

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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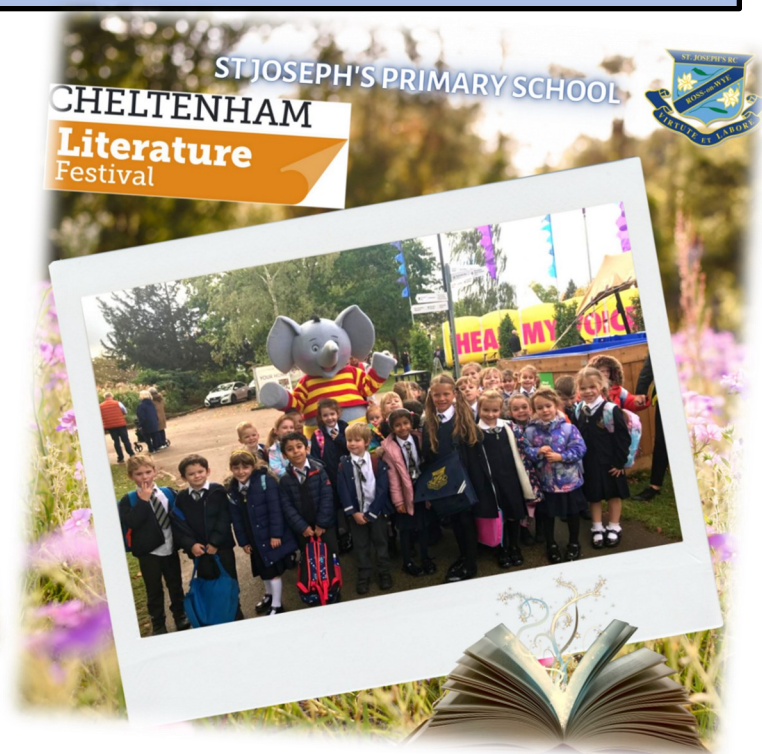
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Dear Family,

Last Friday, our Key Stage 1 children ventured to the Cheltenham Literature Festival. They had an amazing time meeting various book characters, whom they recognised and enjoyed listening to stories read by the authors. This experience encourages our children to develop a love for reading whilst promoting creativity, communication and language acquisition. Feedback from the children was extremely positive and I'm sure from meeting the Gruffalo, it will be a long lasting memory for all!

Our refurbished school library is now fully stocked with new reading books and has been timetabled for classes to use throughout the week. We have our newly appointed librarians from years 5 and 6 who have been trained by Miss Steiner and are looking forward to fulfilling their leadership roles. We look forward to updating you on recommended reads from the children soon!



OUR CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

Liberty Class enjoyed learning about the sacrament of Baptism during R.E this afternoon. To bring their learning to life, the children helped to role play this special event. We created our own church, sang hymns and practiced saying 'I baptise you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit' when putting the holy water on to the baby's head.

RECEPTION



YEAR 1

Year 1 created their art for our Art Exhibition and Sale on the 6th and 7th of November through learning how to draw a bear using a series of "u" shapes (if you can write, you can draw!). They then created lines in them for a geometric pattern and coloured them in with oil pastels. Finally, we explored an oil resist technique and covered the drawing with paint and "like magic" (according to some of the pupils!), the drawing was still there! Well done to all the amazing artists in Year 1! We are very excited to show you the final products at our show and hope you come along to see our creations!



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Stone Age

YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 had fun learning what it would have been like to build a round-house during The Stone Age. Dry stone walling proved to be very challenging with different sized and shaped stones. We can't believe how skilled humans were during the Paleolithic era when they didn't have modern technology, tools or equipment to build their homes!



A MESSAGE FROM MR PATEL...

Year 4 enjoyed visiting the Ross Community Gardens and experiencing being one with nature on a beautiful sunny Tuesday afternoon. With Tim and Jane guiding us.

We planted and took home daffodil bulbs, picked, pressed and tasted deliciously smooth cider apples!

We saw how a venus fly trap works

And thoroughly enjoyed being the perfect scarecrows (although we failed to be very scary)

We also had a look at the amazing produce being grown like tomatoes, aubergines, peppers, chillies, butternut squashes and much much more. We look forward to our next visit as the seasons change.



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YEAR 3

A message from Mr Mason...

This week Blue Lagoon welcomed Miss Jenn into the class for an exciting Art lesson which will contribute to St Joseph's Art Exhibition. The children had to create people using paper wire, colorful paper and glue. Following Miss Jenn's instructions, Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed making their wonderful creations and look forward to putting them up for sale!



