

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

Matthew 7:12

26/9/25

Dear Family,

This week, we are reminded that everything we do is rooted in God's love and our calling to live out His teachings each day. Across the school, we have been learning about Catholic Social Teaching, exploring how we can work together for the Common Good and live as Jesus taught us – with compassion, justice, and kindness. We are also proud to welcome our new School Council members, who have been chosen to represent their classmates and help make our school a place where everyone feels heard, valued, and supported. Guided by the Gospel and inspired by the example of Christ, they will help lead our community with care and responsibility.

Together, let us continue to grow in faith, learning, and love this term.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



School Council 2025



Yr 6 - River Seine



Yr 6 - River Seine



Yr 5 - River Avon



Yr 2 - River Danube



Yr 2 - River Danube



Yr 4 - River Thames



Yr 5 - River Avon



Yr 3 - River Tiber



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LEARNING IN ACTION

This week, Reception have been learning about *Catholic Social Teaching*, with a special focus on the principle of the *Common Good*. As part of their learning, the children explored *Fair Trade* and how it supports farmers and workers around the world. They looked at a variety of Fair Trade products from different countries and learned how making fair choices can help others live with dignity. To celebrate their learning, the children painted their own colourful versions of the Fair Trade logo – a wonderful reminder of how even small choices can make a big difference!



LEARNING IN ACTION

This week, *Danube Class* have been busy exploring the Wonders of God's creation around them as they investigated the differences between things that are *alive*, *once alive*, and *never alive*. Through this topic, the class reflected on the *Catholic Social Teaching* principle of *Stewardship of Creation* — understanding that God calls us to care for the world and everything in it. By learning to respect and appreciate all living things, the children are growing in their awareness of how we can protect and care for our common home.



Art in Action

Year 3 were delighted to welcome our local artist, Sarah back to school for their art lesson this week. Sarah began by explaining and demonstrating the techniques that can be used to obtain different shades from dark to light all with just one pencil. It was fascinating and all the children enjoyed practising these techniques on their own. The results were very impressive.

This was followed by the children each selecting 3 toys to draw where they practised the shading techniques they had just learnt. A great time was had by all.





Running Club with Mrs Sprawson....

Our children are enjoying their Thursday running club with Miss Sprawson. This week they completed some circuit training to warm, up followed by relay races. The children are building their strength and stamina to work towards their 5K challenge coming soon! Keep up the great work!





Welcome to our Nursery



A message from Mrs Lerego.....

The Seedlings have enjoyed the lovely sunshine this week - going out and about on walks, exploring the mud kitchen and playing in the sand.

The Oakleaves have been practising their ball and pedaling skills outside. We have been talking about how we are different - exploring multi cultural puppets and completing puzzles of children with different abilities.

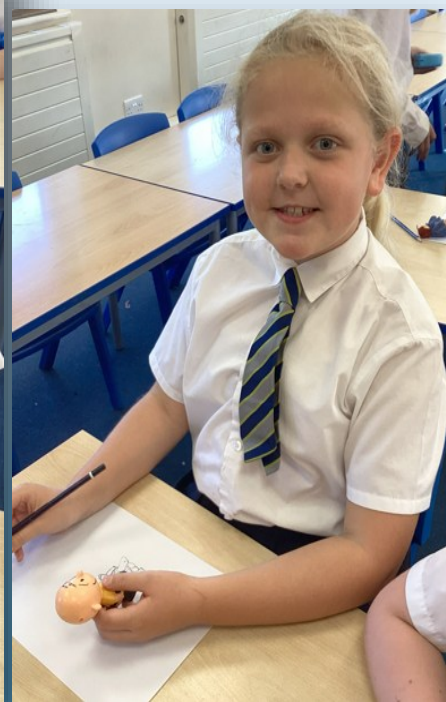
The Acorns loved collecting conkers at forest school then working together to make pictures using the conkers coated in paint.



*A message from
Miss Sadler...*



This week, Art Club turned simple pencils into powerful tools of creativity! The children learned how to create a full range of tones, putting their new skills to the test, each artist picked a selection of toys to draw. Whether it was a cuddly bear, a speedy race car, or a superhero in action, these everyday objects became the stars of some seriously impressive sketches!



COMMUNITY GARDEN

On Tuesday afternoon Year 1 ventured to the Community Garden. The children enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of outdoor learning, celebrating the beauty of God's creation in the season of autumn. They began by making conker streamers, using natural materials to create something fun and joyful. This was followed by a nature treasure hunt, where the children explored the world around them, collecting signs of autumn and marvelling at the colours, textures, and wonders that God has given us.

These activities linked beautifully to their RE learning about the Story of Creation, helping the children to appreciate how we are all part of God's world and are called to care for it. The afternoon ended peacefully as the children gathered to listen to a lovely story all about the autumn season — a perfect way to reflect on God's goodness and the changing world around us.



GARDEN CLUB

Gardening club didn't skip a beat this week. Autumnal winds had us harvesting our sweetcorn and preparing the kitchen bed for onions to grow all winter. Roy taught us that each onion bulb has a root end and a stem end. The root end must be furthest down with the stem just poking up out of the soil. Then we planted out two hanging baskets with lavender and violas to decorate our beautiful school.





NEXT WEEK



On **Tuesday 30th September** Year 3 will be visiting the Community Gardens in the afternoon. Please can they remember to bring in suitable clothing and footwear for this session.

**TURN UP
TUESDAY**

On **Tuesday 30th September** Mrs Gurney, our SENDCo is welcoming families to come in and meet at 2:30pm for a drop in session, if you would like to speak with her.

**Coming
soon**

CHELTHENHAM

**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!

On **Monday 6th October** our school photographer will be visiting to take the children's photos. If you have a sibling that attends another setting they are welcome to come in for a sibling photo from 8:30am to the sports hall. Please let the school office know, thank you.



Autumn Term

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| Tuesday 30th September | Year 3 @ Community Gardens pm |
| Tuesday 30 th September | Turn up Tuesday with Mrs Gurney (SENDCo) @ 2:30pm All parents welcome |
| Monday 6th October | School Photos |
| Monday 13 th October | Harvest Festival @ 9:15am |
| Tuesday 14 th October | Year 5 @ Community Gardens pm |
| Friday 17th 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 3rd 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 |



A big Happy Birthday to all the children who celebrated their birthdays in September! We hope your special day was filled with joy, laughter, and plenty of cake!



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| WYE | 97.8% |
| AMAZON | 90.53% |
| DANUBE | 94% |
| TIBER | 95.43% |
| THAMES | 95.71% |
| AVON | 93.91% |
| SEINE | 97% |

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL




HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Club

MONDAY 27TH OCT TO FRIDAY 31ST OCT

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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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Next **Monday, 29th September**, we will begin collecting donations for our upcoming Harvest Assembly. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school community and support those in need.

We kindly ask families to bring in non-perishable food items to the school office. Many thanks!



Enjoy your weekend!

God
Bless

Mrs
Francis

