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Matthew 7:12

4/4/25



Dear Family,

Throughout this term we have been celebrating the Jubilee of Hope. The Jubilee of Hope 2025 is a significant religious event proclaimed by Pope Francis, marking the 2025th anniversary of a Holy Year. This Jubilee aims to foster a deeper understanding of God's mercy and encourage believers to be signs of hope in the world.

Here in school, each class has been busy preparing a class project to spread hope and joy in our local community. To give you an insight, Reception are busy creating 'cups of kindness' which they will take in to town next week to spread messages of hope, and put a smile on people's faces.

Year 6 have made 'rocks of hope' which will be put into the town and local areas for families to find.

Year 5 are writing letters to members of the parish who are unwell or housebound or lonely.

We look forward to sharing the outcomes of our mission with you in the upcoming weeks!

Please can all our families take the time to complete our Catholic Schools Parent survey, by scanning the QR code. Many thanks.

Catholic Schools Parent Survey



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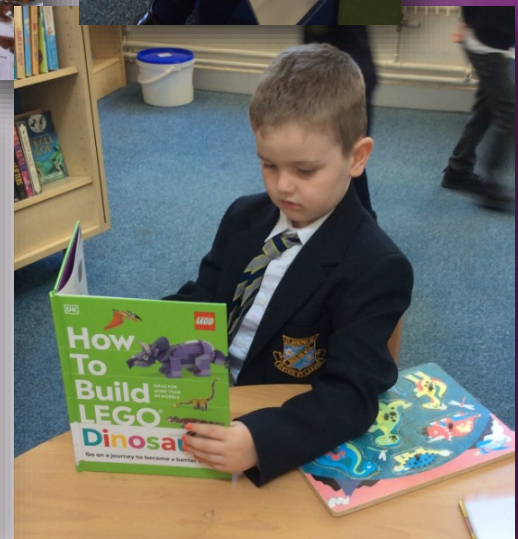
YEAR 5 EASTER EXPERIENCE!

Year 5 had an amazing time at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, taking part in their 'Experience Easter' event. There were several different workshops to get involved in - each one exploring a different aspect of the Easter Week story. The children learned a great deal from the visit and loved finishing off their time with a craft activity: creating a St. Joseph's Easter tree! The tree will be on display in the church over Easter so please do pop in and have a look at it if you are in town! Many thanks to the lovely team of St. Mary's volunteers who made this such a special time for our children.



RECEPTION LIBRARY VISIT

Swift Class had a great afternoon visiting Ross Library on Tuesday. They enjoyed a beautiful walk down in the spring sunshine and loved sharing their favourite stories together. Thank you as always to the helpful staff and for making the class feel so welcome - They had a great time!



Golf Day



On Thursday afternoon our Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed a great golf experience at South Herefordshire Golf Club. They played a number of games which included Angry Bird, Go Fish and Long Ranger when practicing their golf swings on the driving range. It was a fabulous afternoon and all of the children are desperate to go again. Thank you to Paul and Sarah at South Herefordshire Golf Club for welcoming us to your amazing club. 🚩 🚩 🧐 🧐

We look forward to sharing year 5 and 6 photos in next week's newsletter.





Cooking Club



This week at Cooking Club, the children helped to bake a real treat - Easter brownies! We first started by melting the butter and breaking up chocolate to melt into it. We then added the sugar, flour and eggs to create a batter. Once we had spooned our mixture into cases, we then added our toppings - white chocolate chips, mini eggs and even half a creme egg! Once cooked they were a lovely gooey treat to have after school - delicious!



Garden Club

There was much excitement in Gardening Club today! We started in the Reception garden and sowed sweet peas directly into their bed. We covered them with wire so birds wouldn't eat them or get caught.

We even got to drill the wire into the bed! We fed the birds and checked on our potatoes. They needed more soil on top to encourage them to keep producing more. We ended by sowing more beautiful marigolds and taking home some cress to share with our families!





Herefordshire
Wildlife Trust



FAMILY FUN DAY

Tuesday 22nd April, 2025
2-4pm

Ross Community Gardens
Free Fun Filled Afternoon for
All the Family



**Discover New
Stories**



**Bird Box
Building**



**Meet Spike the
Hedgehog!**



**Seed
sowing**

**& more nature-based activities
for kids!**



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Wye Valley
National Landscape

Haygrove
COMMUNITY GARDENS CHARITY

www.herefordshirewt.org

SWIMMING CRASH COURSE

MONMOUTH SCHOOL

SPORTS CLUB



£50
per child



SCAN ME

14th -17th April

9:45AM - 10:15AM / 10:15AM - 10:45AM
Ages 4-12yrs old

To book your FREE swim assessment
please contact us at

sportsclub@habsmonmouth.org
01600 714 381

NURSERY IN ACTION THIS WEEK...

