

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

14/11/25

Matthew 7:12



Dear Families,

This week, our school community gathered in faith and unity for a special Collective Worship to mark Remembrance Day. Together, we paused to honour all those who have given their lives in service of others, and to pray for peace in our world.

Our time of worship began with prayer and Scripture, reminding us of Jesus' words: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Pupils and staff reflected on this message of love and sacrifice, remembering the men and women who have shown such courage and selflessness in times of war.

At 11 o'clock, we shared in joining with people across remembrance. In that quiet souls of the departed, for all conflict, and for peace

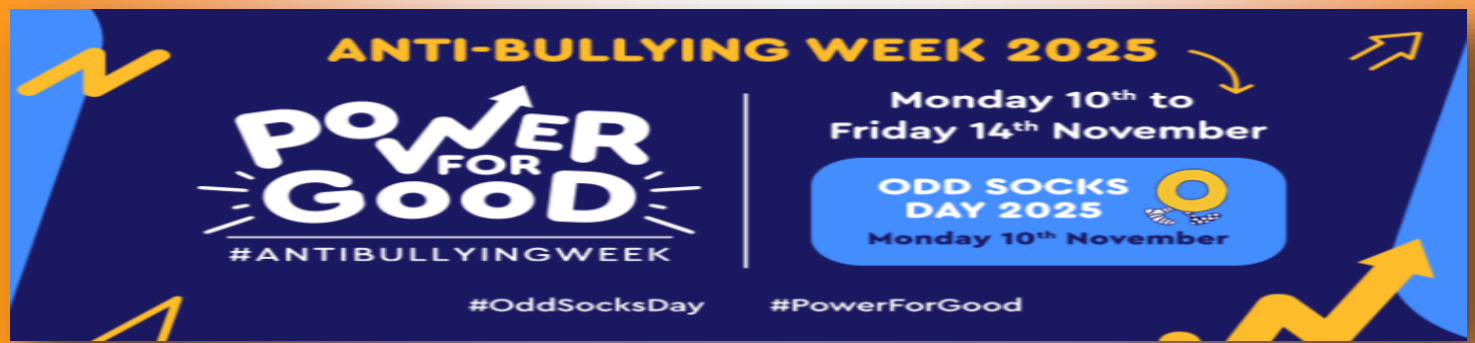


the two-minute silence, the nation in solemn remembrance, we prayed for the who still suffer because of among all nations.



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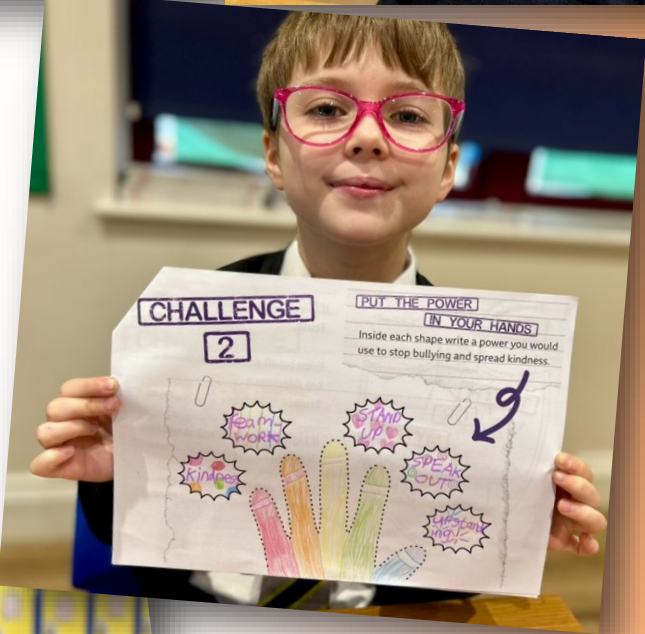
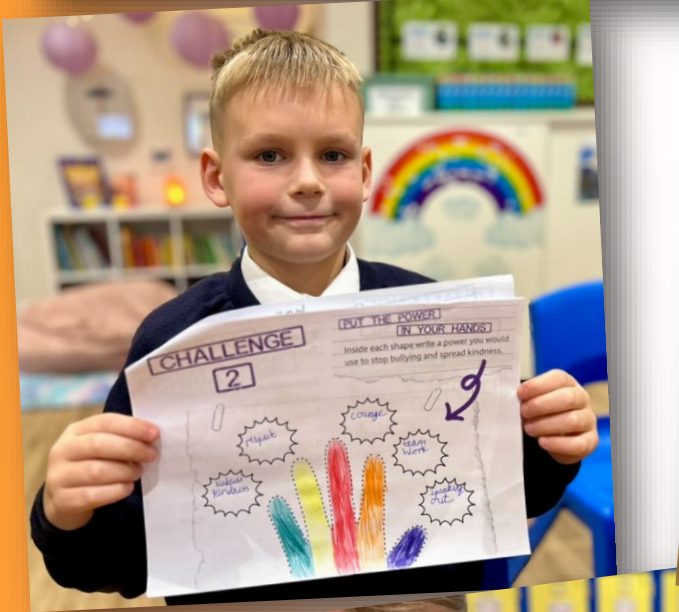


