

Dear Families,

As we wrap up another busy academic year, there's so much to celebrate and be thankful for. Over the past twelve months, we've created lasting memories and seen our children flourish across all areas of their learning.



We are incredibly grateful for your continued support—it plays a vital role in helping us provide the best possible experiences and outcomes for every child in our care.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our wonderful team at St Joseph's. Their unwavering dedication and commitment to going the extra mile truly make a difference.

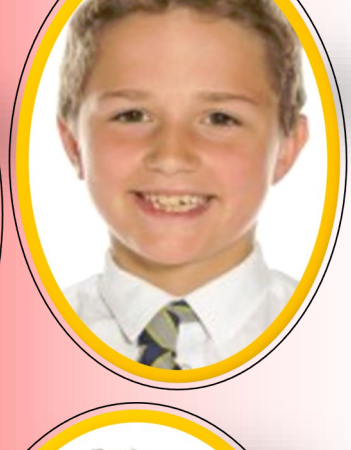
This term, we say farewell to Mr. Patel. We thank him for his hard work, passion, and contribution to our school community. He will be missed dearly!

We also say goodbye and good luck to our year 6 children. They have had a fantastic primary journey here with us and we will miss them all so much! They're now ready to start their secondary journey, where they will continue to grow and flourish in their learning! We're looking forward to welcoming our year 6 parents and grandparents this afternoon for their special assembly!

Wishing you all a joyful summer break and a well-earned rest.



# 2025 *class of* 25







ENJOY  
THE  
*Journey*



Spread your  
wings  
and fly



**Happy  
Graduation**



**On Tuesday our Nursery children celebrated their graduation in style, with our families coming along for this joyous occasion! We look forward to welcoming them all in to Reception with their new class mates in September!**

**PETER PAN  
JR.**

*A message from Miss Steiner...*

**Auditions will take place in the first week back in September so please don't forget to prepare your song and scene over the summer holiday!**

**Peter Pan is a GREAT show with lots of super roles available. I am very excited to get started on it next term! Drama club for this show will take place on Tuesdays from 3:30pm—5:00pm each week.**

# YEAR 6 BIKE ABILITY!

As part of their final week at school, our Year 6 children have successfully completed their Bike ability training. This important programme equips them with essential cycling skills including:

Safely navigating past stationary vehicles

Understanding road signals, signs, and markings

Negotiating a variety of road layouts, such as quiet junctions, crossroads, and roundabouts

Sharing the road responsibly with other vehicles

A huge well done to our brilliant Year 6 pupils—these are vital life skills that will help them stay safe and confident on the roads.



happy  
birthday  
Summer

Wishing all our July and August birthdays a very Happy day celebrating with family and friends!



# YEAR 4

## AT COMMUNITY GARDENS!

Year 4 enjoyed a lovely trip down to the Ross-on-Wye Community Gardens on Monday afternoon. They learnt all about the fascinating hedgehogs that roam around our gardens and local fields. The children created their very own clay hedgehogs, went on a Hedgehog treasure Hunt to learn interesting facts and also picked some ripe blackcurrants to enjoy. Thank you to Kris and the wonderful volunteers at the Community Gardens for an exciting and educational experience. We can't wait for next year!



# Annie Jr.



On Tuesday evening, the cast of Annie dazzled audiences at the Savoy Theatre in Monmouth with a truly spectacular performance! Every child on stage was absolutely outstanding, and we couldn't be prouder of their talent, confidence, and teamwork.

A heartfelt thank you to Miss Steiner for her incredible dedication and vision. Her tireless work brings these productions to life with such professionalism and sparkle—it's no wonder they always leave us amazed!

As a primary school, it's inspiring to witness such remarkable talent from our young performers. Bravo to everyone involved in this unforgettable evening!

Now we eagerly look ahead to Peter Pan in February—if it's anything like Annie, we're in for another show-stopping adventure!





# Ammie Jr.





# The Spirit of St Joseph's Award

This certificate is awarded to

For: .....



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Signed

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Dated

*'Treat others as you wish to be treated'*

It is with great pride that we recognise a student who truly embodies the heart and soul of our school. This individual consistently goes above and beyond—not for recognition, but because it is simply who they are. They live out the values and ethos of St Joseph's in everything they do—showing kindness, humility, and a deep sense of responsibility.

They are an active and enthusiastic member of our school community, taking part in a wide range of activities and always stepping forward to help where needed. In the classroom, they strive for excellence in every aspect of their learning, making phenomenal progress through hard work, curiosity, and determination.

What sets this student apart is their incredible empathy towards others. They notice when someone is struggling, offer support without being asked, and make everyone feel seen, heard, and valued. Their compassion is a quiet strength that uplifts those around them.

They ask thoughtful questions, share their learning with clarity and confidence, and are a shining example to their peers and even to visitors. Their warmth, care, and strong friendships make them a cherished part of our school family.

This award celebrates not just what they do, but who they are—a true reflection of the Spirit of St Joseph's.— Congratulations to *Leo Hunter*, for achieving this award. Congratulations also to the nominees—*Sakura Price, Norrie Price* and *Otto Clifton*.

# The Spirit of St Joseph's Award



loving  
hopeful  
attentive  
faith-filled  
generous  
eloquent  
intentional  
ruthful  
learned  
prophetic  
compassionate  
active  
curious  
wise  
grateful  
discerning



# THE COLOR RUN

**On Wednesday afternoon we held our annual Colour Run event, promoting health, happiness and community spirit! It is led by our fabulous FSJ members! This is always such a fantastic event and a great way to celebrate the end of the school year with joy and laughter!**







# Autumn Term

<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Children return to school</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Swimming lessons Year 5</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Whole school photo</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 4 @ Community Gardens pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Meet the teacher afternoon – curriculum information @ 3:45 pm</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Whole school – ‘New Year Nature walk’ @ 9:30am</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 1 @ Community Gardens pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Phonics workshop for Reception Parents @ 3:30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Beginning of term Mass @10am followed by Macmillan Coffee morning with the Parish</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Parent workshop for Nursery and Reception – Online learning journals @ 3:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 2 @ Community Gardens pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 3 @ Community Gardens pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Turn up Tuesday with Mrs Gurney (SENDCo) @ 2:30pm All parents welcome</b>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Harvest Festival @ 9:15am</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 5 @ Community Gardens pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Reception @ Community Gardens pm</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>FSJ Pumpkin Party</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Break up for half term</b>



We are delighted to have achieved the School Games Gold Award for the 4th consecutive year!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We will now work towards achieving the Platinum award in 2025/26!

Thank you to Mr Mason for leading us in this initiative!



SWIFTIES	98.38%
ABBA	99.66%
FANTASIA	95.0%
ZIMMER	98.89%
ALISHA	98.26%
MIRANDA	93.04%
SHEERIOS	97.1%

Our Year 5 children will be starting their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 3rd September**. Please can they be in school for 8:40am prompt, with their swimming kits. A parent consent form, with further information has been sent home.



**Our Gardening Club finished our season strong today! We first opened some poppies to harvest their seeds. Roy gently cut them open and we shook them onto dry paper on a tray. They will need to stay dry and go through 2-3 months of cold before they can be planted around our school. Roy taught us that you can put seeds in a refrigerator to mimic the winter months. We pulled out our sweet peas and enjoyed looking at their vast root system. We cannot wait to learn and grow more in our 2025-26 school year!**



**Have great summer break and thank you for a fabulous year!**

**We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 2nd September 2025!**

**God Bless**

**Mrs Francis**

Summer  
is here!

This is the day the  
LORD has made;  
let us rejoice  
and be glad in it.

PSALM 118:24

