

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

Matthew 7:12

28/3/25

**Dear Family,**

As part of our Lenten journey this week, Year 1 have been making Holy Week booklets to reflect on the events leading up to Jesus's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

*Our Lenten Journey*



Our Reception children have enjoyed their Celebration of the Word in the glorious sunshine. They read the Parable of the Fig Tree and they were able to reflect on the message of growing in love during our Lenten season.



During the  
*Season  
of Lent*  
contemplate  
your heart and  
look at our  
world with  
*Hope.*

As we continue on our Lenten journey, we continue to grow in spirituality and look forward to celebrating the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

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# Celebrating Shakespeare Week!

A storm has been brewing this week in Years 3 and 4, where the children have been learning the story of 'The Tempest'. Year 3 worked in groups to each act out a part of the story and Year 4 produced an incredible piece of collaborative art - a tempest inspired by Prospero's plan to help his friends learn from their mistakes.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have really enjoyed the story of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Year 2 designed costumes for their favourite characters, Year 1 created their very own magic potions inspired by Puck and Oberon, and Reception worked incredibly hard to produce a beautiful fairy garden - even including things that they collected at Forest School.

Things took a dark turn in Year 5, where the children read 'Macbeth'! They drew some beautiful pictures of the characters and then worked in groups to practise and perform their own interpretations of the three witches' scene. They also had a go at writing their own spells.

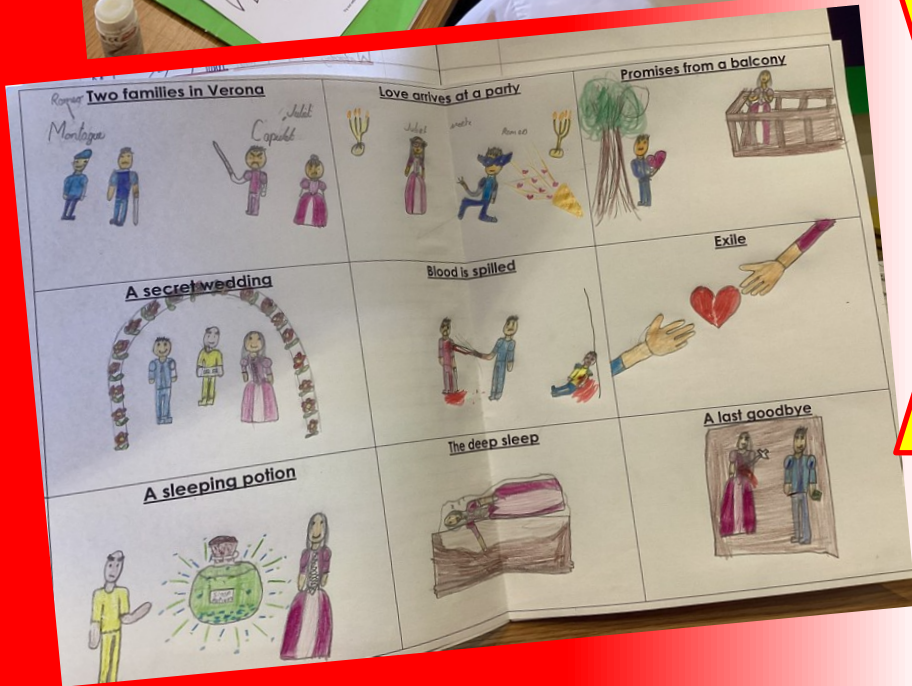
Year 6 have had a great time story-boarding the events of 'Romeo and Juliet' and also designing their own masques for the ball.





For Shakespeare week, the children in year 4 have been learning about the magical play written by William Shakespeare called The Tempest. Prospero the wizard conjured a monstrous storm that raged on through the night. The children have recaptured that moment using sponge painting and different mixtures to create one big Alisha Class storm!





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Reception Class-making their Fairy Garden!





This week, Cooking Club baked two different treats - pizza pockets and rocky road cakes.

The children first made their pizza pockets by adding their favourite toppings to puff pastry. We then rolled, folded and twisted our pockets before putting them into the oven to bake. We then made rocky road cakes - first we smashed our biscuits for the base before adding melted butter, melted chocolate and marshmallows. We then spooned the mixture into cases before putting them into the fridge to harden.





# Garden Club



There wasn't a minute to spare this week in Gardening Club! We fed birds, checked on the progress on all we planted in the last few weeks. There has been a lot of growth! We then got busy sowing short and tall sunflower seeds. After that, we sowed sweet corn to grow in our harvest bed. Lastly we sowed some calendula seeds, which looked like little sea urchins! We are so appreciative of all the knowledge Roy shares with us. There is so much to know about when to sow, which pot to give the best growth and how to care for the soil. Thank you Roy!



# NURSERY IN ACTION THIS WEEK...

A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO...

We have had a fun filled week in nursery being outside and enjoying the sunshine!

The nursery children joined reception class in forest school, where they got to plant flower and cress seeds to take home, so they can watch them grow! We really enjoyed making our Mother's day cards and something special that we created with Miss Jenn and Molly during our weekly Art and craft session. In our garden we all enjoyed exploring our new water walls and having a great time splashing and pouring the water through tubes and funnels; filling and emptying containers.



