

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

8/9/23



Welcome back to the start of our new school year. It has been a fantastic four days and so lovely to catch up with all of the children! We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and are now ready for an action packed term—full of fun and new opportunities!

Our Reception children have had a fantastic first week in school and have settled so well. Our year 5 and 6 buddies have been excellent role models— helping them become familiar with school life at St Joseph's.



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OUR FIRST WEEK IN RECEPTION!



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LEARN
& GROW
TOGETHER**

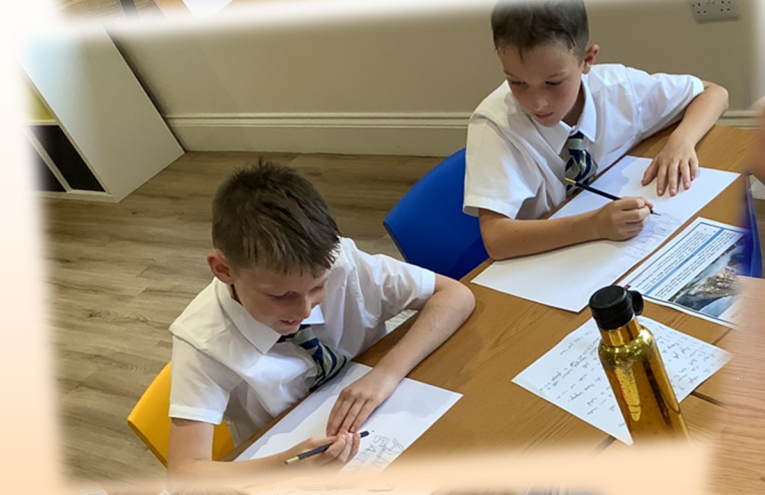
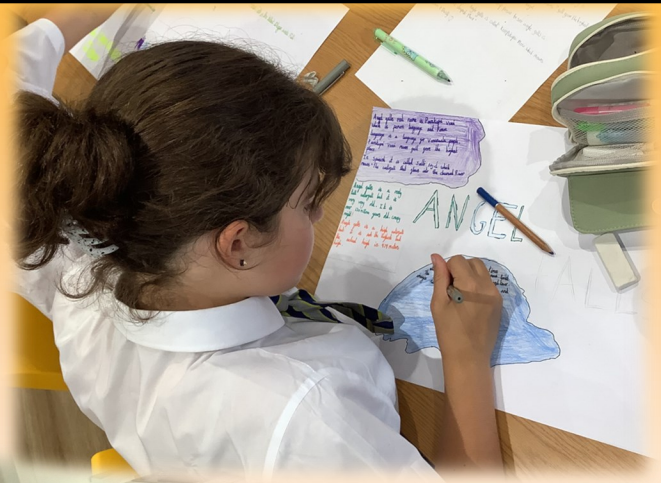
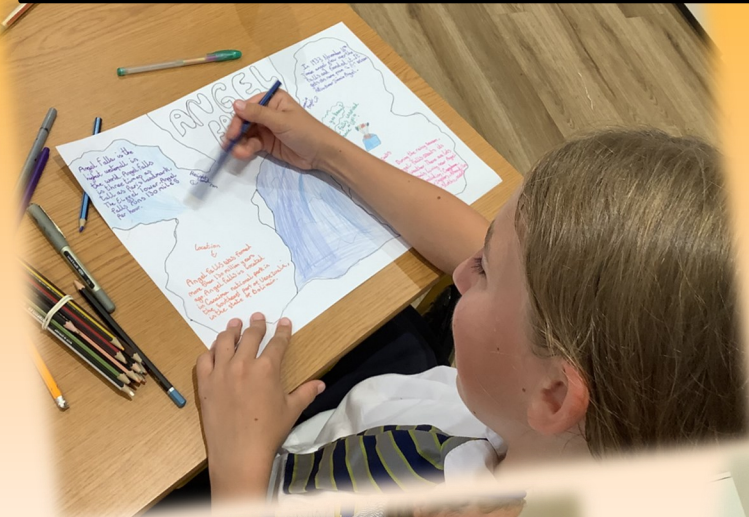
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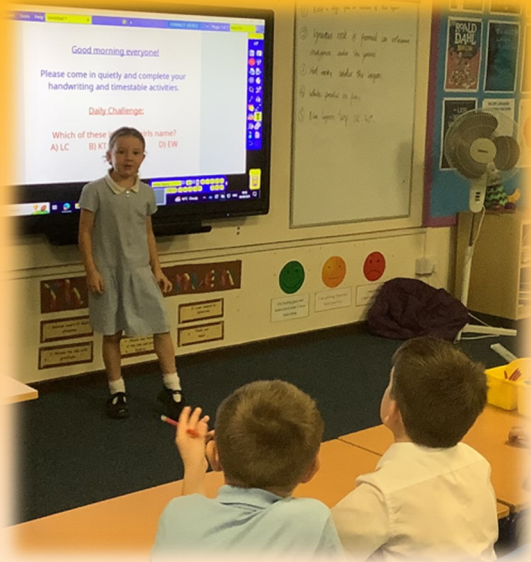
We
Love
Learning