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SCIENCE IN ACTION

A message from Mr Mason...

Blue Lagoon have planned an investigation into what factors help the human body to perform different exercises and actions. They worked in groups to explore questions such as 'Can people with longer arms throw further than those with shorter arms?'. They had to take into account what parts of their investigation must stay the same in order to carry out a fair test. They gathered their data and concluded on their results. All of the children had a great time investigating!



ART AFTERNOON!

Last Saturday we held our Family Art Afternoon, hosted by the supremely talented Miss Jenn! Thank you too to the amazing volunteer activity leaders—Molly, Emma, Grace and Sarah! Also thanks to our amazing FSJ for the support with drinks, set up and clean up! We are so lucky to have such amazing people in our community! They helped our families experience some fun and messy art projects including Botanical Plaster Relief Tiles (they turned out absolutely gorgeous!), fabric scrap bowls (messy, and beautiful when completed!), watercolour bees and ladybugs (we have so many talented people in our school!) and finally, air dry clay jewellery (beautiful pieces to wear or share!). If anyone wants the recipe for the air dry clay, I can provide it, just let me know! Thank you to everyone who came and supported us and shared in an afternoon of creativity. I look forward to spending a Christmas Crafternoon with you soon!



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WEDNESDAY

Big Ben Class (year 1) will be taking part in a history workshop day, here in school, all about their topic—'The Great Fire of London'. We look forward to sharing the learning outcomes with you!

THURSDAY

The
Perrygrove
Railway Adventure



Liberty class (Reception) will be heading off to Perrygrove Railway in Coleford on **Thursday 26th October**. The children will be having a teddy bears picnic and will take part in a teddy bear hunt through the woodland, enjoy a Perrygrove story, ride the train and have fun at Foxy Hollow. Don't forget to bring your teddy bears along to enjoy the ride!

They will be departing school at 9.15am and will return by 3.00pm.

FRIDAY



The FSJ will be holding our Pumpkin Party on Friday afterschool in the sports hall. Please bring halloween costume/party wear in a bag for the children to change into if you would like, this is optional. To attend the party it is £3 per child which includes a snack bag (bookable through parent pay)

KS1: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

KS2: 5pm – 6pm

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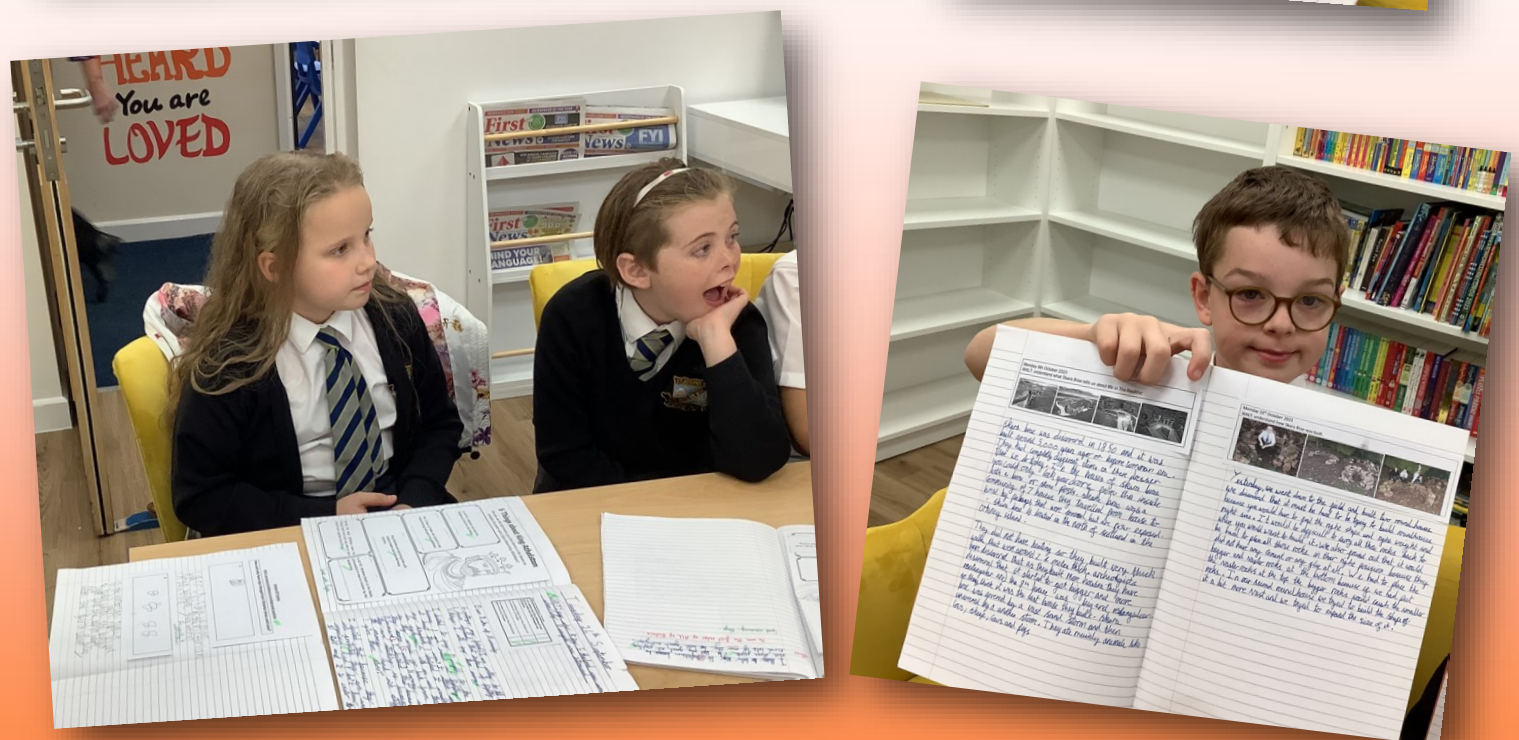


