

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

15/9/23

Dear Family,

This week the children have been busy embarking upon their new topics. We are pleased to share with you that we have been accepted to work towards achieving our 'Artsmark Award'. This will further strengthen the enriching Arts education that we provide here at St Joseph's, which includes, music, drama, dance and art. We look forward to sharing this journey with you.

On Thursday our Year 1 children celebrated Mass with Father Nick and the parishioners of St Frances of Rome Church. The children were great ambassadors for our school and enjoyed taking an active part in the Mass. We will be celebrating whole school Mass at the Church on Thursday 28th September at 10am, all families are warmly welcome to join us.



ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND



**We're working
towards Artsmark**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



LEARNING IN ACTION

RECEPTION CLASS!

The children in Reception have had another great full week! They have enjoyed their Monday music and movement session this with Moo Music! The children explored a range of instruments, music and familiar rhymes and enjoyed meeting Maggie Moo and all her farmyard friends. The children showed excellent listening skills and particularly loved popping all the bubbles at the end! They have also been enjoying their outdoor area each day!



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SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS!



On Tuesday our School Council members met for the first time. We were also joined by some members of the FSJ, who came along to find out what the children would like to play with at lunchtimes. They came up with some excellent ideas and we were able to make a list of resources. We also planned some fundraising events for the term and are going to start with a sponsored silence... More information on this to follow soon...

CURRICULUM EVENINGS



We will be holding Curriculum evenings on the following days at the following times in your child's classroom:

Monday 25th September Reception Class @ 3:30pm

Monday 25th September Year 3 @ 4:00pm

Tuesday 26th September Year 1 @ 3:30pm

Tuesday 26th September Year 5 and 6 @ 4:00pm

Wednesday 27th September Year 2 @ 3:30pm

Wednesday 27th September year 4 @ 4:00pm

During this time class teachers will share with you, your child's learning journey for this academic year and the objectives they will be working towards achieving across all curriculum areas.

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EXCELLENT COURSE FOR PARENTS

Small changes,
big differences.



FREE Standard Triple P Takes the guesswork out of parenting

New positive parenting course starts soon...

What Triple P can do for you:

- Encourage behaviour you like
- Deal with problem behaviour
- Become confident as a parent
- Be realistic about parenting
- Take care of yourself

DATE: Starts on – Monday 25th of September 2023

DURATION – 7 weeks

DAYTIME: (09:30 – 11:30)

Taking place at St Joseph's RC Primary School - Ross on Wye

The course is being run by:

Carolynn Quinn – Paula Fisher

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION: Course is 7 sessions long (2 sessions are by phone). This is a free course for parents, caregivers or guardians of children between the ages of 2- 11.

Booking and information – Please email parentinggroups@herefordshire.gov.uk

The Triple P is a parenting programme, but it doesn't tell you how to be a parent. It's a toolbox of ideas. You choose the strategies you need. You choose the way you want to use them. It's all about making Triple P work for you. Please let Mrs Gurney (our SENCo) know if you would like to attend this course.

PARENT VOICE

2023



Thank you to the following parents, who will be our parent voice representatives for each class this year:

Reception—Mrs Smith (Teddy and Harrison's Nan)

Year 1—Mrs Griffiths (Joshua's Mum)

Year 2—Mrs Wooding (Dexter's Mum)

Year 3—Ms Wadeley (Archie Bray's Mum)

Year 4—Mrs Preece (Bradley's Mum)

Year 5—Mrs Smith (Toby's Mum)

Year 6—Mrs Price (Phoebe's Mum)

Our first meeting is on Thursday 5th October at 2:00pm in school. If you would like to add any agenda items to the meeting please contact your class representative or alternatively contact the school office.

Please follow the link below to find out more about our Parent Voice Committee:

[Parent Voice | St Josephs RC Primary School \(st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk\)](https://st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk)

FSJ

If you are passionate about raising money for the school to help us fund exciting experiences and new resources for our children and you have the time to give, please come along and join our Friends of St Joseph's Committee.

Please contact the school office who will provide you with more information. We look forward to welcoming you!



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**...COMING
NEXT WEEK!**

TUESDAY

**BLUE LAGOON CLASS VISITING
COMMUNITY GARDENS!**

On Tuesday 19th September, Blue Lagoon class (year 3) will be visiting Ross Community Gardens. They will walk there after lunch and return to school in time for the end of the school day.



**HALF TERM
HOLIDAY**
Club

30TH OCT TO
3RD NOV 2023
Monday to Friday
9am-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
01989 564655
holidayclub@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk



GARDENING CLUB IN ACTION!

