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*Matthew 7:12*

**Dear Families,**

This week we were delighted to hold both our Nursery Nativity and our Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity. All of the children were truly amazing and sang their hearts out throughout! A huge thank you goes to our wonderful staff, who worked so hard to co-ordinate these performances, and to our parents for their continuous support — it is greatly appreciated.

Last Friday we also held our Christmas Fayre, which was a tremendous success. Our dedicated FSJ members did an incredible job organising the event, and we are especially grateful to Mrs Wooding and her family for all the effort they put into making it so special. Thanks to everyone's support, we managed to raise an outstanding £2,000!

These funds will be used to subsidise transport costs, trips, and learning resources for the children, along with many other items that we would not otherwise be able to purchase within the school budget.

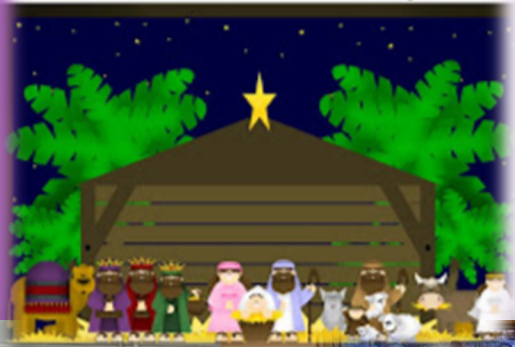
Thank you once again for your generosity and support — together we continue to make wonderful opportunities possible for our children.

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# The Nativity Story

*On Tuesday, our children performed their Nativity Story both in the morning and the evening. Each and every one of them did a truly spectacular job, retelling this special story with such beauty and joy. We are so proud of them all — well done, children!*



**HAPPY**  
Memories







Last weekend, Max, Olivia, Stephan, and Stephan's dad took part in a litter picking activity around Ross. They did a fantastic job, helping to make a real positive difference in our community. Their efforts will contribute towards our Social Impact Award — well done to everyone involved!



We are receiving lots of positive reports from parents of how hard the children are working at home towards their achieving their badges. Mia in year 6 is showing real dedication to her studies and is showing a more positive and mature attitude—Great job Mia!

Leo has shown wonderful kindness and generosity in the lead-up to Christmas. Completely by his own choice, he sorted through his toys to donate some to charity, hoping other children could enjoy them, and he carefully created a shoe-box gift for a child less fortunate. His thoughtfulness, empathy and genuine desire to make others happy have been inspiring. We're incredibly proud of the joy he hopes to share with others this Christmas. Well done Leo !



**Last Friday, all of our classes posted their letters to Santa. The children were filled with excitement as they walked together with their friends to send off their special messages. It was a magical moment for them, and now we eagerly await those replies from the North Pole...**



# Welcome to our Nursery

*A message from Mrs Lerego...*

**The Seedlings have enjoyed making their Christmas cards and exploring the Ice hiding in the shaving foam.**

**The acorns and oakleaves have been matching the numicon to the different shaped elves and doing some really good counting!**

**The children performed a beautiful nativity this week - we are so proud of them all and they are all our stars of the week this week!**





# CLEARWELL CAVES

Our Reception children had the most wonderful Christmas adventure at Clearwell Caves! The day was filled with magic and festive spirit from start to finish. The children were full of excitement as they journeyed through the beautifully decorated caves, listened to a selection of Christmas stories, and of course enjoyed a very special visit to Santa, who even gave them a present!

After our underground adventure, we headed to Beechenhurst for a picnic and a fun play in the park. The children had an amazing time and their smiles said it all.





# Victorian Days

On Thursday, we travelled back in time with a special Victorian Day as part of our Christmas celebrations. The children delighted in retelling the classic story of A Christmas Carol and explored the differences between childhood in Victorian times and life today. It was a truly memorable day, enjoyed by everyone!





A CHRISTMAS CAROL







# NEXT WEEK



National Theatre's production of Peter Pan

*On Monday 15th December, we will be screening the National Theatre's production of Peter Pan in the year 5 classroom for a very special live theatre movie night!*

*Drinks and snacks will be provided and the children are very welcome to bring along a cushion or a cosy blanket if they would like.*



YEAR 1 AND 2 CHRISTMAS OUTING!

**Tuesday 16th December** - our Year 1 and 2 children will be visiting the Sherman Theatre in Cardiff to watch 'The Frog Prince' as part of our school's Christmas celebrations. This promises to be a magical experience for the children and a wonderful way to get into the festive spirit with their friends.

