

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

19/9/25

Dear Family,

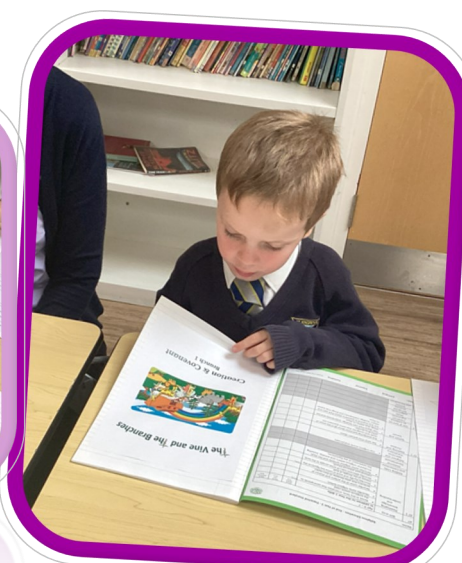
On Wednesday we welcomed our Catholic Schools Consultant—Miss McIntosh to our school. During her visit she dropped into RE lessons throughout the day, led class worship with the teachers and children, spoke with our Curriculum Ambassadors about their learning in RE and also met with Mrs Urding (our RE lead) and myself to discuss how we continue to drive school improvement in Religious Education across the school. It was a great day—celebrating what we do so well and as always our children were absolute stars!

We look forward to welcoming parents to our Macmillan Coffee afternoon today at 2:00pm.

The Vine and The Branches



Creation & Covenant
Branch 1



Let's Learn Together!



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OUR CURRICULUM

A message from Miss Steiner, our Curriculum Lead...

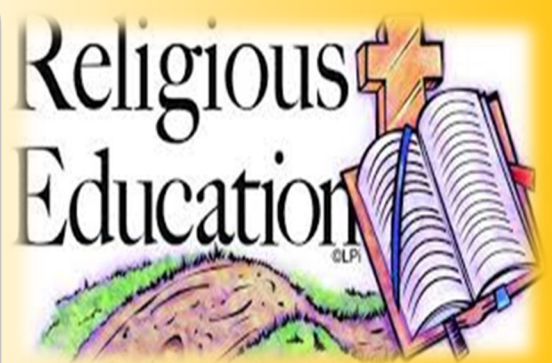
I met with most of our fabulous new Curriculum Ambassadors this week and we talked about...R.E!

The children were all very proud of their R.E. books and enjoyed presenting their work to each other; answering questions about their learning and identifying their personal highlights from lessons so far. It was great to hear them discuss their learning with a combination of confidence and enthusiasm.

The children showed me around the school, telling me all about the Catholic life here at St. Joseph's. They talked especially passionately about their house saints and the morning that they spent working in house groups to understand the special qualities of their saint, and to focus on how they could try to mirror some of those virtues and values themselves each day.

We talked about what Celebration of the Word looks like in each of their classes and they told me how much they enjoy taking part in setting up for worship, as well as being given roles within it - doing the readings and leading prayers.

The children told me about this term's values - Eloquent and Truthful - and very proudly (and eloquently!) recited the scripture that they all learnt in Collective Worship on Monday.



FOREST SCHOOL



Amazon Class had a fantastic afternoon at Forest School on Tuesday with Mrs Bennett.

The children loved getting creative making dream catchers, toasting marshmallows over the open fire, and warming up with a delicious cup of hot chocolate!



LOOKING Forward to a great School YEAR

The ROALD DAHL'S BFG

Our Key Stage 2 children have a REAL treat in store as - in January - we will be whisking them off to see the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of 'The BFG'!

Coming from the company who brought us 'Matilda the Musical', this is guaranteed to be an absolutely incredible show and we are certain that the children will be dazzled and amazed and come away filled with enthusiasm and excitement for their own story writing.

We can not wait to see Roald Dahl's magical story of Sophie and the giant come to life on stage - what a swashboggling experience it will be! Letter to follow with further details...

**YOUNG
VOICES**



This week Mrs Murray has sent home information regarding ticket and t-shirt orders. Please can these forms be returned to the school office by 22nd September. Can you please also ensure your payment item for order is paid on ParentPay by this date too. Many thanks

Art in Action

In their Art lesson this week our year 3 children were extremely lucky and excited to work with Sarah again. The subject was using 'Shape and Texture in printing', using finger dabbers and also how to transfer an image.

In the 'Shape and Texture' part of the lesson the children began by winding string around pieces of card in a design of their choice and taping the string to the pieces of card. They then used finger dabbers to paint the string only. They then pressed the painted string on to plain paper to form the basis of their design which showed the different textures. Then the children used water colours to paint the background of the picture they are going to transfer onto an image of their choice.

A fantastic and messy time was had by everyone!



