

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

Matthew 7:12

22/5/25

Dear Family,

Although it's been a four week term, we have managed to fit lots in within this time! It's been a great first half of our summer term and we now look forward to a week's rest before the final weeks of this academic year.

On Monday we welcomed our School Improvement partner—Mrs Pearce, who came for a visit to focus on the quality of teaching and learning in Religious Education and Collective Worship across the school. It was a positive visit with lots of strengths to take away,

'All books seen on the RE learning walk were well presented, pupils had pride in their work and a wide range of pedagogy was evident reflecting the taught content'.

'Pupils were engaged with their learning. Behaviour for learning was strong'.

'Pupils around school were always extremely polite and well mannered'.

'All staff are very conscientious, wanting the very best for the pupils'.

'Warmth and positive rapport between staff and pupils'.

'Progress over time is strong'

We do also have areas for development and we will continue to focus on these during the term ahead.



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*May,
Month of
Mary*



On Wednesday afternoon we held our May Procession. This is always a wonderful occasion, where we come together in faith and reverence to honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus. As always the children read and sang beautifully throughout the service. It was a very special celebration.





May
Dedication
To Our
Blessed
Mother



Reception



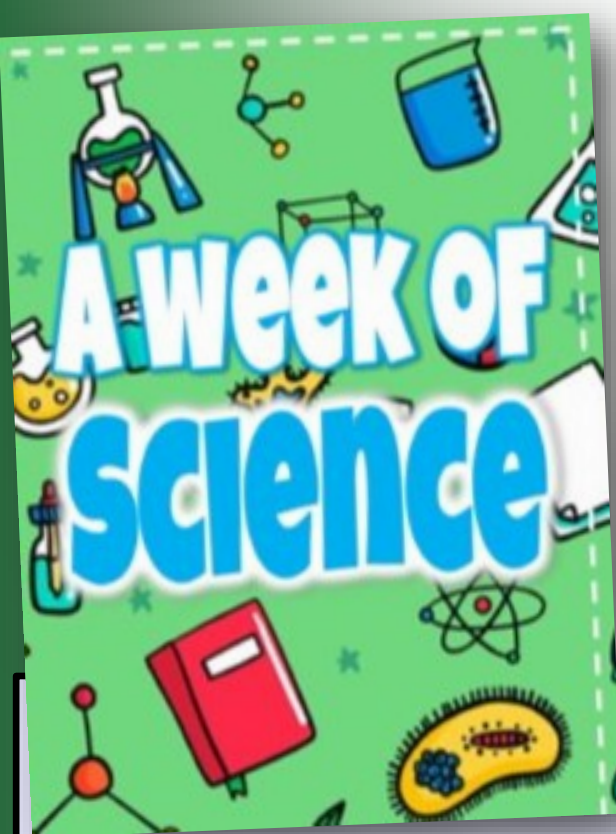
On Wednesday morning we welcomed our new Reception children into school for their first induction session. They all had a wonderful time meeting their new teacher and teaching assistants and exploring their new classroom and outdoor area! They especially enjoyed meeting their buddies and enjoying lunch together. We look forward to their next visit on Wednesday 11th



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A message from Mr Mason.....

Science Week 2025 at St Joseph's!

The children have been allocated into teams, within their classes and have chosen a scientific question they would like to answer. Each group will spend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to plan, design and test their projects in order to draw out conclusions they can share with you all.

Each KS2 class will hold an in-house class Science Fair, where one winner from each class will be selected to present to all of the parents and children at the **Science Fair after school on Wednesday 4th June**. The Science Fair will take place on the field and presentations will begin at 3:30pm. All of the groups projects across the classes will be displayed on the field in their own stalls, providing children with a chance to be proud of their work. The Science Fair will end at approximately 5pm, giving enough time for you to explore the children's projects and see what questions they may have solved! Wednesday 4th June 2025, we look forward to welcoming you.



As part of our Science Week Key Stage 2 will also be attending the **Science Cheltenham Festival on Friday 6th June**. A letter has been sent out this week.

This will be a fantastic ending to our Science themed week!



This year there have been changes made to the structure of Sports Day to make it as enjoyable and exciting for everyone. Parents are welcome to join us at **Ross Juniors Football Club at 10am**, where Mr. Mason will introduce the day and schedule to all of the staff and children. The children will be taking part in all of the field events during the morning with their houses, meaning parents who have more than one child at the school can watch them at the same time. When the field events are wrapped up we will plan to have a picnic lunch at 12:30pm, which will then lead us into our end of day races at 13:15pm. An exciting addition to the prizes this year will be the 'Spirit Cup'. Children will have the chance to display positive sporting values to achieve points for their house and hopefully help win their house the 'Spirit Cup'. This will be a fantastic event and we look forward to welcoming you on **Friday 20th June**.



We are looking forward to our **Year 5 and 6 residential to Cornwall on 30th June**.

We will be holding a parent meeting on **Monday 9th June at 3:45pm in the year 6 classroom**, to share our itinerary for the week and provide further details of what the children will need to bring and meeting times. We look forward to welcoming families to this meeting.



A message from Miss Sadler...

Reception have enjoyed an amazing day out to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm on Tuesday, to kickstart their topic 'All Around the World'. The children took part in a fantastic workshop and got to meet and hold some creatures such as a Madagascan Hissing Cockroach, a Tortoise and a Giant African Land Snail! We then loved exploring the zoo, seeing a range of different animals from all around the world! We also enjoyed a picnic together and even an ice lolly in the sunshine - what a wonderful day of learning and fun!