**The show begins at 1:30pm so we will return to school at approximately 4:00pm.**



## KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION!

**Thursday 18th December** - Our KS2 Christmas production will take place at 5.30pm on Thursday 18th December, in our school sports hall.

On this day, all KS2 children will stay at school at the end of the day to prepare for the performance, and families will be invited to arrive at 5.15pm to take their seats in the hall and watch the show. Please could all the children bring an extra snack to eat after school on this day as they may be waiting longer than usual for their dinner! The performance is likely to last around 45 minutes and so children will be ready to leave at around 6.20pm.

## END OF TERM MASS

**Thursday 18th December** - We will be celebrating our End of Term Mass with Father Nick and our parish community here in school on Thursday 18th December at 10am. All families are warmly welcome to join us for this special time of worship as we come together to reflect on our Advent journey and prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas.

## NURSERY CHRISTMAS PARTY!

**Friday 19th December** - Our Nursery children will be having their Christmas party at 11am on this day. All Nursery families are warmly welcome to join us for this special occasion.

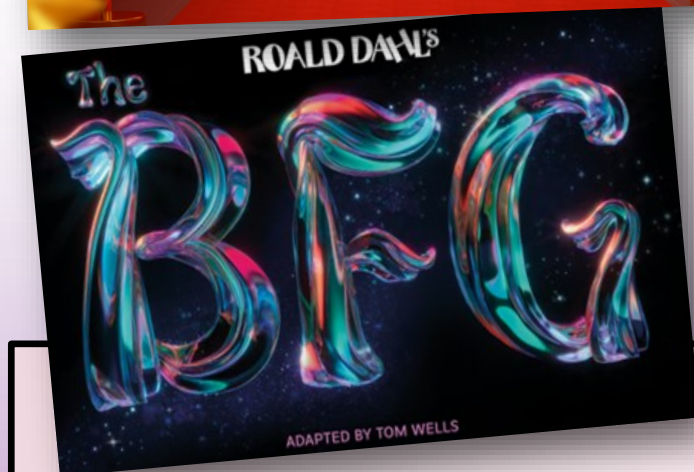
# Coming soon

## Return to School

## Get Ready



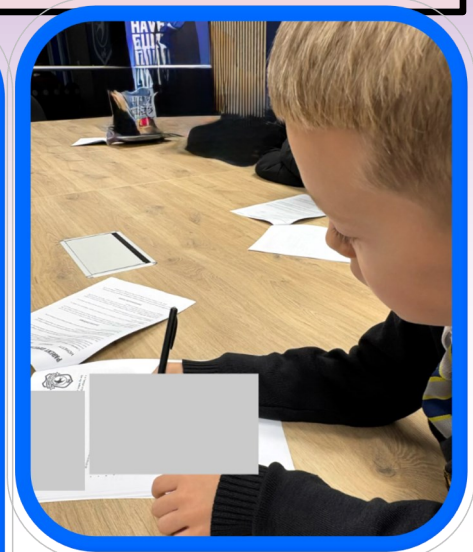
We will be hosting our annual event of 'St Joseph's Got Talent' on **Tuesday 20th January 2026**. Class auditions will take place the week before, starting from Monday 12th January. Everyone is welcome to take part. Make sure you get practising and so you're ready to perform when we return for the Spring Term!



Our KS2 BFG Theatre trip is fast approaching— **27th January**, and it will be something exciting for the children to look forward to when we return in the new year. Parental Consent and payment have now been set up on ParentPay. Watching live theatre is a wonderful experience that can spark children's imaginations, inspire them as writers, and nurtures their creativity. Seeing actors bring a story to life on stage also encourages children to get involved in our own school productions, helping to build their confidence and self-esteem in a truly meaningful way.

PROUD  
OF  
YOU!

We are thrilled to share the exciting news, that Theo has been signed for Cardiff City Academy — an incredible achievement that reflects his talent, dedication, and hard work. We are so proud of you, Theo, and can't wait to hear all about this exciting journey as it unfolds in the new year!



Celebrate  
SUCCESS

This week, Mia achieved the highest level in her gymnastics assessment — an incredible accomplishment that reflects her hard work, dedication, and talent. She was rightly so proud of her achievement, and we are equally proud of her. Well done, Mia!

