

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

12/9/25



Dear Family,

We've had a fabulous week here in school. On Monday we launched the week with our whole school photo which was lovely. We look forward to sharing this with families soon.

To end the week, everyone from years 1- 6 enjoyed a foray into Chase Woods this morning, as part of our new school year 'Nature Walk'.

It was wonderful to be out enjoying the beautiful countryside together, looking for signs of Autumn and appreciating our wonderful surroundings!

We were so lucky with the weather too!



One With
NATURE



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THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF,
THE WORLD AND THOSE WHO DWELL THEREIN.
-PSALM 24:1



Welcome to Reception



WEEK 2

Our Reception children have had a wonderful second week at school! They've been diving into their phonics lessons with great enthusiasm, taking part in their very first Celebration of the Word, and exploring their RE learning with curiosity and joy. It's been a fantastic week filled with fun, discovery, and learning through play – we're so proud of how well they've settled in!







A message from Mrs Lerego.....

We've had a busy but fun week here in Nursery!

The Oakleaves have had a vibrant week, creating colourful handprints alongside their friends—plenty of laughter and messy fun all around!

The Acorns have been immersed in painting and discovering new songs, joyfully experimenting with musical instruments.

The Seedlings have delighted in imaginative role play in the hall and made the most of the sunshine with some beautiful local walks.





Hereford Football Club have kindly gifted us 2 season tickets for their home matches this season. We have created a whole school spinning wheel, which we will use to select our winners. Good luck to everyone and we look forward to sharing our winners and their experiences with you all!

ROSS IN BLOOM COMPETITION!

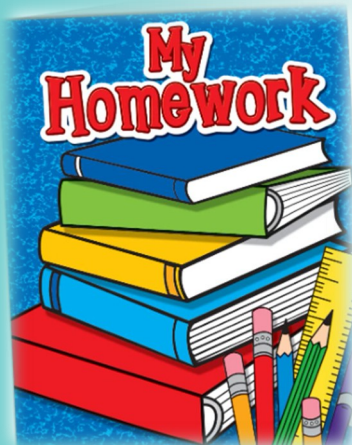
Ross Town Council are entering Ross in Bloom next Spring and are inviting children in Ross-on-Wye to help them create something special – a new logo. Details for the logo design as follows:

They are looking for a creative, colourful design that celebrates Ross-on-Wye and represents the three core themes of In Bloom:

- Horticulture – our beautiful plants, flowers, and green spaces
- Environment – looking after our town and its natural surroundings
- Community – bringing people together and taking pride in where we live

This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to showcase their creativity and love for their town. The winning design will be used across our Ross in Bloom campaign materials — a logo the whole town can be proud of Who can enter? Children up to the age of 16, who live in or go to school in Ross-on-Wye Deadline for entries:

19th September 2025



Today KS2 children will be bringing home their new homework books for the first time. Every child has CGP Targeted Question books for maths, reading and grammar/punctuation/spelling. These books will come home on a two-week rota system - maths and reading one week and then GPS the next week.

The cost of your child's homework books is £10.00, and this has been added to Parent Pay. Please note that there is a 50% discount for Pupil Premium.

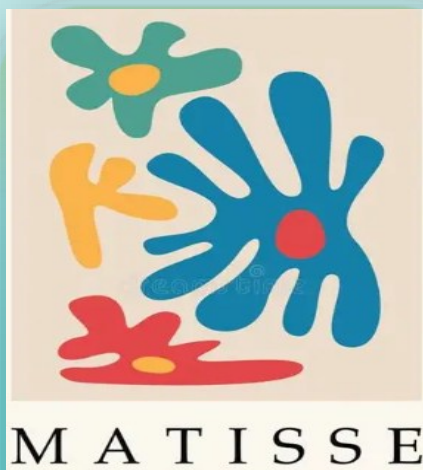
ART CLUB

Art Club is back!

We had a fantastic start to the term, working with the incredibly talented Sarah from Art Studio Ross . The children created their very own stuffed squishes inspired by Matisse – a fun and vibrant way to explore shape, colour, and texture.

They absolutely loved the session (and Sarah!), and we're so excited to continue working with her this term. We're thrilled to be able to draw on her expertise to further enhance our Art curriculum and inspire our young artists even more.

Here's to a colourful and creative term ahead!





GARDEN CLUB

Welcome back gardeners!

We loved seeing new faces on Wednesday! We all fed the birds to start off our 2025 school year garden. We didn't skip a beat and got busy planting violas in big pots. Roy told us they go really well with bulbs so they can all flower together. We were taught how to use a dibbler to ensure the roots go right down to the bottom of the pot. We then learnt that there are some vegetables that like to be planted this late in the season. We very proudly finished today by planting lettuce, beetroot and spring onions.





A message from Mrs Urding...

This week, at Tuesday's Cooking Club we had a delightful time baking white chocolate and raspberry cookies!

The children carefully measured and mixed butter, flour, and sugar before stirring in creamy white chocolate chips and juicy fresh raspberries. Each child scooped a portion of the dough onto baking trays lined with baking paper, ready for the oven.

As the cookies baked, the delicious smell filled the room! The final results looked fantastic—and tasted even better! It was a fun and rewarding session enjoyed by all.