Cooking Club

This week at Cooking Club the children helped to make two delicious treats - chocolate chip cookies AND Eton mess! The children first started by making the cookie dough before rolling it into small balls to make the cookies. While they baked, the children chopped up fruit and whisked up some cream and crushed meringue. They then layered their 'mess' into cups before adding some sweet strawberry sauce.





Garden Club



Gardening Club was buzzing with more May Fayre activities today. All price tags have been placed carefully on all of our lovely plants for sale. We then went into Reception garden and met all of our new Reception children for next year! We shared some broad beans with them and we all smelt the onions and mint. I think we will have even more gardeners next year!



"PLANTS MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY!"



NURSERY IN ACTION THIS WEEK...

A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO...

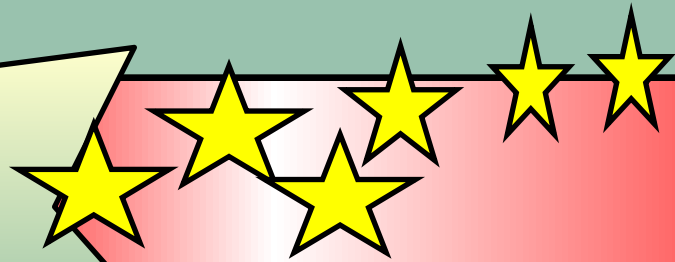
This week in nursery our focus has been minibeasts and habitats! The children really enjoyed exploring forest school using magnifying glasses and binoculars to search for minibeasts.

The children also enjoyed art with Miss Jenn and Molly - using their fine and gross motor skills to squeeze the koolaid and paint filled pipettes down onto the canvas to create a beautiful and lovely smelling picture!

The Seedlings have loved getting very messy with free painting this week!

Star of the Week

Delilah for being brave and enjoying her first school transition morning.





Art is Fun!

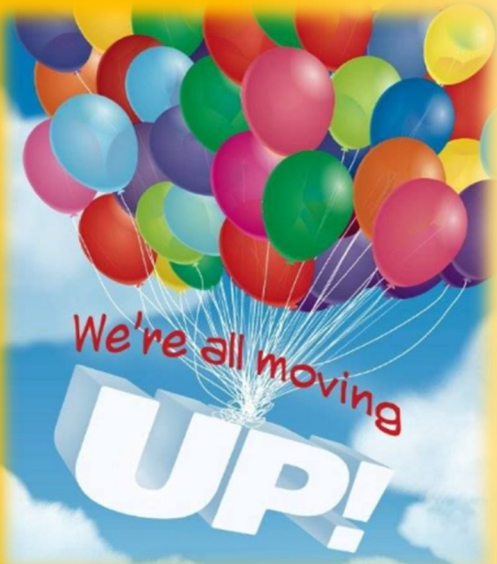




Summer Concert



We will be performing our Summer Music Concert on **Friday 13th June**, at **2:00pm**, **on the school field**. All our families are invited to join us for this special occasion. It is a great opportunity for parents to see what the children have been learning as part of their music curriculum. We will also have our catering company—Apetito at this event to provide our families with a taster menu for the following term. We look forward to welcoming everyone— let's hope the sun shines for us!



On **Monday 23rd June** our children will be spending the morning with their new teachers, as part of their transition for the next academic year. Our teachers are super excited to be meeting their new classes and have lots of exciting activities planned to help them get to know their children. We look forward to sharing their feedback with you!

Nursery are very excited to be hosting their very own sports day on **Friday 6th June**.

There will be activities, a few races and some refreshments to purchase! We will also be hosting a raffle and a second hand stall.



Summer Term

Wednesday 4th June	ST JOSEPH'S SCIENCE FAYRE! @ 3:00pm
Friday 6th June	KS2 Cheltenham Science Festival
Friday 6th June	Nursery Sports Day
Monday 9th June	Year 5 and 6 residential parent meeting at 3:45pm
Monday 9th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 11th June	New Reception induction morning
Friday 13th June	Whole School Music Concert
Tuesday 17th June	Year 3 trip to Dudley Zoo
Friday 20th June	Whole School Sports Day
Monday 23rd July	Move up Morning!
Wednesday 25th June	New Reception families picnic @ 1:00pm
Thursday 26th June	Years 4, 5 and 6 visit Gloucester Mosque – Other Faiths topic
Friday 27th June	Reserve Date – Whole School Sports Day
Monday 30th June – Friday 4th July	Year 5 and 6 Residential to Cornwall
Wednesday 2nd July	Years 3 and 4 @ The School Games Herefordshire
Wednesday 9th July	Year 1 Cattle Country
Wednesday 9th July	Year 2 trip to the Beach
Thursday 10th July	End of Term Mass
Friday 11th July	Year 6 Surprise Trip
Tuesday 15th July	Annie the Musical Junior Performance
Tuesday 15th July	Nursery Graduation
Wednesday 16th July	Whole School Colour Run
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Thursday 17th July	End of Summer Term

Happy May BIRTHDAYS!

A very Happy Birthday to all of our children who are celebrating their birthdays in May!

Wishing them all a very happy time celebrating with family and friends!



GREAT Attendance



SWIFTIES	88.3%
ABBA	85.2%
FANTASIA	97%
ZIMMER	95.8%
ALISHA	90.5%
MIRANDA	88.5%
SHEERIOS	95%

After half term our Year 6 children will be swimming at Monmouth Sports Club every Wednesday morning, starting from Wednesday 4th June, for the remainder of the summer term. A consent letter has been sent home this week with further details. Please can parents ensure the children are in school, ready to leave at 8:40am prompt. Many thanks.



Memories WE MADE



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS YEAR SO FAR....



Wishing all our families a very happy half term break!
God Bless
Mrs Francis

