

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

24/11/23

Dear Family,

This week the children have been as busy as ever, rehearsing for their Christmas concerts and Nativity performances, as well as their daily curriculum lessons, lunch time and after school activities and completing their daily reading and weekly homework tasks—which when you list it like that it really is a busy week! But our children are thriving and enjoying all aspects of school life- we couldn't ask for more!

*This half term our values are '**Attentive** and **Discerning**'. We will be focusing on these as part of our collective worship in classes next week.*

Pupils at St Joseph's are growing to be attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

Being attentive takes practice; it is much easier to rush from one thing to the next, taking little time to notice anything. Once we develop the habit of being attentive, we can begin to discern what is good for us and what is not; and what God calls us to be, and to do.



OUR CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK...

This week in maths, Liberty class have been busy making whole part models to show different combinations of making a whole. The children really enjoyed making fruit kebabs and using their counting skills to make sure they all had an equal amount on their skewers.



Everest class have been learning how to subtract 1 number from another. We have been using number bonds to ten to help us. We used tens frames and counters to show how we can partition numbers and make the calculations easier.



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WE ❤️ MATH



Year 4 - Sounds



Sounds Like Science

Year 4 have been conducting tests this week to determine which materials would make for the best soundproof for a music studio. We used a decibel metre to measure the sound and did our best to ensure we conducted a fair test.



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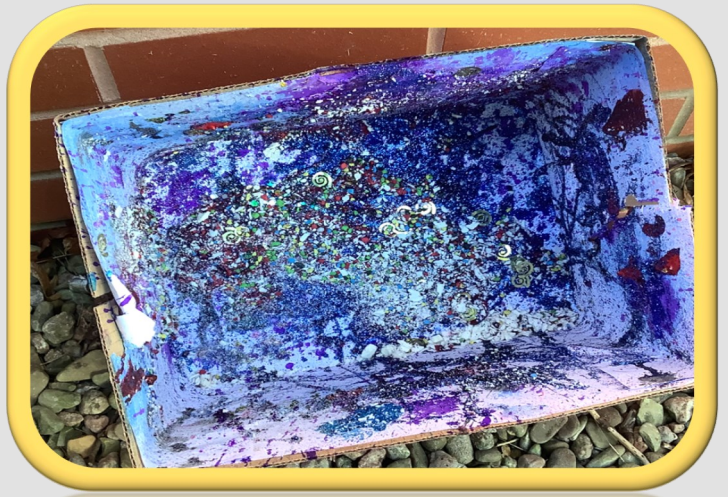
Liberty Class had a fanatic Moo Music lesson this week—where they enjoyed being superheroes! They dressed up to save the day, zooming and whooshing around the hall. They used a rhyming song to find a frog then celebrated by dancing the oogie boogie with their coloured streamers!



This week, the Year 5 children worked with Miss Jenn to create scaled-down versions of art installations using cardboard boxes. They lined the boxes with white paper, before using a range of exciting techniques to create dramatic effects on the 'walls' of their 'room'. These installations are 'mixed media', so a combination of liquid paint, powder paint, sequins, glitter and other items were used to create the powerful effects. In their next lesson, the children will take photographs of their boxes from careful angles, to give the impression of a full-sized room. Lego people will be used to help the children gain a sense of the impact their installation would have at full size!



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Design and Technology



Year 6 are making great headway with the waistcoats that they are designing and making. This week, they have assembled their garment by carefully pinning the seams that they marked with chalk last week. They used safety pins to do this to ensure that the pins stayed in place throughout the sewing process. Some of the children have made modifications to the basic pattern, adding an overlap for buttons; changing the shape of the bottom hem or even cropping the waistcoat!



**Coming
SOON!**

Christmas Concert

Our Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert rehearsals are going well, during part of our weekly music lessons, in the lead up to Christmas. The children are busy learning the words and looking forward to performing in front of their families on Tuesday 19th December at 6:00pm in the school hall.



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Special events!

TALES FROM THE FARMYARD!