**...COMING
NEXT WEEK!**

Community
garden



On Tuesday 16th September Year 2 will be visiting the community gardens in the afternoon. Can they please bring in a change of comfortable clothes and footwear for this event. They will be leaving school straight after lunch and returning at the end of the school day.



On Tuesday 16th September Year 1 will be enjoying the afternoon at Forest School with Mrs Bennett. Please can they remember to bring in suitable clothing and footwear for this session.



On Wednesday 17th September we will be holding a phonics workshop for our Reception parents at 3:30pm in the Reception classroom. We look forward to our parents to this event.



On Thursday 18th September we will be holding a parent workshop for our Nursery and Reception parents @ 3:30pm —introducing the use of our online learning platform— Evidence Me. workshop for our Reception parents at 3:30pm in the Reception classroom. We look forward to our parents to this event.



PLEASE join us for our coffee afternoon, next Friday 19th September at 2:00pm in the Central Area. This event will be held jointly between our school and parish community, to support Macmillan and all of the wonderful work this charity does. If the sun decides to make an appearance, will hold this in the playground. All families are warmly welcome!

Autumn Term

Tuesday 16 th September	Year 2 @ Community Gardens pm
Wednesday 17 th September	Phonics workshop for Reception Parents @ 3:30pm
Friday 19 th September	Macmillan Coffee afternoon @ 2:00pm in the Central Area
Thursday 18 th September	Parent workshop for Nursery and Reception – Online learning journals @ 3:30pm
Tuesday 23 rd September	Year 2 @ Community Gardens pm
Thursday 25 th September	Beginning of term Mass @10am in school
Tuesday 30 th September	Year 3 @ Community Gardens pm
Tuesday 30 th September	Turn up Tuesday with Mrs Gurney (SENDCo) @ 2:30pm All parents welcome
Monday 13 th October	Harvest Festival @ 9:15am
Tuesday 14 th October	Year 5 @ Community Gardens pm
Friday 17 th October	Reception and Key Stage 1 @ Cheltenham Literacy Festival
Tuesday 21 st October	Reception @ Community Gardens pm
Friday 24 th October	FSJ Pumpkin Party
Friday 24 th October	Break up for half term

Coming soon

CHEL TENHAM
Literature Festival

Reception, Year 1 & 2 will be visiting the '**Cheltenham Literature Festival**' on **Friday 17th October**. We will be leaving school at 9.30am and we will arrive back at school in time for normal pickup.

To enhance our children's reading for pleasure, we will have the opportunity to attend the Story Shack before making our way to the Garden Theatre at midday. Here we will attend a session with the author Michael Rosen who is one of the nation's best loved children's writers and performers. He will be sharing his

SCHOOL

Attendance

Please can we remind parents of the vital importance of children attending school. Daily attendance does more than help your child learn. It also boosts their development, overall health and social skills. Missed learning also results in significant impact on progress and attainment. We are legally unable to authorise absences for family holidays or in avoidable non attendance situations. Please can we ask all parents to work with us in ensuring the very best for our children by making sure that they attend school during term time. Thank you as always for your continued support.



WYE	100%
AMAZON	99.34%
DANUBE	99.17%
TIBER	100%
THAMES	99.55%
AVON	98.33%
SEINE	96.88%

Wishing Mrs Harris a very Happy Birthday this week!

We all enjoyed singing Happy Birthday and celebrating a special mile stone (ending with a 0)
We hope you had a lovely day!

An introduction to



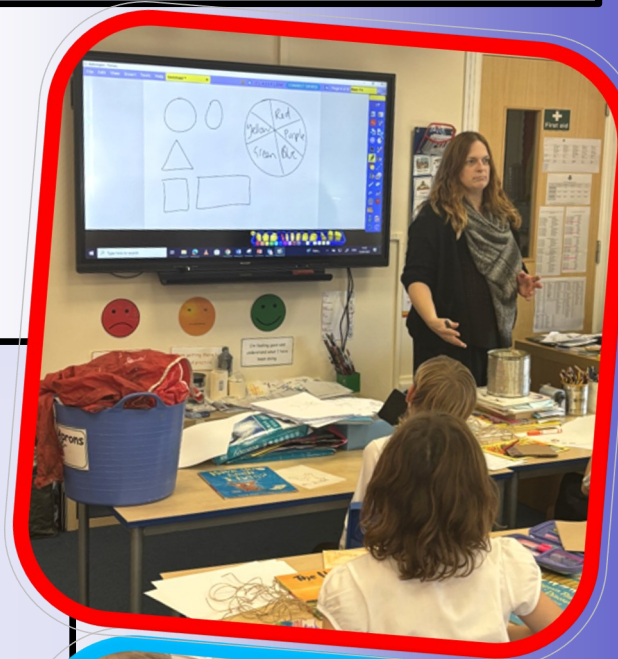
This term we are very excited to be using a new platform called 'Evidence Me', which provides us with some fantastic ways of sharing your child's learning with you. This platform will also be used to set homework when appropriate.

We will be leading a parent workshop for Nursery and Reception parents on Thursday 18th September @ 3:30 pm in the Reception classroom and hope you will be able to attend.



On Thursday afternoons this term our year 3 children will be completing their art curriculum with our specialist teacher—Sarah Morton, from Art Studio Ross. The children had a fabulous time learning how artists use shape both in composition and in design.

They are looking for-



Enjoy your weekend!

God Bless

Mrs Francis