LEARNING IN ACTION.....



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'READING PLUS' INFORMATION

Reading is the **KEY** to learning

At St. Joseph's, we use a program called Reading Plus to support our Key Stage 2 children's reading development. It is a tailored online program that assesses the children's individual needs and next steps and aids them in making good progress with reading fluency and comprehension as well as extending their vocabulary.

We have made the decision to use Reading Plus in school and ask that children don't log on or work on their assignments at home. The children will have three 35 minute sessions each week and will be continuously assessed and monitored by their teachers, with support being put in place where required.

Here is a link to a short video that gives you a bit more information about how Reading Plus works and how it can help your child to be the best reader that they can be!

https://youtu.be/Q_cx2AhfYvw



I really enjoy the different stories in Reading Plus!

Tanya May year 3



It is super fun because you get to read stories about sport!

Harrison year 3

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All lunchtime and after school clubs start back from Monday 11th September. If your child would like to sign up to a club, please contact the school office.

MONDAY

PE KITS IN SCHOOL PLEASE.

TUESDAY

**EVEREST CLASS VISITING
COMMUNITY GARDENS!**

On Tuesday 12th September, Everest class (year 2) 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.

WEDNESDAY

SWIMMING LESSONS

On Wednesday 13th September year 5 and 6 will be starting their weekly swimming lessons. A letter has been sent home with further information. Can you please complete the slip and return it to the school office as soon as possible and so Mr Gunter can organise suitable groupings (appropriate sized groups), before assessments.

WEDNESDAY

PHONICS PARENT WORKSHOP

Next Wednesday, straight after pick up—Reception parents are invited to attend an informal workshop in the reception classroom.

Miss Sadler and Mrs Murray, our reading leader, will talk parents through the process of how we teach the children to read using our synthetic phonics scheme. There will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions and look at the resources we use to support us in the delivery of this reading scheme.

We look forward to welcoming parents to this event.

ADVENTURE AWAITS

Year 5 and 6
residential 2024!

We are so excited for our Year 5 and 6 residential to the Isle of Wight next June 2024!

I recall going to the Isle of Wight when I was in year 6 at primary school (many years ago) but to this day I still remember it with such fond memories!



We have organised lots of different activities throughout the week and so they will be super busy. A few examples: Needles Boat Cruise - Shanklin Chine, Blackgang Chine theme park, Dinosaur Expeditions – fossil hunt and Spotlight theatre show at Shanklin Theatre (evening) just to name a few.

