

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



23/1/26

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

Matthew 7:12

Dear Families,

This week has been full of excitement, with our Talent Show on Tuesday, the Year 3 assembly on Wednesday, and a wonderful whole-school Mass on Thursday celebrated with Father Nick and the parishioners of St Frances of Rome.

Next week promises to be just as lively. Key Stage 2 will be heading to the theatre on Tuesday to watch the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of The BFG. On Wednesday we'll be holding a non-uniform day in support of the Mayor of Ross Charity, and we'll also enjoy Year 4's assembly.

There is always so much to look forward to here in school, and we are truly grateful for the continued support of our families. Together, we help make our children's primary school journey so memorable.

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★ TALENT

On Tuesday we enjoyed a fantastic day filled with entertainment from our amazing and talented children at our annual St Joseph's Got Talent event. It was wonderful to see them sharing their gifts, supporting one another, and feeling proud of their performances. Every single act shone brightly — true superstars in every sense. We're already excited to do it all again next year!

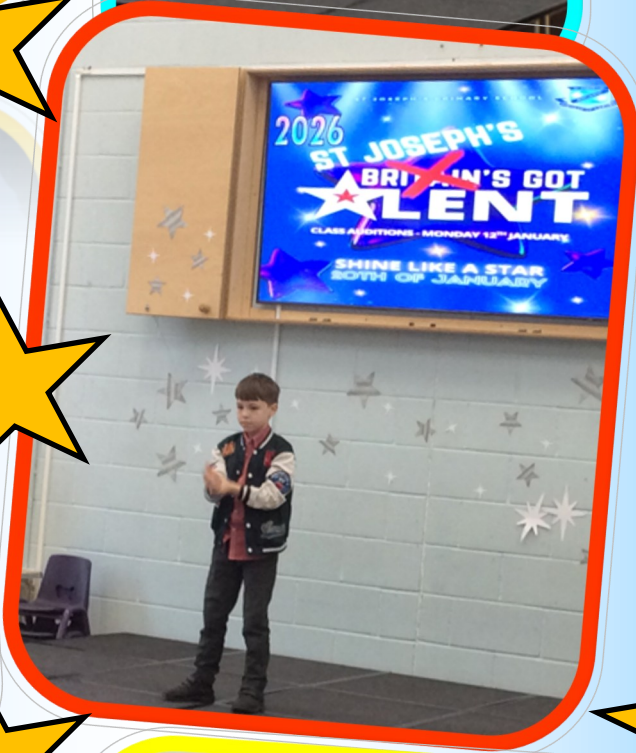


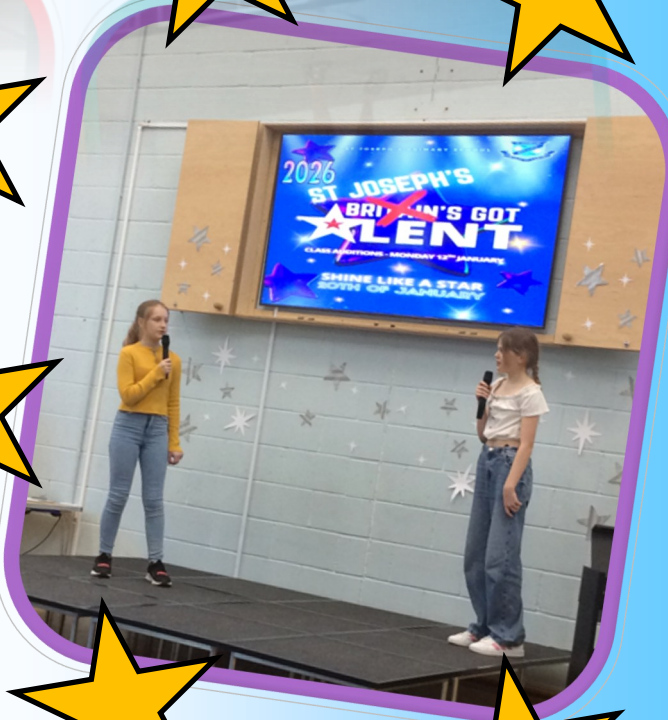
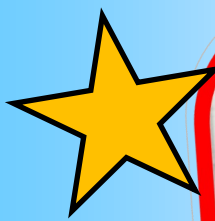
Meet the FINALISTS



And The Winner is











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Welcome to our Nursery



A message from Mrs Lerego....