This week, we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week, a special time to remind everyone that kindness, respect, and inclusion make our school a happier and safer place for all.

Throughout the week, pupils and staff took part in a range of activities designed to promote empathy and understanding. From classroom discussions and creative poster-making, to special assemblies, “Odd Socks Day,” “Back to Front Day” and “Super hero Day”, everyone had the chance to show that being different is something to be proud of! Teachers led thought-provoking sessions about friendship, online kindness, and what to do if you or someone else is being bullied. Remember—together we can stand up, speak out, and stop bullying for good!

Let’s keep the spirit of Anti-Bullying Week alive all year round by continuing to show respect, celebrate differences, and be kind—every single day.





We
Do Not
Accept Bullying
Here



"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

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Back to Front Day – Turning Things Around for Kindness!

This week, our school has been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week with the fun theme of “Back to Front Day!”

Pupils and teachers came to school wearing their clothes back to front — jumpers, hats, even shoes (just for a photo!) — to remind us all to turn negative behaviour into something positive.

The day was full of laughter, bright colours, and brilliant conversations about what it really means to show kindness and stand up for one another.

By flipping our clothes around, we learned that sometimes it just takes a small change — a smile, a kind word, or an invitation to join in — to turn someone’s day right around too.

Together, we’re proving that our school is a place where everyone belongs, everyone is valued, and kindness always comes first.

A big thank you to everyone who joined in, dressed up, and helped us make this Anti-Bullying Week one to remember — from the front and the back!







What an inspiring week it has been! As we wrapped up Anti-Bullying Week, our school community came together for Superhero Day, celebrating the power we all have to choose kindness, stand up for others, and make our

school a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

Everyone arrived dressed as their favourite superheroes—or as everyday heroes—to remind us that you don't need a cape to make a difference. Throughout the day, we are participating in activities focused on empathy, friendship, and positive action.

Real heroes lift each other up. Real heroes speak out. Real heroes choose kindness.

Thank you to all the children, families, and staff who helped make this week meaningful.

Let's continue being superheroes for one another all year long!









POPPIES

This week, Reception marked Remembrance Day with a thoughtful craft activity. The children created beautiful hand-print poppies, working together to form a wreath as a symbol of peace and gratitude. During our Remembrance assembly, the wreath was laid on the prayer table as we took a quiet moment to reflect and remember.



Welcome to our Nursery

The Acorns and Oakleaves participated beautifully during our remembrance assembly. We said prayers for those who keep us safe, observed a short silence, and placed our poppies on the prayer table. The children then watched a short animation to help them understand the meaning of remembrance.

Our Seedlings also joined in the commemorations by creating their own poppy handprints, dipping their hands into red paint and adding the finishing touches with a paintbrush.