Next Friday 27th October, we break for half term. We welcome the children back to school on Monday 6th November.

CURRICULUM AMBASSADORS...

This week, we met the Curriculum Ambassadors to discuss their learning in history. The children were very enthusiastic about sharing their learning, specifically how they had compared and contrasted historical figures, settlements, transport and ways of life.

From debates on whether it was better to be an Athenian or a Spartan to learning how life in Britain changed during The Stone Age, our children are building their knowledge to better understand why life is how it is today.



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Limited spaces still available for some days...

Please contact the school office.



HALF TERM HOLIDAY Club



**30TH OCT TO
3RD NOV 2023**

Monday to Friday
8am-3pm

2-11 YEARS

Breakfast club from 8am.
Wrap around care till
5.30pm

**UNIQUE THEMES
EVERY DAY**

Snacks and drinks provided
throughout the day
(Cooked or packed lunches also
available at an additional cost)

Join us for a half term of endless fun and
fabulous activities!

Whether building, crafting, painting or sports,
each day brings new surprises, friendships, and
unforgettable moments.

Book your child's place now!



CONTACT US

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WELL DONE to all our children who took part in our sponsored silence challenge on Monday! The children were absolutely brilliant and managed to last all afternoon by using their hands to sign when communicating with others. We raised a staggering £447.50 from this event. We will be meeting with the school council on Tuesday to discuss a charity to donate half of our proceeds to.

FLU VACCINATIONS



On Tuesday 28th November the annual nasal flu vaccinations will be taking place here in school for those who have consented online. An email has been sent home to all families with the below link to state whether you wish to consent or decline.

<https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/herefordshire>

It is really important that they receive a consent form back for every child, even if you do NOT wish for your child to receive the immunisation, there is an option to decline.

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FSJ NEWS!

**NEXT
WEEK**



Non uniform day Friday 27th October

Please bring costume/party wear in a bag for the children to change into if you would like, this is optional.

Please bring bottle or chocolate donations for the upcoming Christmas Fayre if you are able to.

£3 per child, includes a snack bag (bookable through parent pay)

Entertainment and disco!

KS1: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

KS2: 5pm – 6pm



On Friday 17th November is 'Children in Need' day and we will be having a PYJAMA DAY in school.

After school on this day the FSJ are holding a Movie Night for the children. The movies chosen are Teenage Kraken—KS2 and The Secret Lives of Pets—KS1. Children can also bring in a pillow and a soft toy for movie night.

They will enjoy a hotdog, ice cream, popcorn and a drink. The cost of this event is £4.00 per child and is payable via parent pay. Please let the office know if you would like to book your child a place.



Please note trainers are not part of St. Joseph's school uniform. Please can you ensure your child comes to school with a coat and wellies so that they are able to play outside at break time. Children are also welcome to bring joggers/tracksuits if they would liked to get changed at lunchtimes.