A MESSAGE FROM MRS HODGES...

This week in gardening club we looked at seeds and examined some different types of seed pods. We harvested some flower seeds from our garden to be used at a later date and sowed some rocket and radish ready for an autumn harvest. The children all enjoyed getting their hands dirty!



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COOKING CLUB WITH MR BARLOW AND MISS SADLER...

COOKING CLUB

On Thursday our Cooking Club was back in action and the children enjoyed making their own pizza baguettes! Thanks to Mr Barlow—our in house chef, for organising a fun session!





Happy Birthday to Olivia– Lei, in Year 6, who celebrated her 11th Birthday on Tuesday.

Happy Birthday to Evana in Year 5, who celebrated her 10th Birthday on Wednesday.

And Happy Birthday to Phoebe in Reception who turned 5 on Thursday .

Wishing them all a very happy weekend, celebrating with family and friends!



PHONICS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS



Thanks to the parents who attended our phonics workshop on Wednesday. This will really help parents to support their children's reading developments, ensuring there is a consistency between home and school. If you were unable to attend this workshop—please visit the 'parent workshops' page on our website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM...

Tuesday 19 th September	Year 3 visiting Ross Community Gardens
Monday 25 th September	School photographer visiting
Monday 25 th —Wednesday 27 th September	Curriculum Evening @ 3:30pm
Thursday 28 th September	Beginning of Term Mass
Friday 29 th September	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
Friday 1 st – 31 st October	Month of the Holy Rosary
Friday 1 st – 31 st October	Black History Month
Friday 6 th October	Sublime Science Workshop Day
Monday 9 th October	Harvest Festival
Friday 13 th October	Cheltenham Literature Festival for years 1 and 2
Tuesday 17 th October	Year 4 visiting Ross Community Gardens
Thursday 19 th October	Reception Class visit Perrygrove Railway
Tuesday 24 th October	Nursery visiting Ross Community Gardens
Wednesday 25 th October	Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop Day
Friday 27 th October	FSJ – Pumpkin Party
Friday 27 th October	School closes for half term

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NURSERY IN ACTION!

A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

As part of our 'All about me' topic, the children loved sharing photographs of their families with us during circle time.

We loved having our art sessions with Miss Jenn again! We drew around the children and they did free painting whilst we talked about all the things they loved about themselves.



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Star of the Week



Star of the week is Chester for always being kind and helpful.

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SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please note, trainers are not part of the St Joseph's school uniform. The children may change into their trainers if playing sports at lunchtimes, but at all other times sensible school shoes should be worn. Thank you.

MATILDA CLUB



Many thanks to all of the children from Key Stage 2 who auditioned for roles in Matilda last week and who came along to our very first rehearsal on Wednesday after school. It was an extremely exciting session, with all of the children learning about their roles and then having the chance to begin reading through the play and singing some of the songs. The children really impressed me with their enthusiasm and excitement for the show and I can already tell that it is going to be a huge success!

Backing tracks will be sent through to the children on Kinteract soon and they can begin learning and practising their singing parts. All of the children have a copy of the script and so can learn lines straight away!

We are all looking forward to our next rehearsal already and to starting work on the fantastic opening sequence of the show!

Many thanks for your support with Matilda Club.

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THANK YOU



A HUGE thank you to Travis Perkins in Coleford for their generous donation of play sand and tools for our Reception and Nursery gardens!

Attendance information

It is important that we develop a positive attitude to school attendance and punctuality so that our children do not miss out on the opportunities at school. These qualities of reliability are also important in adult life.