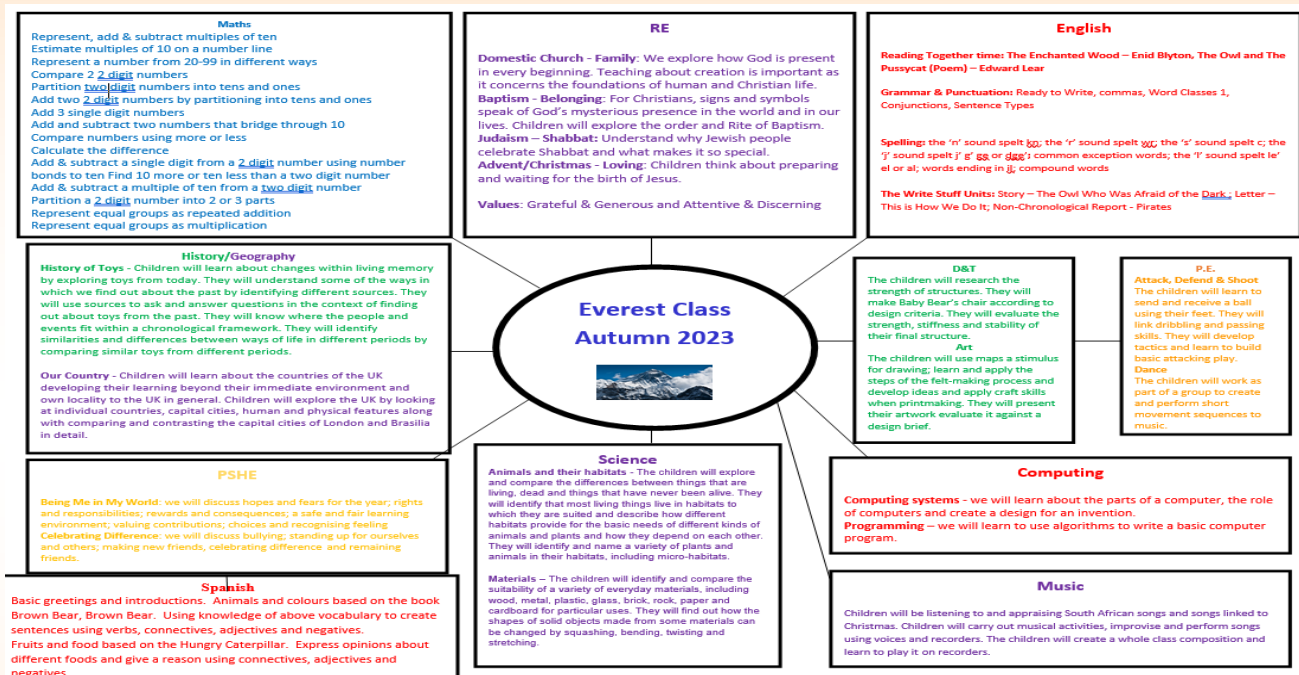
It really will be an amazing experience for the children and something to look forward to at the end of the year. We will be holding a meeting nearer the time to provide parents with further information.



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TOPIC WEBS AND KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

Today class teachers have sent home topic webs and knowledge organisers. The topic webs provide parents with an overview of the objectives the children will be learning throughout the Autumn term. The knowledge organisers provide important facts the children will be learning in their topic work throughout the term and so this document helps to prepare them. These documents can also be downloaded for the class pages on the school website.



CURRICULUM EVENINGS



On Wednesday we sent a letter home regarding our curriculum evenings for parents. Could you please complete and return your reply slip as soon as possible and so we can plan accordingly in terms of spacing and childcare ratios.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Many thanks.



Happy Birthday to Aiden in Reception who celebrated his 5th birthday on 1st September– the oldest in his year group!

Happy Birthday to Sakura in year 2, who turns 7 on Saturday!

Happy Birthday to Immy– May in year 3, who is celebrating her 8th birthday on Sunday. Wishing them all a great day celebrating with family and friends!



PARENT VOICE



Our first Parent Voice meeting for this academic year will take place on **Thursday 5th October at 2pm in school.**

If you would like to join this committee please send us an email at your earliest convenience. More information about the role of this committee can be found on our school website:

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

Please also see the meeting dates for the academic year:

Thursday 5th October @ 2:00pm

Thursday 7th December @ 2:00pm

Thursday 22nd February @ 2:00pm

Thursday 18th April @ 2:00pm

Thursday 13th June @ 2:00pm

Thursday 11th July @ 2:00pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM...

Tuesday 12 th September	Year 2 visiting Ross Community Gardens
Wednesday 13 th September	Parents Phonics Workshop @ 3:30pm
Wednesday 13 th September	Swimming lessons start for years 5 and 6
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

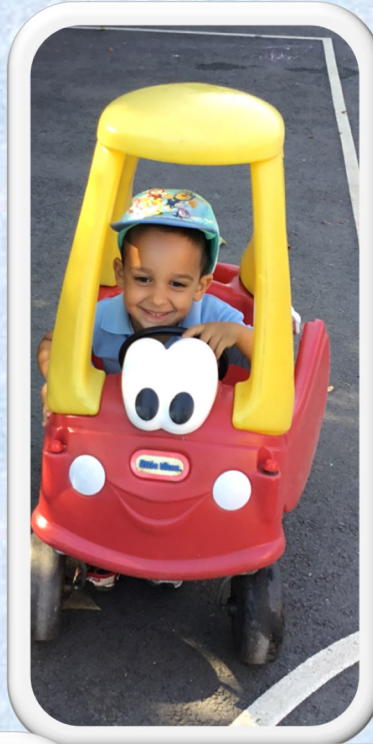
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NURSERY IN ACTION!

