

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

Matthew 7:12

2/5/25

WELCOME BACK



WE'RE BACK

Dear Family,

Welcome back to the start of our Summer term.

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are now looking forward to the final term of our academic year.

On Thursday morning, we celebrated Mass with Father Nick and Parishioners of St Frances of Rome Church, to mark the start of our summer term. Beginning of term Mass is always a great way to come together. It was also a special time for us to remember Pope Francis, our faithful servant of the Gospel and shepherd of our Church. Give him eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Although this is a short half term, we have lots of exciting events to look forward to, please make a note of all the dates listed in this newsletter and you can also subscribe to our

online calendar on the school website.



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PILGRIMS OF HOPE!

The Holy Father proclaimed 2025 as a Jubilee Year, a sacred time of renewal, reflection, and grace celebrated every 25 years. With the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," this Jubilee invites all Catholics to embark on a journey of faith and transformation.



Year 3 wanted to share hope with new babies and mums in the local community. They created personalised messages and cards for the mums and the babies wishing them the best and good luck.

Thank you to Sophie (Freddie's mum) for helping us to share our hope and joy!



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During their Maths learning this week, Reception have further developed their confidence in counting strategies, including counting on from different starting numbers. They have also discussed strategies for counting larger numbers of objects, including those that cannot be moved. The children then made their own special counting wands which they took around school to count a range of different objects and are beginning to count beyond 20.



RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION

Year 4 started their Relationships Education this week by listening and reenacting the Gospel of Jairus' daughter and the Woman who Touched Jesus' cloak. They examined the special meaning behind this Gospel and learnt what it means to always believe in times of struggle.



But the LORD stood
with me and gave
me strength.

2 Timothy 4:17

Little Sprouts

Free



Explore the magic of gardening with your child

For children
aged 5-12 years
accompanied by
parent/guardian

dig, plant, sow,
water and grow

community
garden
Ross on Wye

3.30-5pm

MONDAYS:

28 APRIL

5 MAY

12 MAY

19 MAY

26 MAY



Join us at the CG for hands on fun in the garden!
No experience needed, just bring your curiosity....
(and a sun hat, gloves, old clothes)

Book:

RESULTS FROM OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY APRIL 2025

1. My child is happy at this school

Strongly agree	31
Agree	4
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



2. My child feels safe at this school

Strongly agree	29
Agree	6
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



3. This school enables my child to behave respectfully

Strongly agree	30
Agree	5
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



4. This school is a supportive and joyful community

Strongly agree	27
Agree	8
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



5. Staff at this school are positive role models for my child

Strongly agree	27
Agree	8
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



6. The school works well with the local parish

Strongly agree	26
Agree	9
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	0



7. I understand the school's Catholic mission and I am supportive of it

Strongly agree	23
agree	11
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	0



8. The school supports me in my role as the first educator of my child

Strongly agree	26
Agree	9
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



9. My child enjoys learning in Religious Education lessons

Strongly Agree	23
Agree	11
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0



10. I know how well my child is doing in Religious Education and how to improve.

● Strongly agree	18
● Agree	16
● Disagree	1
● Strongly disagree	0



11. The school supports my child's spiritual and moral development

● Strongly agree	26
● Agree	9
● Disagree	0
● Strongly disagree	0



12. I am invited to be involved in the prayer life of the school

● Strongly agree	18
● Agree	14
● Disagree	3
● Strongly disagree	0



PARENT COMMENTS...

My child enjoys the prayer life
of the school
Parent

Love this school. x
Parent

As an educator myself I'm very aware that no school is perfect, however St Joseph's the closest to perfect any parent and student could wish for!

Parent

The values taught as part of RE and the general ethos within the school are good. More practical teaching of how they can be applied at home and in the outside world would be good. Sometimes I feel as though the amount of RE learning detracts from time to focus on additional needs in core subjects

Parent

They use the Catholic ethos to drive standards of behaviour particularly around bullying

Parent

We are an orthodox family, but we couldn't be more grateful for this school. All we wanted is for our child to have a beautiful start in life and a strong belief that God is everywhere and in everything, and this is what St Joseph's teach them. To be kind, mindful and enjoy life. They strongly encourage them to be happy.

Parent

SUMMARY

We are really pleased with the outcome of our parent survey. Thank you for the 35 responses received, it is much appreciated.

As a Catholic school, Religious Education is a core subject, which equates to 10% of curriculum time, in the same way we dedicate time to English and Maths.