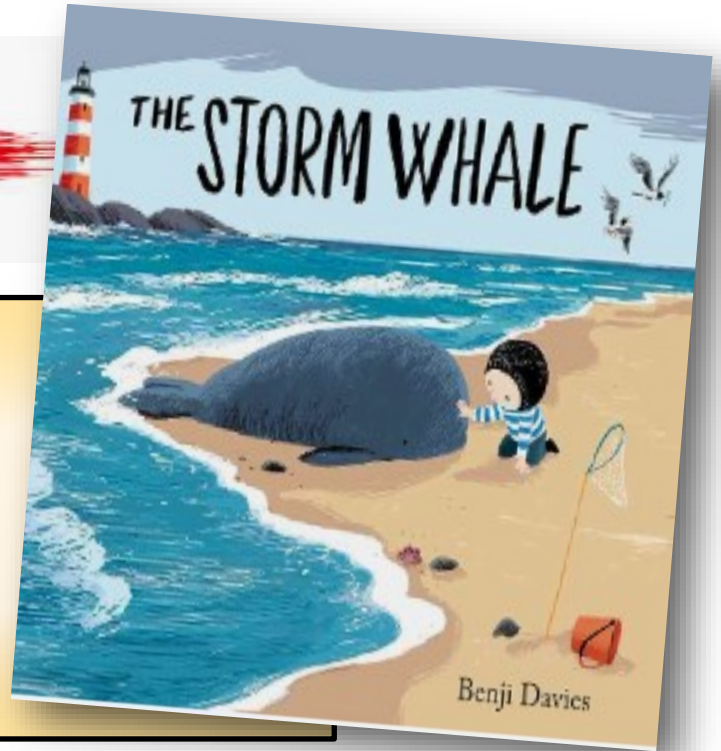
Missing school prevents children from building essential learning blocks of skills and knowledge and prevents them from making educational links.

Please note that any unauthorised absence can result in the issuing of a Penalty Notice by Herefordshire Council. Thank you in advance for working together with us to achieve the best possible outcomes for our children.

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COMING SOON

**CHELTENHAM
LITERATURE
FESTIVAL 2023!**



Year 1 & 2 will be visiting the Cheltenham Literature Festival on Friday 13th October. They will be leaving school at 9:30 am and arriving back to school in time for normal pickup.

To enhance our children's reading for pleasure, they will have the opportunity to attend a story telling session in the Story Shack, before making their way to the Garden Theatre at midday. They will attend a story reading session with the author and illustrator- Benji Davies. He will be demonstrating his illustrating skills whilst he presents his new book— 'The Great Storm Whale'.

It's going to be a fun filled day!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER!



The school photographer will be visiting on Monday 25th September to take individual and sibling photos. If you would like siblings who attend other settings to have their photo taken with children at St Joseph's please contact the school office and so we can accommodate this for you.



EDUCATION SUNDAY

Last Sunday during Mass we celebrated 'Education Sunday'.

For well over one hundred years there has been an annual recognition of Education Sunday in England and Wales. It is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone in the world of education.

The theme is devised by an ecumenical steering group representing different Christian denominations and organisations. Since 2016, it has been celebrated on the second Sunday in September, coinciding with the start of the school year.

As a school we recognise and celebrate the importance of education in our lives, whilst incorporating our values for this half term—'GRATEFUL and GENEROUS'. Grateful for belonging to our school community and generous in how we share our gifts and talents to help and support others.



A Prayer for our School

Dear God,

Thank you for looking after our School.

Thank you that you love each and everyone of us here.

Help us to learn, play and share together,

So that the wonderful world you have
made becomes more beautiful everyday.

Amen.



RUGBY TASTER Y6 & Y7

Are you a boy in Yr 6 or 7? Have you played a couple of times at school or never played before and fancy having a go?

Join us for a fun introduction to rugby session with Pizza after!!!

Wednesday 20th September 6-7.30pm

WEDS 20TH SEPTEMBER

✓ Touch Session - perfect for beginners

✓ PIZZA



FRIDAYS

MID WEEK TRAINING
6PM - 7PM

SUNDAYS

MATCHES & TRAINING
10AM ONWARDS

ROSS ON WYE RFC

GREYTREE PITCHES, ABBOTTS CLOSE.
ROSS. HR9 7GQ



Drop us
a DM



Need More Information? Get in Touch!
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GREAT Attendance



ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!



LIBERTY	100%
BIG BEN	99.2%
EVEREST	100%
BLUE LAGOON	98.21%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	96.72%
MOSI OA TUNYA	96.45
ANGEL FALLS	100%

LIBERTY	<i>Kevin A</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Phoebe B</i>
EVEREST	<i>Riley P</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Tanya May W</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Grace S</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Archie D</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Phoebe P</i>



Mathemagician!

Star of the Week

LIBERTY	<i>Maisie B</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Matas J</i>
EVEREST	<i>Dexter W</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Kai H</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Mia O'S</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Hugo L</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Dustin A</i>

LIBERTY	<i>Lahna B</i> <i>Maks S</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Norrie P</i> <i>Phoebe S</i>
EVEREST	<i>Antonio B</i> <i>Isla W</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Henry S</i> <i>Cece G</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Logan H</i> <i>James M</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Evana S</i> <i>Gabriella B</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Izzy KP</i> <i>Daisy Mai N</i>

Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Francis

