES ALL SUPPLIES)

RSVP TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE

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Garden Club

A message from Mrs Hodges...

In gardening club this week we talked about frost, the different types of cloches available and how we can protect our plants from cold weather. We discussed different types of hardy and non hardy plants and planted some indoor pepper plants and look forward to watching them grow. We also planted some lupin seeds directly ready for some summer flowers next year. We looked at composting today and discussed different things we could put on our compost heap and what we could use it for. The children were fascinated by a little robin that sat just outside the greenhouse while we worked today and were excited to think of ways we could attract more birds to our gardens.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM...

Friday 8th December	KS2 Christmas Outing
Friday 8th December	Reception Class Christmas Outing
Tuesday 12th December	KS1 Nativity @ 5:30pm
Friday 15th December	Nursery Nativity @ 2:00pm
Tuesday 19th December	KS2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 21st December	End of term Mass
Thursday 21st December	Christmas Dinner Day and special surprise...
Friday 22nd December	Yr 1 & 2 Christmas Outing
Friday 22nd December	Nursery Christmas Party
Friday 22nd December	End of term

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NURSERY IN ACTION! A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

We are beginning to feel festive in the Nursery! The children helped to decorate our tree and we have opened the first door of our Nursery advent calendar!

We have been exploring ice and warm water this week - the children have used pipettes of warm water to squeeze over the ice blocks to see what happens.

We are all very excited to explore our Christmas 'letter writing' post office role play next week!!



Star of the week:

Star of the week is Bethany for always being kind to her friends!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to Toby in Year 5, who celebrated his 10th birthday on Wednesday 29th November.

Happy Birthday to Dexter in year 2 who celebrated his 7th birthday, also on 29th November.

Wishing them both a very happy day celebrating with their family and friends!



SPORTS HALL HIRE

The Sports Hall is available to hire for events.

The cost of this is £55 for four hours, plus use of the kitchen too.

Please contact the office if you would like more information about this.

LIBERTY	<i>Ariana P</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Andrea S</i>
EVEREST	<i>Defne D</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Tanya May W</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Logan H</i>
MOSCOTUNYA	<i>Freya A</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Leo W</i>



**ROYAL WRITER
OF
THE WEEK!**



LIBERTY	95.38%
BIG BEN	96.56%
EVEREST	94.78%
BLUE LAGOON	96.43%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	96.52%
MOSI OA TUNYA	100%
ANGEL FALLS	98.13%

LIBERTY	<i>Buddy H</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Harry C</i>
EVEREST	<i>Sakura P</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Harrison F</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Bradley P</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Gabriella B</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Izzy KP</i>



LIBERTY	<i>River R Teddy SS</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Oliviia U Ozias H</i>
EVEREST	<i>Theo B Katia V</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Joey P Kai H</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Connie F Matas J</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Archie D Edward R</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Ella Louise C Archie W</i>

LIBERTY	<i>Antony L</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Daisy P</i>
EVEREST	<i>Emmy R</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Abby KP</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Sofia M</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Archie D</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Phoebe P</i>

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

Advent