Sea Legs Puppet Theatre will be coming on 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

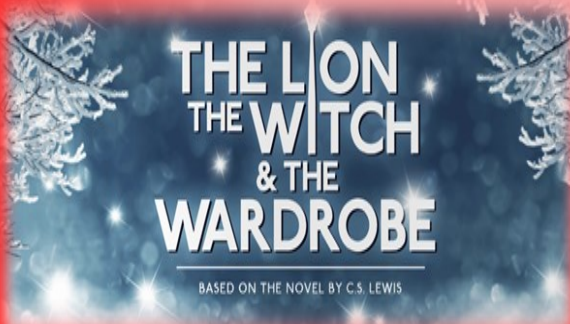


On Friday 8th December, our Reception children will be visiting 'Clearwell Caves', as part of our Christmas celebrations in school. This will be an amazing experience for the children and a perfect way of getting into the spirit of Christmas, with our school friends. During this magical tour, we will 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.



On 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.

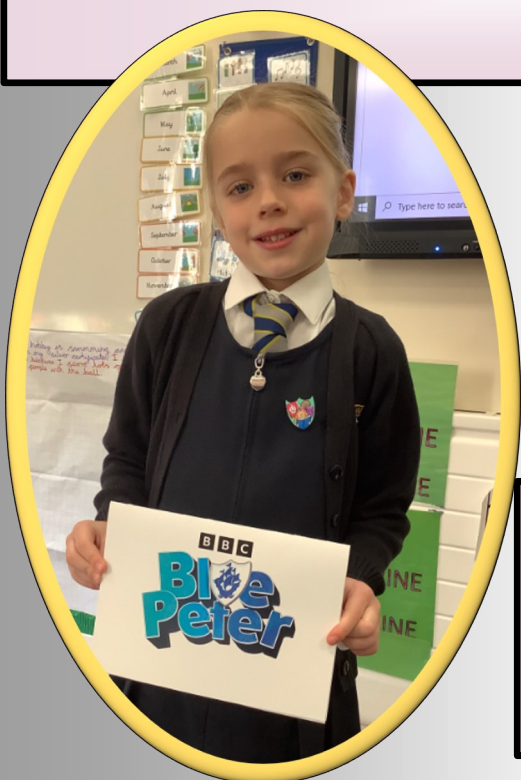
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We have two complimentary tickets for Hereford United home fixtures up until April 2024. If you are interested in taking your child to watch a match at the stadium please let us know and we will add your name to our weekly draw.

PROUD OF YOU



Congratulations to our year 1 super stars who have shared their achievements with us this week—we are so proud of you! Please visit our achievements boards in the school sports hall to see all of the children's achievements outside of school!



Congratulations to Isla in Year 2 for achieving her 'Reading Blue Peter Badge'. She has now inspired the rest of her class to work towards achieving this too!



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](#)

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CURRICULUM AMBASSADORS...

This week our Curriculum Ambassadors met with Mrs Dick and Mr Patel to talk about their Spanish lessons, including– what they enjoy learning about Spanish, what they can do now that they couldn't do before this Spanish unit and how they would like to improve their Spanish lessons.

The children agreed that they would welcome more listening to Spanish speakers, videos of adults speaking Spanish and taking a bit more time to learning the songs.



Q What do you enjoy about learning Spanish?

Playing games in Spanish, such as battleships and animal bingo is really good fun!

Q What can you do now that you couldn't do before this Spanish unit?

Year 5 – I couldn't say anything about clothes.

Year 4 – I am more fluent now than I was before.

Year 3 – I couldn't describe clothes and places before but I can now.

Year 6 – I can tell you what you are wearing right now.



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COOKING CLUB THIS WEEK...



A message from Miss Sadler...

This week at cooking club the children helped to bake 'duffins' - doughnut muffins! We combined all the ingredients to create a donut batter and spooned half the mixture in to lined muffin tins. We then chose whether we wanted a chocolate or jam duffin, and added either chocolate spread or jam to the batter. After baking, we rolled our duffins in some light brown sugar. We were all so excited to eat these!