**...COMING
NEXT WEEK!**

Parent Workshops

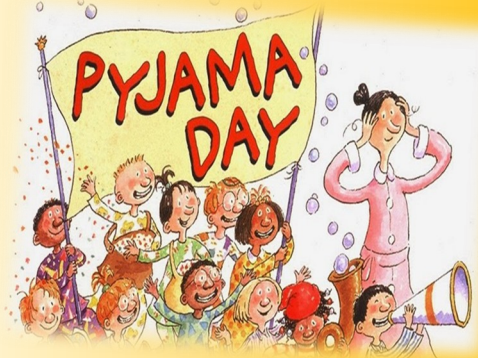
Our years 5 and 6 parent workshops will be taking place on the following dates:

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar—

Monday 17th November @ 3:30pm in the year 5 classroom

Maths Calculations—Tuesday 25th November @ 3:30pm in the year 6 classroom.

Can parents wishing to attend please contact the school office and so we can account for numbers attending. Year 5 and 6 children are also welcome to attend.



On **Friday 21st November** we will be celebrating Children in Need Day. The children are welcome to come to school in their pyjamas and donate £1.00 towards this charity.

We will also be holding a movie night straight after school until 5:45pm, with pizza and popcorn! We will be showing three different movies, in three separate classrooms. The choice of movies will be:

- 1) Bad Guys 2
- 2) Minecraft Movie
- 3) Henry Danger the Movie

If your child would like to attend this event please email the office and so we can add them to the register and a payment of £5.00 will be added to Parent Pay. Many thanks.

**COMING
SOON!**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER @
1:30PM—4:00PM

Save
the
date

Victorian Christmas



Victorian Christmas Celebration –

Thursday 11th December

Step back in time with us as we celebrate a Victorian Christmas at school! On this special day, all pupils are warmly invited to come dressed in Victorian-style attire to help bring the festive spirit of the era to life.

We're thrilled to welcome a visiting drama company who will be leading immersive workshops for our Key Stage Two children. Through these interactive sessions, pupils will experience what life was like for a Victorian child—learning through role play, storytelling, and hands-on activities.

ART CLUB

Our young artists have been busy adding the next layers to their papier-mâché fruits and vegetables, making them lovely and smooth and ready for painting! Then came the messy fun — everyone got their own balloon to papier-mâché, creating even more fabulous fruits and veggies to add to our growing collection! We can't wait to see our colourful harvest hanging proudly in our central area soon — it's going to look absolutely amazing!



RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2



We are very excited to be able to invite you to our performances of 'The Nativity' on Tuesday 9th December We will be providing two performances at 10:00am and 5:30pm. To allow us to reach a wider audience please only attend one performance. The morning performance would be an ideal one for grandparents and parents with very young children to attend.

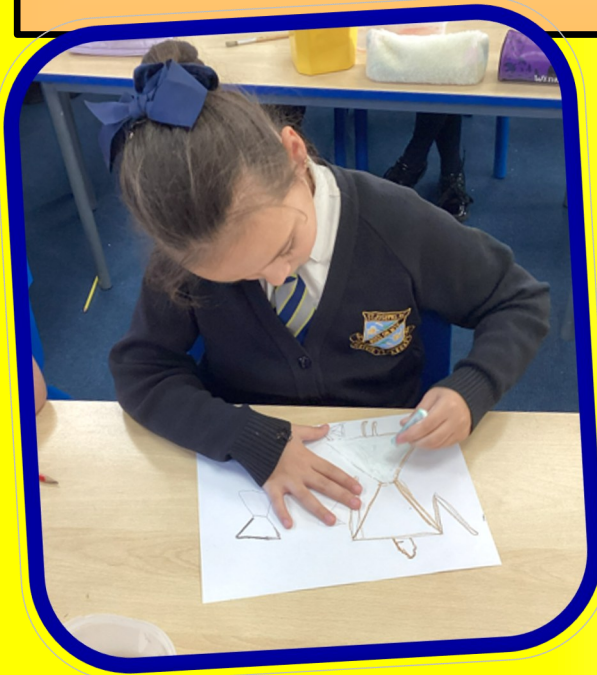
On the day of the performances, we will keep the children together here at school so we would ask that you do not collect your children at the end of the school day. We will be putting on a festive film and providing pizza for the children. If your child would prefer something else, then please would it be possible to provide a substantial snack (sandwich or similar) and a drink. The children will then change ready for a further performance at 5:30pm.