ADMISSIONS

PARENTS

The Information You Need!

Please see details of the high school open day/evening events for all year 6 families. I would suggest year 5 families also go along, if you can and so this gives you plenty of time to think about your choices for the following year– as it soon comes round!



Open Events September 2026 Admission

Open Evening 2025

Thursday 2nd October 4.30pm – 8.00pm

The Headteacher will address parents at 6.00pm and again at 7.00pm in the Main Hall. Tours of the school will take place before, after and in-between the presentations by the Headteacher.

A final bell will ring at 8.00pm to mark the end of the evening.

There is no need to make an appointment for the Open Evening.

Opening Mornings 2025

Open mornings will take place on Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th October 2025 at 9.15am. Bookings are by appointment only and places are limited.

To book an appointment for one of the Open Mornings please email sturley@st-maryshigh.hereford.sch.uk

We welcome applicants for September 2026 from Catholic children, those of other Christian denominations and from children whose parents wish them to be educated in a Catholic environment.



Open Mornings 2025
7th, 8th, 9th October
9.30am - 11.30am

Open Evening 2025
23rd October
5.30pm - 8pm

“Pupils benefit from the strong subject expertise of teachers in all subjects.”
Ofsted 2024



“Pupils and staff are justifiably proud of the welcoming and friendly culture at John Kyrle.”
Ofsted 2024



“Pupils want to meet the school’s high expectations of their learning. They apply themselves well in lessons, especially on independent tasks and opportunities to improve their work.”
Ofsted 2024

“Pupils actively demonstrate the school’s value of respect in their interactions and conduct.”
Ofsted 2024

Register your interest today!



Dene Magna School

Thursday 26th
September
OPEN DAY

9am—12 Noon School
Tours/Taster Lessons
6pm—9pm Open Evening
**To book a tour, please call the
office on 01594 542370**

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🌐 www.denemagna.co.uk





A message from Mrs Lerego.....

The Oakleaves loved their forest school session with Mrs. Bennett this week - making a lion's head with the leaves they collected.

The Acorns have had lots of fun In the role play areas - having tea parties and visiting the hair salon!

The Seedlings have enjoyed emptying and filling containers of 'edible sand' and have also loved their music sessions with the instruments!



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Danube class had an amazing visit at Ross Community Gardens on Tuesday afternoon!

They started with a fun scavenger hunt, searching for signs of Autumn all around the gardens – from colourful leaves to hidden treasures of the season.

Then, the children got their hands dirty harvesting potatoes, corn, and carrots straight from the earth.

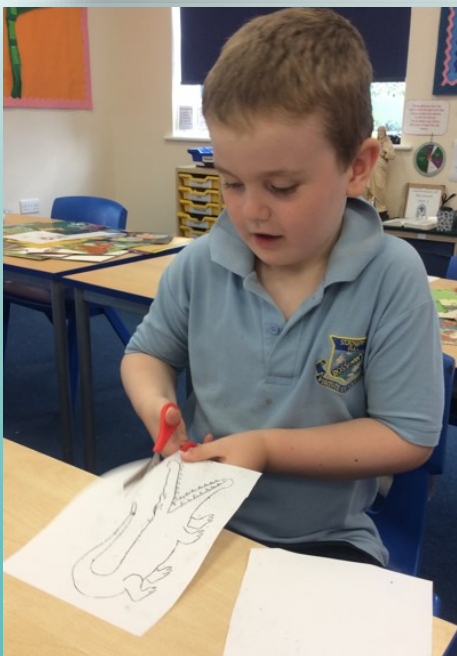
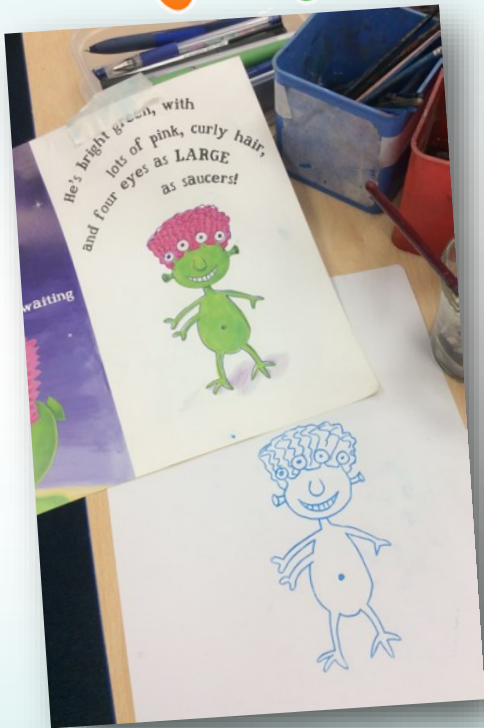
The smiles said it all – nothing beats pulling up fresh vegetables and seeing where our food comes from!