The Oakleaves and Acorns have been using their fine motor skills to pick up the coloured bears with the tweezers under the web of tape. They have been making 'Gruffalo crumble' - mixing the ingredients and creating a masterpiece!

**The Seedlings have been getting very messy doing Ice painting!
Star of the week - Darla for her beautiful singing in her videos from home!**







Reception and The Oakleaves joined the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch this week during Forest School. The children began by making their own binoculars before heading out to search for birds in the woodland. Using the Merlin app, they carefully listened and identified the different birds they could hear tweeting. We were lucky to spot robins, blue tits, black-birds and lots of pigeons!



The children were wonderfully quiet and fully engaged as they listened out for the birds. Before leaving, we scattered some wormy treats around Forest School to help support our feathered friends. Our findings were then submitted to the RSPB, helping scientists learn more about the birds visiting gardens and green spaces across the UK and supporting important conservation work.







Cooking club made some delicious egg muffins! They were incredibly easy to prepare and make a fantastic, healthy alternative to sandwiches in the lunchbox.

The children carefully chopped peppers, spring onions, and ham before stirring them into a bowl of whisked eggs. They then spooned the colourful mixture into cupcake cases, ready to bake into light, tasty, and nutritious muffins.

Whilst waiting for these to cook the children prepared a wonderful fruit salad with all of their favourite fruits! Well done everyone!





Our Dance-Fit members had another great session this week with Mrs Burford!

If you're looking for a fun way to stay active, express yourself, and be part of a positive group, Dance-Fit is the place to be!



TIME FOR FUN



NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY

The ROALD DAHL'S
BFG

ADAPTED BY TOM WELLS

Next Tuesday 27th January, our KS2 children we will be venturing to Stratford for the Royal Shakespeare Company's production of The BFG! We will be leaving school at 10.45am and returning to school by around 6.15pm.

The children will need to have a packed lunch with them on this day and will also need a coat and a filled water bottle. They should bring a snack to eat after the performance as they will not be getting back until 6.15pm. Children should wear their full school uniform.

Please complete the payment contribution for this trip via ParentPay if you have not yet done so.

These contributions are essential to ensure that these experiences remain feasible and can go ahead as planned.

We kindly ask that payments are made as soon as possible to help us confirm bookings and arrangements. Thank you as always for working in partnership with us.



TUESDAY

MATH
Workshop
4 PARENTS

A message from Mrs Murray....

Parent workshops for **Year 1** will take place on **Tuesday 27th January** at 9:00am in the school sports hall. 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 27th January - Year 1



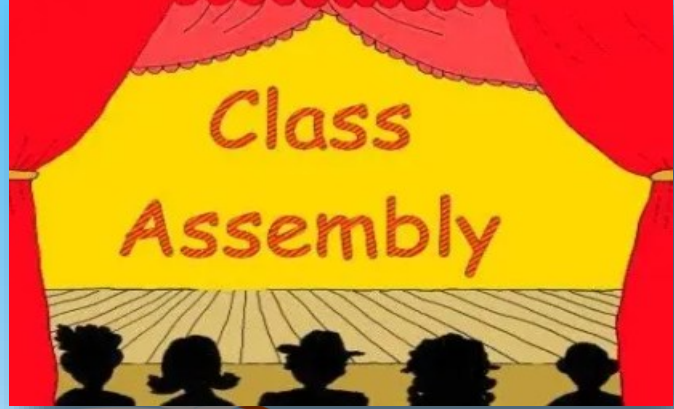
£1.00 donation towards The Mayor's Charity—Age UK Wyvern

The Mayor of Ross-on-Wye
in partnership with
St Joseph's Catholic Primary school
and
Ashfield Park Primary school
invite you to join us for a
Community NON-UNIFORM day
Wednesday 28th January 2026

All donations will go to the Mayor's charity
(Age UK Wyvern)



Everything's better
When we're working together



Next Wednesday 28th January our Year 4 children will be performing their class assembly at 2:30pm in the school sports hall. We look forward to welcoming our year 4 parents to this event.

Coming soon

MATHS WORKSHOP

4 PARENTS

Dates for the Diary:

A message from Mrs Murray....

Parent workshops for Reception. 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.

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Valentines DISCO

Our Valentine's Disco will take place on **Thursday 12th February** in the school sports hall.

Times:

- Reception & Key Stage 1: 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- Key Stage 2: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Children may bring a change of clothes in a bag to change into after school. A snack box and drink will be provided for all children attending.