Children will need to be collected from their classroom door as normal after the 5:30pm performance.

We look forward to welcoming families to this exciting event.

The theme for Art with Sarah this week was 'Paint like an Egyptian'. The children explored the vibrant world of Ancient Egyptian art. They experimented with traditional Egyptian paint colours and even crafted their own paintbrushes! Using twigs and sticks for handles and broom bristles taped to the ends, they created unique brushes to use in their artwork.

Next week, the children will put their handmade brushes to the test as they paint on papyrus, bringing their Egyptian-inspired designs to life.





A big congratulations to our lucky ticket winner, Ben! We're thrilled you got to enjoy the Hereford match on Saturday — hope it was a fantastic day out with your family! 🏈 🏈 🏈 🥳 🥳



Readathon

A big thank you to everyone who joined in our Readathon adventure! You have dived into books, turned pages like pros, and helped us raise an incredible £182!

Well done, super readers — you've shown that reading really does make a difference!



Autumn Term

Friday 21st November	Children in Need
Friday 21st November	Pyjama Day and Movie Night
Friday 28th November	Non uniform Day—bottle donations for the Christmas Fayre - tombola
Thursday 4th December	End of term Mass
Friday 5th December	Christmas Fayre @ 1:30pm
Tuesday 9th December	Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity @ 5:30pm
Wednesday 10th December	Nursery Nativity @ 2:00pm
Thursday 11th December	Reception Class Christmas outing!
Thursday 11th December	Whole School Victorian Christmas Day and KS2 workshops
Thursday 11th December	Parent Voice @ 2:00pm
Friday 12th December	Christmas Dinner Day and afternoon celebrations!
Tuesday 16th December	KS1 Christmas Theatre Trip
Thursday 18th December	KS2 Christmas Production 5:30pm
Friday 19th December	Nursery Christmas Party
Friday 19th December	End of Autumn Term Christmas Holidays begin!

SPRING TERM

Monday 5 th January	Children return to school
Wednesday 7 th January	Year 3 swimming
Friday 9 th January	Young Voices
Thursday 15 th January	Beginning of Term Mass
Tuesday 20 th January	St Joseph's Got Talent
Wednesday 21 st January	Year 3 Assembly
Wednesday 28 th January	Year 4 Assembly
Wednesday 4 th February	Year 2 Assembly
Wednesday 11 th February	Year 1 Assembly
Friday 13 th February	Valentines Disco
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	Half Term
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11 th March	Reception Assembly
Tuesday 17 th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 18 th March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 5 Assembly
Thursday 19 th March	St Joseph's Feast Day
Friday 20 th March	Big Lent Walk
Monday 23 rd March	Whole school Art Week
Thursday 26 th March	End of Term Mass
Friday 27 th March	FSJ Bounceathon End of Spring Term



CHRISTMAS *Holiday Club*

22nd, 23rd, 29th,
30th & 31st DECEMBER



GREAT Attendance

WYE	99.1%
AMAZON	93.3%
DANUBE	97.8%
TIBER	97.4%
THAMES	94.4%
AVON	97.2%
SEINE	96.9%

If you would like to book a place for our Christmas Holiday Club, please email the school office, as places are filling up fast. Many thanks.



Attendance & Punctuality

Please be reminded that children arriving after 9:15am will be marked as unauthorised late. Regular punctuality is essential to ensure minimal disruption to learning and to help your child start the day calmly and prepared. Thank you for your continued support.

Spread the Joy this Christmas!

Take part in our

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

All proceeds go to

St. Joseph's School Ross On Wye



£1 per strip | Draw: 15th December 2025

With love and festive cheer
from Co-op Ross On Wye

FRIDAY BLESSINGS

Thank you Lord for
watching and
protecting us during
the week.

Please continue to watch
over us and our
families and keep
us safe over
the weekend.
Amen.



Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

Happy
Weekend