FSJ NEWS

**...COMING
NEXT WEEK!**



**NEXT FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER @
1:30PM**

Our Christmas Fayre is fast approaching...

If you are able to help on this day, please contact the school office.

We look forward to welcoming all of the families and friends of St Joseph's to this special event!

Please spread the word that during the afternoon on this day (2:00pm), we will be hosting a *Children's Christmas karaoke* competition in the sports hall. If your child has a special Christmas song they would like to perform then please ask them to come to the school office so that we can add their name to the list. Group singers are also welcome to sign up. Prizes to be won!



**THANK YOU TO
THE CO-OP!**





**RAFFLE TICKETS
HAVE GONE HOME. MORE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE. WE HAVE SOME GREAT PRIZES.....**

**Beefy Boys voucher
The Courtyard - panto tickets
Goodrich Castle family admission
Pizza Express 2 free pizzas
West Midlands Safari Park
Luch Hair voucher
Puzzlewood voucher
Flip Out
Monmouth Leisure Centre
Cotswold Wildlife Park
Ross Art Studio voucher
Heavenly Homes and Gardens voucher
Free MOT for Birdwood garage
and a big Christmas hamper in a basket**

MOVIE NIGHT SUCCESS!

**A BIG THANK YOU to
everyone who sup-
ported our Movie
Night last Friday. We
managed to raise a
total of £.....**

**All of the children en-
joyed this event and
wearing pyjamas
made it even better!**



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Garden Club

A message from Mrs Hodges...

This week in gardening club, we separated some garlic bulbs into cloves and planted them ready for a crop in summer. We harvested sunflower seeds from some dried heads we cut down earlier in the year and will plant those in the spring, the children were fascinated to find the seeds and learn that that's where Sunflower seeds come from. Also, we learnt that gardening isn't always about planting seeds and watching things grow, its also about maintenance which can be hard work! The children actually really enjoyed getting stuck in raking leaves and collecting them up in the wheel barrow.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM...

Friday 1st December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 4th December	Advent Assembly
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
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

Our construction area is finally complete! The children have loved exploring it this week and there has been some great Maths learning outside!

The children loved doing some bubble wrap painting with Miss Jenn to take home.

Our focus this week has been technology - we have been turning on and off equipment, taking pictures of our friends to look at on the big screen and exploring the interactive white boards.



Star of the week:

Star of the week is Miles for good listening and tidying up !



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



This week we wish Henry B in year 3 a very Happy Birthday. Henry turned 8 on 21st November. Happy Birthday to Illy in Reception who celebrated her 5th birthday yesterday—23rd November.

Today we say a very Happy Birthday to Olcan in Year 4—who is turning 9!

Happy Birthday to Ellie in year 5 who turns 10 on Saturday 25th November. Happy Birthday also to Joey in Year 3 who turns 8 on Sunday.

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



LIBERTY	<i>Buddy H</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Alfie P</i>
EVEREST	<i>Holly W</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Zelda H</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Livia L</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Hugo L</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Phoebe P</i>



**ROYAL WRITER
OF
THE WEEK!**



LIBERTY	90.77%
BIG BEN	95.31%
EVEREST	93.91%
BLUE LAGOON	99.29%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	99.57%
MOSI OA TUNYA	95.91%
ANGEL FALLS	100%

LIBERTY	<i>Viktor K</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Charlie A</i>
EVEREST	<i>Jessie P</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Tilly W</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>James M</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Evana S</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Daisy Mai N</i>



LIBERTY	<i>Anna M Arthur W</i>
BIG BEN	<i>David P Matas J</i>
EVEREST	<i>Hunter W Leo E</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Archie Br Archie Pl</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Olcan W Otto C</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Rugile J Amelia L</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Paisley CB Dustin A</i>

LIBERTY	<i>Ariana P</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Jason vw R</i>
EVEREST	<i>Charlie C</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Patrick HD</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Oliver M</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Toby S</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Daniela G</i>

Warm wishes for a lovely weekend
God Bless
Mrs Francis