*A message from
Miss Sadler...*



This week in Art Club, the children explored the creative process of image transfers using oil pastels. They selected images and carefully transferred them onto fresh paper, before adding vibrant colour with watercolour paints. The combination of techniques sparked their imagination, and it was fantastic to see how focused and engaged they were throughout the session. A big thank you to Sarah from The Art Studio Ross, who led another inspiring and enjoyable session for our young artists!





I ♥ ART



GARDEN CLUB

The weather held off just long enough for us to get lots done this week in Gardening Club. Birds were fed and then we went up to the Reception garden to sow some Autumn carrots. It's very exciting to think they will grow through the winter! We then went down to our new kitchen bed and planted beetroot and spring onions! We also sowed 2 long rows of radishes and turnips. We are all really eager to try our first turnip, which Roy tells us they have a peppery flavour and are great in soups. The last thing we sowed this week was cowslip, we covered them with vermiculite to keep moist through winter. The cold will help them germinate in order to see their beauty in the Spring. We are very grateful to learn so much from our expert gardener—Roy!

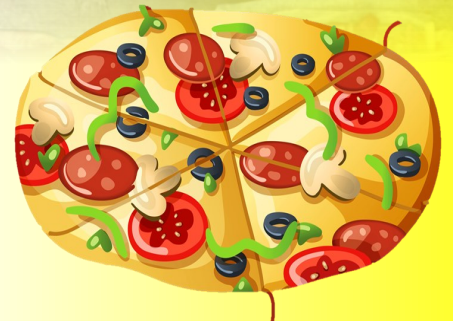




A message from Mrs Vernon...

It was 'pizza week' at Cooking Club this week!

The children had a great time making their own bases and slicing the ham and peppers to add as their toppings, together with sweetcorn and plenty of cheese!



NEXT WEEK



FOREST SCHOOL

On **Tuesday 23rd September** Year 1 will be visiting the Community Gardens in the afternoon. Please can they remember to bring in suitable clothing and footwear for this session.



On **Thursday 25th September** we will be celebrating Whole School Mass at 10am in the school hall with fellow parishioners from St Frances of Rome and Father Nick. All families are warmly welcome to attend.

Coming soon

CHELTENHAM

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 much-loved stories and poems. We are really looking forward to this exciting event!

Thank you!

Thank you to our families who were able to attend the parents workshops for phonics and Evidence Me—our online learning platform. We hope you found them helpful in supporting your child with their home learning.

Autumn Term

Tuesday 23 rd September	Year 1 @ 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 6 th October	School Photos
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
Monday 3 rd November	Return to school
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 6 @ Community Gardens pm
Monday 10 th November	Anti- Bullying Week
Tuesday 11 th November	Parents Evening 3:30pm—6:00pm
Wednesday 12 th November	Parents Evening 3:30pm—6:00pm
Friday 21 st November	Children in Need
Friday 21 st November	Pyjama Day and Movie Night
Thursday 4 th December	End of term Mass
Friday 5 th December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9 th December	Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity @ 5:30pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Nursery Nativity @ 2:00pm
Thursday 11 th December	Whole School Victorian Christmas Day and KS2 workshops
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner Day and afternoon celebrations!
Tuesday 16 th December	KS1 Christmas Theatre Trip
Thursday 18 th December	KS2 Christmas Production 5:30pm
Friday 19 th December	Nursery Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	End of Autumn Term Christmas Holidays



HALF TERM HOLIDAY Club

MONDAY 27TH OCT TO FRIDAY 31ST OCT

admin@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk

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GREAT Attendance



A BIG Thank you to Mark Taylor and his team at Allensmore Nursery for their generous donation of beautiful flowers for our school gardens! Thank you also to Roy for making this all happen! We are so grateful for all the time and effort you put in to making our school grounds so wonderful!

WYE	99.13%
AMAZON	99.47%
DANUBE	97.3%
TIBER	97.1%
THAMES	98.21%
AVON	93.48%
SEINE	98.33%



KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

We have now produced Knowledge Organisers for Religious Education in line with our new RE scheme—The Vine and The Branches. Please follow the link to our RE curriculum page and scroll to the bottom to access your child's year group. For this term.

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RECEPTIONS ADMISSIONS

September 2026

Do you have a child born
between the
1st of September 2021 and
31st of August 2022?

If so, you will need to
apply for a school place
by the 15th of Jan 26
(to commence Sept 2026)

*St Joseph's Primary School is a thriving
and happy primary school, providing a
broad and balanced curriculum.*

*To arrange a visit, please contact us
on the details below.*



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Enjoy your weekend!

God Bless

Mrs Francis