# Star of the Week

**Dominic: For doing good listening and joining in with nursery activities!**

**YEAR 2  
LIBRARY VISIT**

**On Tuesday afternoon Year 2 visited Ross library. The children loved browsing through the books and selecting their favourites to take home. As part of our Shakespeare Week celebrations, we enjoyed looking through a book of his plays and found he had written 35 plays!**



**...COMING  
NEXT WEEK!**

SCHOLASTIC  
**BOOK FAIR**



Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting us from 3rd—10th April. This will take place in the central area after school each day from 3:15pm—4:00pm.



Our Key Stage 2 children will be venturing to South Herefordshire Golf Club on **3rd and 4th April**, to experience playing golf on the driving range. A letter has been emailed to parents and consent can be made via parent pay. We are asking for £3.00 travel contribution for this event. We

look forward to sharing the learning outcomes from this exciting event with you!



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.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Holidays during term time

The Government continues to enforce rigorous procedures around term time absence and **SCHOOLS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO AUTHORISE ANY HOLIDAY ABSENCE.** However, we are able to consider a 'Leave of Absence' in 'exceptional circumstances.' Family holidays do not fall into this category.

Headteachers are expected to uphold the law. If a child has an unauthorised absence of more than 9 sessions (4.5 days), schools should pass the paperwork to the Fixed Penalty Officer at the Local Authority - in this case, Herefordshire Council.

We have high expectations for every child, and to achieve the best possible progress they must be in school. We are grateful to parents for their continued support.



On Thursday we held our Parent Voice meeting. As always, this was really productive. It's so helpful for us to share ideas and updates with our representatives, who give constructive feedback from a parent's perspective. To access the parent voice summary from yesterday's meeting, please follow the link below.

[St Joseph's RC Primary School - Parent Voice](#)



## JOIN OUR CLUB

Want to have fun, make friends, and improve your football skills?

Ledbury FC are looking for Year 4, 5 and 6 girls to join us for the 2025-26 season.

Whether you're an experienced player or an absolute beginner, please get in touch.

Contact: Ian on 07979 095685 or email [u11g@ledburyswiftsfc.org](mailto:u11g@ledburyswiftsfc.org)



# SPRING TERM

Thursday 3rd April	Years 3 and 4 Golf Experience Day
Friday 4th April	Years 5 and 6 Golf Experience Day
Monday 7th April	Flat Stan First Aid Day
Monday 7th— Wednesday 9th April	Bikeability Year 5
Thursday 10th April	End of Term Mass
Friday 11th April	FSJ Bounceathon
Friday 11th April	End of Spring term– NON UNIFORM DAY!!!!

## CAKE SALE



# Thank you!

**A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported us in our Cake Sale on Monday. The children managed to raise £220 towards their summer performance.**



**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

<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children return from Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Beginning of Term Mass</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Non-Uniform Day—Summer fayre donations</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 4 London Residential</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>KS2 SATs Week – Year 6</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Class photos</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Reception Class visit Noah's Ark Farm Park</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Nursery trip to Little Hedgehogs</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term- Non uniform Day</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>FSJ May Fayre!</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>ST JOSEPH'S SCIENCE FAYRE! @ 3:00pm</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>KS2 Cheltenham Science Festival</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Nursery Sports Day</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 1 Phonics Screening Check</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Whole School Music Concert</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 3 trip to Dudley Zoo</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Whole School Sports Day</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Years 4, 5 and 6 visit Gloucester Mosque – Other Faiths topic</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Reserve Date – Whole School Sports Day</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 5 and 6 Residential to Cornwall</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 1 Cattle Country</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>End of Term Mass</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Surprise Trip</b>
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Summer Fayre</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Annie the Musical Junior Performance</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Nursery Graduation</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Whole School Colour Run</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Assembly</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>End of Summer Term</b>

# Celebrating MARCH Birthdays

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to all our children who have and are celebrating their birthdays this month. Wishing you all a very special day!



## GREAT Attendance

<b>SWIFTIES</b>	<b>97.4%</b>
<b>ABBA</b>	<b>99.66%</b>
<b>FANTASIA</b>	<b>93.64%</b>
<b>ZIMMER</b>	<b>97.4%</b>
<b>ALISHA</b>	<b>93.91%</b>
<b>MIRANDA</b>	<b>98.26%</b>
<b>SHEERIOS</b>	<b>96%</b>

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS



**3**  
days lost



minutes late per day



**6.5**  
days lost



minutes late per day

**10**  
days lost



minutes late per day

**13**  
days lost



minutes late per day

**19**  
days lost  
EACH  
YEAR!



minutes late per day

**LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING!**

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!**

**As part of our focus on attendance we will be closely monitoring single day absences. If your child is unwell you need to inform the school office each day. Thank you for your support in this matter.**

# Happy Mother's Day



*The classes have been busy this week, making special gifts, in preparation for Mothering Sunday this weekend. THANK YOU to Miss Jenn for helping us create such special gifts! Wishing all our parents, grandparents and special people in our lives a very happy weekend!*



**Enjoy your weekend**

**God Bless**

**Mrs Francis**

Mothering Sunday