If you would like your child to take part, please email the school office to confirm their place. The cost will be £5.00, payable via ParentPay.



*Monday 23rd — Friday 27th
February 2026!*

When we return after half term, we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week. Although this is a week later than the national dates, we feel it's a wonderful way to begin the new term with positivity and reflection.

This special week shines a spotlight on the importance of supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. It encourages open conversations about feelings, emotions, and the ways we can care for ourselves and one another.

Throughout the week, children will take part in a variety of fun, thoughtful, and age appropriate activities designed to help them explore their emotions, build resilience, and develop healthy strategies for wellbeing.

These activities will be woven into everyday lessons and school life, giving pupils opportunities to talk, reflect, be creative, and support each other.

We believe that nurturing good mental health is just as vital as supporting physical health, and Children's Mental Health Week offers a meaningful chance to reinforce this message in a positive and supportive environment. We look forward to sharing this week with the children and helping them develop skills that will benefit their wellbeing now and in the future.

Thank you for your continued support.



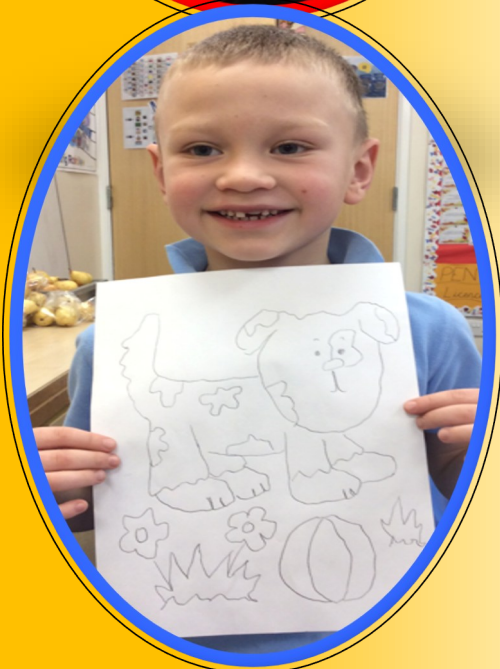
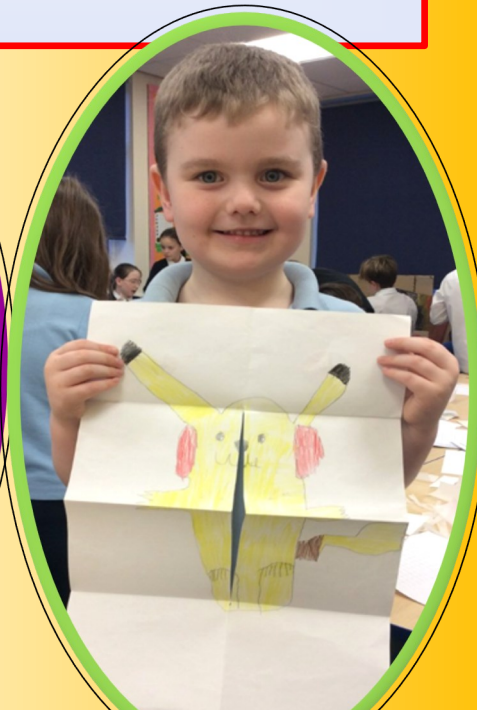
SPRING TERM

Tuesday 27th January	Key Stage 2 Theatre trip to see the BFG
Wednesday 28th January	Year 4 Assembly
Wednesday 28th January	Mayor's community non-uniform day
Wednesday 4th February	Year 2 Assembly
Wednesday 11th February	Year 1 Assembly
Friday 13th February	Valentines Disco
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February	Half Term
Monday 23rd—Friday 27th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 5th March	Parent meeting @ 3:30pm- Year 4 Residential
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 11th March	Reception Assembly
Tuesday 17th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 18th March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 17th March	St Patrick's Day
Wednesday 18th March	Year 5 Assembly
Thursday 19th March	St Joseph's Feast Day— whole school Mass
Friday 20th March	Big Lent Walk
Monday 23rd March	Whole school Art Week
Thursday 26th March	Year 3 Easter Performance @ 2:00pm
Friday 27th March	FSJ Bounceathon End of Spring Term

ART CLUB

Art Club was full of creativity and excitement this week as the children had an amazing time creating their very own stickers and sticker books. Using greaseproof paper and tape, they designed, made and stuck their own stickers into their handmade sticker books.

There was so much imagination, concentration and exploration on display, with children proudly experimenting with ideas and designs throughout the session.