A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO...

The seedlings have loved making Easter crafts this week and role playing in the hall. They loved their new bubble machine for the garden - Thank you Mrs. Barlow!

The Acorns and Oakleaves enjoyed their outdoor art session with Miss. Jenn and Molly - Splatting paint covered cotton wool with mini hammers!

The children have been exploring our newly fixed water wall on the playground and have been enjoying walks out and about in the buggy.





ART CLUB



At Art Club this week the children enjoyed completing some observational drawings using chalk, oil, pastels on black particle board. This was a great session celebrating Spring time flowers in the glorious sunshine!

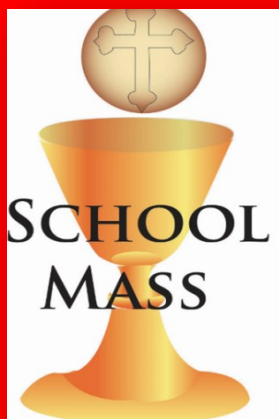




On Monday 7th April we will be completing 'Flat Stan First Aid workshops'. These are specifically designed for children aged 4 yrs to 11yrs. The aim is to teach younger children vital and essential first aid life skills. It is a brilliant programme- engaging, informative, fun and appropriate for the age group. We look forward to completing this important course as a school community.



Next Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April, some of our Year 5 children will be completing their Bikeability training. A letter has been sent home regarding this course. Let's hope the sun continues to shine for us next week!



Next Thursday 10th April we will be celebrating end of term Mass in school with Father Nick and fellow parishioners of St Frances of Rome. This will be a wonderful way to end another successful term and prepare us for the important time in our Liturgical Year.



Next Friday 11th April is non uniform day. On this day we are asking for donations towards our May Fayre. Please could we ask for donations for our bottle tombola! Many thanks as always for your continued support!



Next **Friday 11th April**, is our sponsored Bounceathon, organised by the FSJ! An email was sent to parents with further information regarding this fundraising event. The children can wear non uniform on this day and so they are comfortable when completing their bounce. Can all sponsorship forms and collections be handed in at the school office.

Many thanks!



SCHOOL UNIFORM



When we return from the Easter holidays, the children will wear their summer uniform.

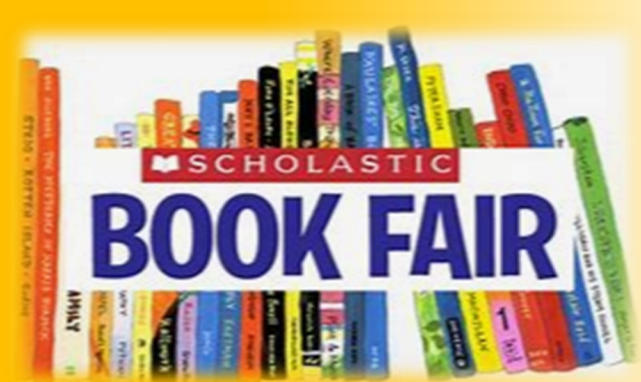
Girls: light blue gingham dress with sky blue St Joseph's school cardigan

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. Thank you as always for your continued



Year 1 will start their weekly swimming lessons on **Wednesday 30th April**. Letters have been sent home to parents and can also be downloaded from our school website—Letters section.



Scholastic Book Fair is here in school from today 4th April until next Thursday 10th April. us from 3rd—10th April. This will take place in the central area after school each day from 3:15pm—4:00pm.

Mathemagician AWARD

'Treat others as you wish to be treated'

Values: Grateful & Generous, Attentive & Discerning, Compassionate & Loving, Faith-Filled & Hopeful, Eloquent & Truthful, Learned & Wise, Curious & Active, Prophetic & Intentional.



Mrs Preece is holding an Easter raffle on behalf of St Joseph's at The CO-OP in town. You are able to purchase strips for £1.00 from our school office or in the store. A huge thank you to Mrs Preece for organising this fundraising event for our school!



Summer Term

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
Monday 20th May	Reception Class visit Noah's Ark Farm Park
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
Friday 13th June	Whole School Music Concert
Tuesday 17th June	Year 3 trip to Dudley Zoo
Friday 20th June	Whole School Sports Day
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
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 Lunchtime

On Wednesday, our Year five children enjoyed toasting marshmallows, in the sunshine, at Forest school, with Mrs Bennett. This treat was awarded to the children for winning the highest number of pompoms last week! Well done everyone—great team effort!



SWIFTIES	97.8%
ABBA	96.9%
FANTASIA	96.67%
ZIMMER	97.4%
ALISHA	99.13%
MIRANDA	93.91%
SHEERIOS	98%



Class Assembly

Last Friday, Swift Class were amazing in their first class assembly! We were so proud of all of the children, they did a fantastic job! Thank you to our families that came along to support the children!



Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