A message from Miss Jenn... In Art Club this week, we created self portraits. The children either chose to create a micrography self portrait or they could create a self portrait with sharpie on acetate. Either way, their creativity, personal style and unique artists voice was on full display. Well done everyone! Next week, we will create Tim Burton inspired portraits and play with some Picasso faces.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM...

Tuesday 24 th October	Nursery visiting Ross Community Gardens
Friday 27 th October	FSJ – Pumpkin Party
Friday 27 th October	School closes for half term
Monday 30 th October- Friday 3 rd November	Holiday Club
Monday 6 th and Tuesday 7 th November	Parents Evenings
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 th November	Pyjama Day – Children in Need
Friday 17 th November	Movie Night - FSJ
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 4 th December	Advent Assembly
Friday 8 th December	KS2 Christmas Outing
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity @ 5:30pm
Thursday 14 th December	KS2 Christmas performance @ 6:00pm
Friday 15 th December	Nursery Nativity @ 2:00pm
Thursday 21 st December	End of term Mass
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 22 nd December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Outing
Friday 22 nd December	Nursery Christmas Party
Friday 22 nd December	End of term

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NURSERY IN ACTION!
A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

Well the weather hasn't stopped us exploring our outdoor learning environments this week! The children have loved hunting for worms in the mud, making Autumn mud buns in the mud kitchen and experimenting with the water equipment. We went on a big leaf hunt and the children found and identified the big, medium and small leaves.





Our Star of the week is Danielle for joining in with song time and using lots of lovely language!

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COOKING CLUB THIS WEEK WITH MISS SADLER AND MR BARLOW...

A message from Miss Sadler...

Today in cooking club, the children helped to bake some raisin scones. The children first combined the flour, sugar, eggs and butter and rubbed the ingredients together to create 'breadcrumbs'. They then added milk to make a dough, rolled and shaped it and added some raisins. Great work everyone!



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Gardening Club

A message from Mrs Hodges...

In gardening club this week we harvested some of our radishes to take home and taste with our families. We made a list of the things we'd like to grow and see in our garden and visited the greenhouse to plan what we would put where. We started to weed and prepare one of our planting areas today ready for one of our future challenges! We also looked at some pumpkins that were home grown off site and made a plan for our own pumpkin patch next year!



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PARENTS EVENINGS

We will be holding our Autumn term parent consultation evenings on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th November. You will receive an email today enabling you to book your appointment online. If you have any trouble in doing this, please contact the school office.

During our parent consultation evenings we will be holding an art exhibition of the children's work in the sports hall. Miss Jenn and the children have been working hard to create some fantastic pieces and parents are able to purchase these at a small cost, to cover the cost of resources.

Also, during these evenings the FSJ will be selling pizzas for tea, in the hall and so families can either eat in or take away.

St Joseph's Art Exhibition & Sale

6th and 7th of November
2023 in the Sports
Hall.

After your parent's evening,
please come and take a look at
the beautiful creations made
by our talented pupils! All
artwork will be for sale,
proceeds to go towards pupil
enrichment at St Joseph's.
Beautiful artwork makes a
great gift!



LIBERTY

Arthur W

BIG BEN

Joshua G

EVEREST

Sakura P

BLUE LAGOON

Harrison F

ARC DE TRIOMPH

Otto C

MOST OA TUNYA

Rugile J

ANGEL FALLS

Amelie K



ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!



LIBERTY	99.23%
BIG BEN	96.25%
EVEREST	98.68%
BLUE LAGOON	100%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	96.96%
MOSI OA TUNYA	98.1%
ANGEL FALLS	100%

LIBERTY	<i>Edmund KP</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Matas J</i>
EVEREST	<i>Viktor S</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Cece G</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Jake B</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Anna S</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Ella Louise C</i>



LIBERTY	<i>Kevin A Benjamin G</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Phoebe B Poppy W</i>
EVEREST	<i>Charlie C Emmy R</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Amilia C Harrison F</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Livia L Grace S</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Darcey G Hugo L</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Silvija A Phoebe P</i>

LIBERTY	<i>Phoebe B</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Oliviia U</i>
EVEREST	<i>Antonio B</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Tyler H</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Olcan W</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Evlyn M</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Rhys W</i>

Have a lovely weekend.
God Bless
Mrs Francis



HAPPY WEEKEND