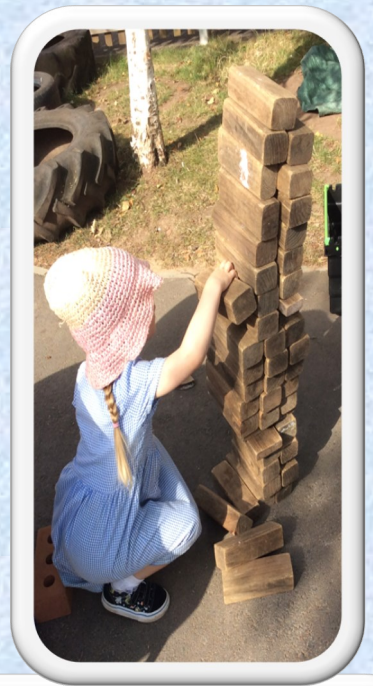
A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

We have had a fantastic start to the new term! We have enjoyed making the most of the lovely warm weather - Washing our cars and bikes in the car wash, exploring the new mud kitchen and making lots of dens.

We have been getting to know some new friends at nursery and welcome Charlie, Charlie and Eddie!



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Star of the Week



Star of the week is Esme for coming happily into nursery and playing nicely alongside her friends.

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ST JOSEPH'S
★ PRESENTS ★



RACE NIGHT

★ 22ND SEPT - 6.30PM ★

RACES - RAFFLE - LICENSED BAR

ADULTS ONLY EVENT

GUARANTEED TO BE A FUN NIGHT!

£5 PER TICKET

Please contact the school office to order your tickets.

THANK
YOU

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Price. We thank her for all her help in the nursery and wish her luck for the future. Please keep us posted with your baby news!

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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 holiday 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.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

It has been so lovely to see the children coming back to school this week in their smart St Joseph's uniforms. Whilst the weather is so hot we completely understand children wanting to wear their summer uniforms.

Our school is well known for having a smart uniform and this has been a long standing tradition at St Joseph's.

Once the weather changes (and certainly after the first half term), we expect all children to wear a white shirt (not polo shirt) and a school tie. Girls should be wearing a navy pinafore or skirt and boys—grey trousers. We do encourage school blazers but this is not compulsory. Jumpers and cardigans should be navy for the autumn term and these should have the school emblem on them.

Can we ask that all parents support us in maintaining these high expectations, as it does have an impact on the children's mindset, giving them a sense of pride and confidence that prepares them for the wider world.

If you need any spare uniform we do have lots of this in school. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office about this.

Thank you for your continued support.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding children is our main priority. Please can you ensure the following procedures are followed to ensure we are keeping our children safe.

- 1) Please inform the school office by 9:00am on a daily basis if a pupil is going to be absent.**
- 2) School staff need to be aware of any medication the children are taking. If they are taking medicine during the school day then parents must sign a medical consent form from the office and hand all medication into the school office.**
- 3) The school must have at least two up to date contact numbers in case of emergencies. Three contacts would be good practice.**
- 4) We ask that parents picking up children from school do not come on to the school grounds until 3:05pm each day. This is so we know who is on site, as the children maybe using the playground during this time.**
- 5) All adults volunteering in school must have completed an enhanced DBS check via St Joseph's School and completed relevant safeguarding training.**

If you would like to know about the procedures we must adhere to as a school, please follow the link below.

[Keeping children safe in education 2023 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/101311/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_2023.pdf)

GREAT Attendance



ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!



LIBERTY	<i>Back Next Week</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Back Next Week</i>
EVEREST	<i>Back Next Week</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Back Next Week</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Back Next Week</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Back Next Week</i>
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Star of the Week

Mathemagician!

LIBERTY	<i>Illyana CS Aiden G</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Edith G Andrea S</i>
EVEREST	<i>Finley R Katia V</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Reuben CB Kai H</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Jacob D Lily-Mae A</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Amelia L Ollie B</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Phoebe P Rhys W</i>

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Have a lovely week-end.
God Bless
Mrs Francis