Question 12 relates to how the school involve parents in the prayer life of the school. Kindly note, we do strive to involve parents by inviting families to celebrate Mass with us regularly both at the church and in school. We also send home the 'Wednesday Word' weekly, via email, for families to reflect on Sunday's' Gospel together, as we do in school. Moving forward, we will share these results with our parent voice members and see what more we can do to involve parents in the prayer life of the school.

Cooking Club



Welcome back to our Summer Term of Cooking Club. Today, the children helped to bake Carrot Cake! We first started by grating our carrots and the zest of an orange. We then combined all our other ingredients to create a cake batter. Once combined, we spooned the mixture into cases and popped them into the oven to bake. They smelt delicious and we were excited to try our carrot cakes!





Gardening Club was bursting with activity this week. We took full advantage of our heat and planted our hearts out!

Once birds were fed, we planted our tall sweetcorn and tall sunflowers in our new bed. We even learned how to tie them up with twisties. We dedicated a whole planter to Nasturtiums, an edible flower. We opened some grow bags and planted courgettes, cucumbers and tomatoes. After all our hard work we enjoyed giving them all some water.



NURSERY IN ACTION THIS WEEK...

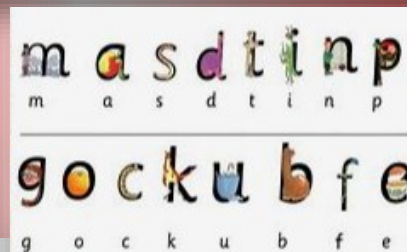
A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO...

We have been making the most of the wonderful weather this week - playing with the water walls, exploring our new tent and enjoying the shade in forest school!

The Oakleaves have started learning their set one sounds this week and are doing really well with their letter formation.

We have enjoyed colouring in a boat and a fish to accompany our RE topic leading up to the Ascension. We have talked about Jesus helping the disciples when they went to fish.

Please remember to apply long lasting suncream **BEFORE** your child comes into Nursery. Even if it isn't a very hot day, the UV rays may be high. Thank you for your continued support.





**COMING
SOON**



We are now on count down until **our Year 4 residential to London, on Monday 12th May!** We are really looking forward to this amazing experience for our children and have a fun packed three days ahead of us! We will be visiting the Tower of London, The Science Museum, The London Eye and also visiting the Apollo theatre to watch the musical Wicked!

We will be meeting in school on Monday at 6.40am to leave on the coach at 7am. The children will need to bring a sleeping bag and pillowcase, a coat, hat, sun cream, change of clothes for two days and pyjamas, comfortable shoes, toothbrush and toothpaste.

If parents have any questions please don't hesitate to speak with Mrs Murray or Mrs Francis.

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.



Summer Term

Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th May	Year 4 London Residential
Monday 12th – Friday 16th May	KS2 SATs Week – Year 6
Monday 19th May	Class photos
Tuesday 20th May	Reception Class visit Noah's Ark Farm Park
Wednesday 21st May	New Reception induction morning
Friday 23rd May	Nursery trip to Little Hedgehogs
Friday 23rd May	Break up for Half Term- Non uniform Day
Friday 23rd May	FSJ May Fayre!
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
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 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@ 2:00pm
Thursday 17th July	End of Summer Term

Happy Birthday April

Wishing all of our April babies a very Happy Birthday! We hope you had a lovely time celebrating with family and friends!



GREAT Attendance

Save the date

MAYFAIR
MAY
FAIR

SWIFTIES	94.36%
ABBA	100%
FANTASIA	97.8%
ZIMMER	97%
ALISHA	96.96%
MIRANDA	94.78%
SHEERIOS	97%

This year we will be holding our **Summer Fayre on Friday 23rd May** from 1:30pm. The FSJ are working hard behind the scenes organising this event and the children are also involved in preparing for this too. Thank you to everyone for donating bottles and chocolates for the tombolas. If you are able to help the FSJ setting up on the day of the fayre please contact the school office. Many thanks



**Thank
you!**

A BIG THANK YOU to our FSJ and everyone who sponsored our Bounceathon on the last day of term!

We managed to raise **£1433**, which will go towards our much needed, new outdoor space.

A BIG THANK YOU to Mrs Preece and everyone@ Co-op for helping us raise £122 in our Easter raffle. We are so grateful for their continued support in helping us to provide exciting learning experiences for our children!



Enjoy your long weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