JOURNALISM CLUB



This week's journalism club focused on an important school topic, 'healthy eating', and in particular 'healthy lunchtimes'.

Olcan (Y6) reports that, 'this initiative has been attempted in the past, and we're having more success than ever before! People are now starting to think carefully about interesting healthy options, for example, fruits such as dragon-fruit and passion-fruit.'



Bella (Y3) added, 'some people are choosing fruit, like cherries and strawberries. Or you could have healthy rice cakes, fruit/vegetable sticks, cheese, yoghurt, whole meal crackers with toppings, hard boiled eggs or fruit skewers and raisins.'



When interviewing the kitchen staff, Olivia (Y3) found out that one of the most popular hot lunches is the meatballs option. Part of the recipe is a range of vegetables, such as courgettes, onions and tomatoes.



Obviously, this makes it a very healthy meal option the children can choose.

We look forward to reporting more on healthy eating at St Joseph's RC Primary School!

St Mary's RC High School
presents

Imaginary

A New Musical
by Timothy Knapman & Stuart Matthew Price

Commissioned and produced by National Youth Music Theatre and first performed 9 August
2017 at The Other Palace, London.

Friday 6th February 7pm

Saturday 7th February 2pm

Saturday 7th February 7pm

Tickets £10/6 on the door or
[@ticketsource.co.uk/stmarysrc](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmarysrc)



"IMAGINARY" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance
materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW), www.theatricalrights.co.uk

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



HALF TERM HOLIDAY

16TH TO 20TH FEBRUARY

Club

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Our half-term holiday club will be running from Monday 16th to Friday 20th February, and we have lots of exciting activities planned throughout the week.

Places are filling up quickly, so if you would like your child to attend, please email the school office to book a place.

We look forward to welcoming you!

CAN YOU HELP?



Help us to raise free funds as you shop online

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8,000+ online brands

The FSJ have signed up to a great website called Easyfundraising to help raise money for The Friends of St. Joseph's - simply by shopping online.

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use them to shop with over 8,000 retailers such as Morrisons, Sainsburys, Asda, Tesco, Argos, eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS and Booking.com and lots more.

You can also raise money when shopping in store by linking your credit/debit card to your account.

Retailers then make a small donation to say 'thank you' and Easyfundraising gives those free funds to the FSJ.

Please register using this link – just click sign up -

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=413876&invite=27VJ8X&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=web-referral

Plus, once you've raised your first donation, Easyfundraising will give The Friends of St. Joseph's a £1 bonus donation!

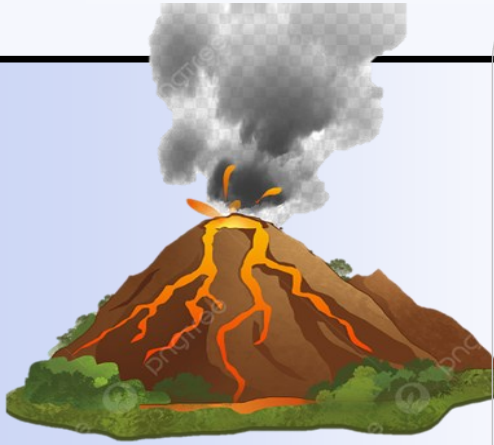
There's no catch or hidden charges and The Friends of St. Joseph's will be really grateful for your donations.

On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 3 children delighted families with a vibrant class assembly all about volcanoes, their Geography topic this term. The children confidently showcased their learning through an impressive blend of subjects — from expressive dance and hands-on science to creative art and even some clever maths.



Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and growing knowledge shone through every moment, making it a truly spectacular performance. We are incredibly proud of all the skills they've developed and the hard work they put into bringing this assembly to life.

Well done, Year 3!



WYE	88.3%
AMAZON	93.5%
DANUBE	93.67%
TIBER	91.76%
THAMES	95.36%
AVON	94.58%
SEINE	96.96%





**TICKETS
ON
SALE NOW!!!**

Tickets for 'Peter Pan Jr' are now available! We would love it if members from our school community are able to come along and watch this production, as the children are working incredibly hard and the show will be well worth seeing!

The performance is on Tuesday 10th February at 6pm, at The Savoy Theatre in Monmouth. Tickets are priced at £6 each and can be ordered by emailing the school office.

Due to the length and time of the performance, this production is not appropriate for pre-school or younger children. We kindly ask that this guidance is followed to ensure an enjoyable experience for both the performers and the audience.



Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis