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Matthew 7:12

11/4/25

Dear Family,

We have now reached the end of our Spring term here in school. As our liturgical season of Lent draws to a close, we prepare for Easter- the glorious celebration of Christ's resurrection!

We take this time to be thankful for the abundance of blessings in our lives.

At the heart of Catholic education, is the aim to provide our children with the very best education and a formation which nourishes the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and pastoral dimensions of their lives. The faith-filled hope which this formation fosters will enable them to flourish and to live life in its fullness; it will equip them to become compassionate and responsible members of society. Thank you to our families for working in partnership with us to ensure we achieve this goal.

In this Jubilee Year, the Holy Father Pope Francis has called us to be Pilgrims of Hope. Here at St Joseph's we have embraced this mission with our class projects of spreading hope within our community! We look forward to many more missions throughout the year to help make our world a better place!



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PILGRIMS OF HOPE!

Year 6 had a great morning enjoying their lunch time award of park and ice cream! They also took the opportunity to place their 'Rocks of Hope' in various places on the way to the park!

This is part of our Jubilee Year project and we hope that it brings a smile and a reminder of the importance of hope to those who pick it up.



As part of the Jubilee Year of hope 2025, Abba class decided they would write letters of appreciation to police officers at our local West Mercia Police station in Ross -on- Wye. We were warmly welcomed by several officers and the children very proudly gave their letters. They also had the chance to try on police uniform, sit inside the police vehicles, pressing buttons and listening to the sirens! Thank you to all of the police officers who kindly gave up their time to welcome us.



PILGRIMS OF HOPE!



Reception have enjoyed being 'Pilgrims of Hope' today in the local community! As part of our Jubilee of Hope project, the children have been busy creating 'Cups of Kindness' to help spread joy and bring a smile to people's faces. We took these into Ross today and headed to Costa to hand them out. It was lovely to see how much joy and happiness the children spread throughout the town this afternoon. A huge thank you to Costa Coffee for hosting us and supplying us all with a 'babychino' - the children had a wonderful time! Also a huge thank you to our parents who were able to join us for the afternoon!



Year 2 loved completing their first Pilgrims of Hope project today. After decorating cakes with messages of hope, the children visited West Bank Residential Home and served these delicious cakes to the residents and staff. Whilst visiting, the children decorated Easter bonnets for the residents, created Easter gardens and met the home's ducks and pet dog. It was a wonderful afternoon for all involved. A big thank you to Kaye and Sophie for helping to make our visit such a success!



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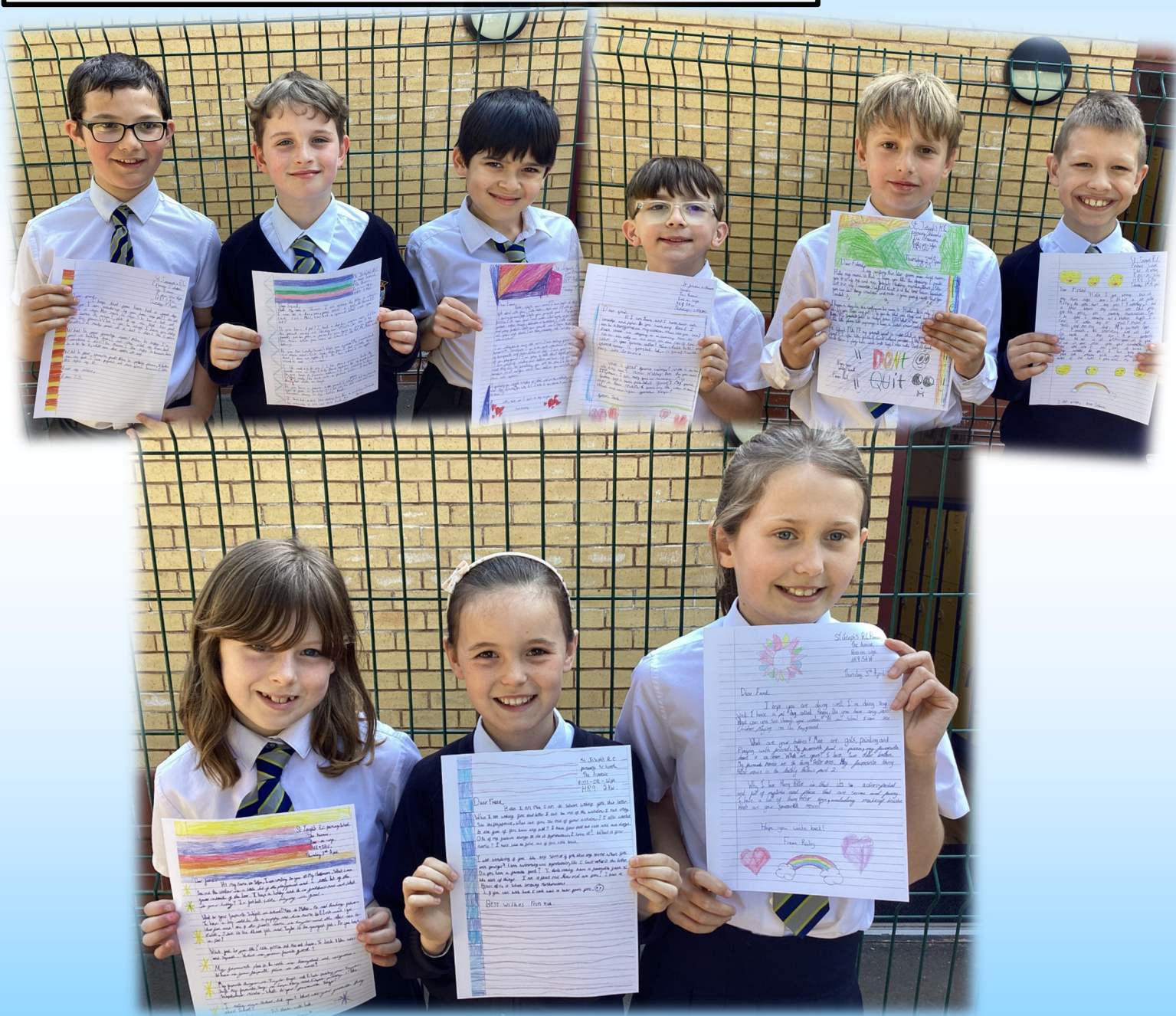
Community



PILGRIMS OF HOPE!



Miranda Class children are being Pilgrims of Hope and set themselves the challenge this term of bringing happiness to the lives of people within our own parish. They have carefully and thoughtfully written letters, drawn pictures and decorated envelopes and will now be passing the letters on so that they can be given out to members of the parish who might need a little joy or hope right now...



WE ARE A COMMUNITY



On Thursday afternoon, year 4 completed their final stage of their Pilgrims of Hope project. The children

have hung their beautiful hope messages for the local community to read down the old railway lines by Chase Woods. We really enjoyed being out in the sunshine and spreading hope and love to others. The children mentioned on our walk "God made you for a GOOD reason", and we should always try hard to remember this. Walk down and see if you can find our messages of hope!



FLAT STAN

FIRST AID



As part of our 'Keeping Safe' curriculum programme we welcomed Gary this week, from Flat Stan First Aid. Throughout the day, the children learnt important life saving skills. These skills included: what to do in an emergency, how to deliver CPR, how to bandage wounds and how to prevent someone from choking. Here's what they had to say about their learning experience....

When doing chest compressions make sure you get the positioning right—underneath the ribcage.

Patrick Year 4

If you have a nose bleed, sit down and lean forward, with your head tilted forward and your mouth open

pinch your nose just above your nostrils for 10 to 15 minutes

breathe through your mouth

Jason Year 2





Cooking Club

For our last Cooking Club of the term, we made some Easter favourites - Rock Cakes and Easter Nest Cakes. We first made our rock cakes by kneading together a dough and adding raisins and spices. We then shaped our rock cakes into balls before putting them into the oven to bake. While they were baking, we melted our chocolate and crushed our wheat cereal to make our nest cakes. Once combined, we put the mixture into cases and added 3 mini eggs to the top.

A perfect treat to end the term - Happy Easter!





Gardening Club was full of action this week! Birds were fed. Plants were moved out of the poly tunnel and onto our newest raised bed. We were happy to see how much the sunshine has helped our seeds germinate and grow.



We planted purple peas, then Roy taught us how to properly plant runner beans. The white dot on the been must be face up. This is where the shoot grows up from and is much stronger when planted up.



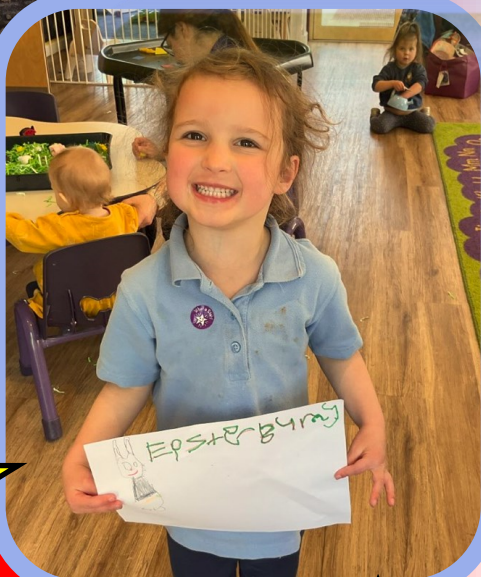
NURSERY IN ACTION THIS WEEK...

A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO...

The children had lots of fun getting creative with Miss Jenn and Molly! They made their very own bubble wands! The children really enjoyed creating these and then blowing bubbles through their wand.

The Oakleaves made the most of the sunshine this week. They really enjoyed balancing and climbing over the trim trail.

At lunchtime the seedlings enjoy sitting together in their highchairs as well as feeding themselves independently.



Star of the Week

Millie for some lovely writing!



We have bounced our way to the end of another fun filled term, full of excitement and new experiences by completing our 'bounce-athon' challenge!

A huge 'well done' to everyone who worked so hard to raise funds and take part, we are in the process of counting the proceeds, so if anyone still has some funds to bring in, please deliver them to the school office. A special mention goes to 'Megabounce', for kindly donating the bouncy castle for free. There will be an announcement to celebrate the children who raised the largest amount of sponsorship money when we return in the Summer.



HAPPY
LAST
DAY OF
SCHOOL



COMING SOON



First Week of school

REMINDER

When the **children return on Tuesday 29th April**, it will be summer uniform.

Girls: light blue gingham dress with sky blue St Joseph's school cardigan

Boys, white short sleeve collar shirt with tie and grey shorts.

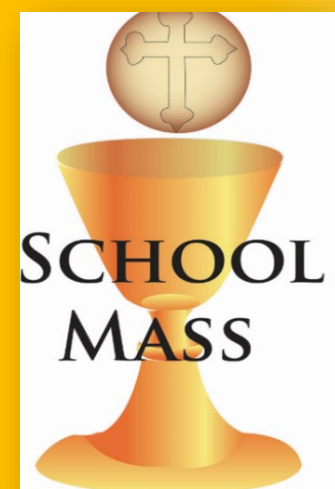
All uniform can be purchased from Club Sport in Hereford or Black Mountain in Ross. Just a polite reminder —trainers are not part of St Joseph's school uniform. Many thanks.



All after school clubs for the summer term will start the first week back! Please follow the link below to sign up to clubs: [Extra-curricular clubs sign up](#)



Year 1 swimming lessons start on Wednesday 30th April. Can parents ensure children are at school for 8:40am prompt, with their swimming kits. Many thanks.



On Thursday 1st May we will be celebrating Mass together with Father Nick, to mark the start of our new term!



On **Friday 2nd May it's non uniform day**. On this day, we are asking for chocolate donations towards our May Fayre on Friday 23rd May. Please can you bring donations to the school office. Many thanks as always for your continued support!

Tuesday 29th April	Children return from Easter Holidays
Thursday 1st May	Beginning of Term Mass
Friday 2nd May	Non-Uniform Day—Summer fayre donations
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 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
Thursday 17th July	End of Summer Term

You're Awesome!

We have had hugely successful introduction to our new 'Happy Lunchtimes' initiative this half term! We celebrated this in our final week of term, with children being nominated by our lunchtime teachers to attend a special picnic lunch with some special treats. The children nominated were recognised for displaying a wide range of qualities on a regular basis including,

**Kindness, Friendship, Support, Happiness
 , Inclusion, Resilience, Respect**

Overall, lunchtimes have been a hugely positive experience for all our children this half term and we look forward to continuing to make them a positive experience for our children over the summer term.



GREAT Attendance

SWIFTIES 93.51%

ABBA 97.9%

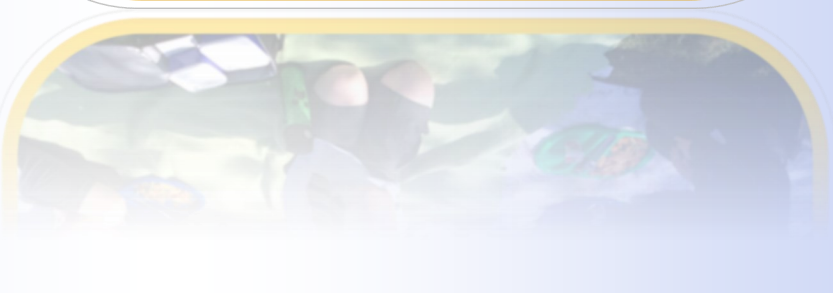
FANTASIA 97.8%

ZIMMER 100%

ALISHA 96.09%

MIRANDA 96.52%

SHEERIOS 100%



training with [Bike Right](#) this week. Our trainers were brilliant and were so impressed with how well our children listened to instructions and how polite they all are!

Great job everyone! 🚲 🚲 😊

Some of our Year 5 children enjoyed their Bike Ability



Wishing all our families a very happy and peaceful Easter. Enjoy the well deserved break and we look forward to the summer term— packed with lots more FUN!

God Bless

Mrs Francis