Dates for  
the Diary:

# MATH Workshop 4 PARENTS

**A message from Mrs Murray....**

**During the Spring term, we will be running parent workshops for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. During this time, we will share with you some of the number work your child will be learning in school, and share games and activities for use at home. We would love everyone to attend the workshop, during which, your child will come and work with you. *The workshop will run from 9:00 until 10:30 am. We look forward to welcoming you to these.***

***Tuesday 13th January - Year 2***

***Tuesday 27th January - Year 1***

***Tuesday 3rd February - Reception***



**We welcome all our parents to come along to our information session on Healthy Eating in Nursery and School, following new guidance from the Department for Education. We are delighted to welcome Victoria Major, Children's Health Improvement Coordinator (Early Years – Herefordshire Council), who will be leading this informative session. Victoria will share practical ideas for healthy alternatives and will be available to answer any questions you may have.**

**We would greatly appreciate it if as many parents and carers as possible could attend,**

**Date: Monday 12th January**

**Time: 3:30pm**

**Location: Reception classroom**

**We look forward to welcoming you.**

# COMING SOON

# Spring Term

DAY	CLUB	AGE GROUP	START TIME & DATE
Monday	KS1 Football Club	Years R, 1 & 2	3.30-4.30pm –5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026— 9th February
Monday	KS2 Football Club	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.30-4.30pm –5th January 2026— 9th February
Monday	Homework Club with Mrs Murray	All year groups (KS1 and KS2)	3.30-4.15pm – 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026– 9th February
Monday	Show stoppers!	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3;30 pm – 4.30pm – 5 <sup>th</sup> January—9th February
Tuesday	Cooking Club	All year groups (KS1 and KS2)	3.30pm – 4.030pm 6th January 2026– 10th February
Tuesday	Drama Club – Peter Pan	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.30pm – 5.00pm 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026– 10th February
Wednesday	Dance Fit kids	All year groups (KS1 and 5 KS2)	3.30pm – 4.30pm 7th January 2026– 11th February
Wednesday LUNCH	Gardening Club	All year groups (Maximum number 5 KS1 and 5 KS2)	12.00pm – 1.00pm – KS1 12.30pm – 1.00pm - KS2
Thursday	KS1 – Multisport Club	Years R, 1 & 2	3.30pm—4.15pm 8th January 2026– 12th February
Thursday	KS2 – Journalism Club	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.30pm—4.30pm 8th January 2026– 12th February
Thursday	Art Club	All year groups (KS1 and 5 KS2)	3.30pm – 4.30pm 8th January 2026– 12th February
Friday	KS2 Basketball	Years 3,4,5 & 6	3.30pm—4.30pm—9th January—6th February (no club on 13th February—Valentines Disco)
Friday	Cooking Club with Mr. Smith	All year groups (KS1 and KS2)	3.30pm—4.30pm 9th January—6th February

# Autumn Term

Monday 15th December	National Theatre's production of Peter Pan 3.30pm in Miss Steiner's classroom
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Theatre Trip
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term Mass
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Production 5:30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term Christmas Holidays begin!

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS 15TH JANUARY 2026**



## 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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# SPRING TERM

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Friday 9th January</b>	<b>Young Voices</b>
<b>Monday 12th January</b>	<b>Healthy Eating session with Herefordshire council representative @ 3:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Beginning of Term Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>St Joseph's Got Talent</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 3 Assembly</b>
<b>Tuesday 27th January</b>	<b>Key Stage 2 Theatre trip to see the BFG</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Year 4 Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 2 Assembly</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 1 Assembly</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Valentines Disco</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Reception Assembly</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Parents Evening</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>St Patrick's Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 5 Assembly</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>St Joseph's Feast Day</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Big Lent Walk</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Whole school Art Week</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>End of Term Mass</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>FSJ Bounceathon End of Spring Term</b>



# FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

On Wednesday evening, children, parents, and staff enjoyed a memorable trip to the Alexandra Theatre to see the touring production of Fiddler on the Roof. It was a truly sensational

performance, and all of the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The production was both inspiring and uplifting, leaving us even more excited to perform the junior version as our summer show!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the evening so special.



WYE	95.42%
AMAZON	93%
DANUBE	99.33%
TIBER	95%
THAMES	99.29%
AVON	98.33%
SEINE	97.9%





This week in Art Club, the children added the finishing touches to their papier-mâché fruit and vegetables. They painted each piece with wonderfully bright, vibrant colours that will bring a cheerful splash of creativity to our central area. Sarah will be taking all the artwork back to the Art Studio, where she'll carefully attach them to fishing wire so they can be proudly displayed for everyone to enjoy. We

can't wait to see them hanging up!



Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis



A daily prayer to St Joseph:  
St Joseph, please pray for my family, that we keep growing in the same love, warmth and understanding which you brought to your family. Amen.