

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

14/2/25

Dear Family,

We have now reached the end of another busy half term. We are looking forward to a week's rest, before embarking upon our Lenten journey, in the lead up to Easter when we return.

We have been working hard behind the scenes to create our new school website, which is now live. We hope you find this new format more modern and up to date, user friendly and easy to navigate. We will be updating our new website regularly with photos and blogs and so please take a look when you can.

Wishing everyone a great week ahead and thank you for another bank of great memories made during this half term!



# Disney FROZEN JR.

***On Tuesday evening we were treated to a spectacular performance of Frozen the musical at the Monmouth Savoy theatre. Our Key Stage two children took to the stage and put on an amazing show! We are all so proud of them , their hard work really did pay off—it was so polished from start to finish! As always A MASSIVE THANK YOU to Miss Steiner, who works so hard with our children, to ensure they reach their potential, shining brightly and confidently like the stars that they all are! Thank you to Miss Jenn for the amazing set design and props and thank you to our parents who have been so supportive in preparing their children for this event and for those who came along to support our school community— we are so grateful!***









# LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK.....

## RECPETION AT FOREST SCHOOL...

*Swift Class enjoyed another great session for Forest School this afternoon, lead by our wonderful Mrs Bennett. We enjoyed singing our Forest School song on the way down and recapped our Forest School rules with our forgetful hedgehog Harry. The children recalled lots of our rules and remembered to sit safely around the 'fire pit'. We have been learning all about Valentine's Day this week, so the children were challenged to create some 'love potions'. The children created their love potions with lots of different coloured sand and natural objects. We then hung them in a tree to create a 'love tree'.*





Following the huge success of 'Frozen Jr' this week, our end-of-year show will be 'Annie Jr' - an absolute classic, filled with great songs and scenes that will be a joy to perform and to watch.

Rehearsals for 'Annie Jr' will happen as a club on Tuesdays after school, between 3.30pm and 5pm each week. These rehearsals will begin on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. There will be some occasional Saturday rehearsals for people who need to learn choreography for their part.

Auditions for roles in 'Annie Jr' will happen during the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February – straight after the half term holiday. All Key Stage 2 children can audition if they would like to and places in the club/cast will be given out based on these auditions. There are roles in Annie to suit everybody – boys and girls, beginners and confident performers! There are main roles for younger children as well as older children too.

Children who would like to audition need to prepare a song (either 'Maybe' or 'Tomorrow') and a short scene.

**They need to be ready to audition in the week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

If your child would like to audition for a place in 'Annie Jr', and you have not already returned a slip about it to me, please email the school office today! I will then send the backing tracks and audition scripts out to you on Kinteract.

This is an amazing opportunity to develop confidence and performance skills, whilst having lots of fun with friends. Performing on stage in a real theatre is really exciting!

**Miss Steiner**



***On Thursday afternoon we held our half termly parent voice meeting. As always, this was a really productive meeting. Please follow the link [here](#) to read the summary of outcomes from the meeting. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday 27th March.***

# COMING SOON

**Wednesday 26th February  
Well being day!**



## WELLBEING WARRIORS WELLBEING DAY!



**WELLBEING DAY AND TOY SALE ON  
WEDNESDAY  
26 FEB  
2025**



Join us at school in your most comfortable outfit, whether it's your favorite clothes or cozy pajamas. Embrace your authentic self!

Children, join us for a fun movie-Parents to collect at 5pm!



Don't forget to bring some pocket money for purchasing a new toy- organised by our Wellbeing Warriors!



Fun, enjoyable activities for well-being in class! Check our Facebook page for updates!

Raising funds for our new outdoor classroom

CONNECT

BE ACTIVE

TAKE NOTICE

GIVE

KEEP LEARNING

# PARENTS EVENING

**Monday 3rd and  
Tuesday 4th March**

We will be holding our Spring term parents' evenings on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th March. Please book your appointment with your child's class teacher via our online booking system. All parents will receive an email with a link to this system. Many thanks.

## Shrove Tuesday



**Tuesday  
4th March**

On Tuesday 4th March we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday here in school. We are looking forward to making pancakes, before our Lenten journey begins!

**Wednesday 5th  
March**

On Wednesday 5th March we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass with Fr Nick. This day marks the start of our Lenten journey.

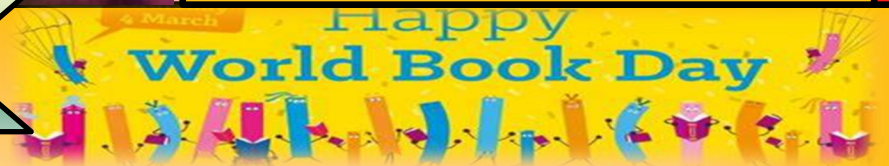
**Thursday 6th  
March**

*To launch the start of our Lenten journey, on Thursday 6th March, we will be venturing to Mayhill Gloucestershire, for our Big Lent Walk, in support of CAFOD. This will be a fantastic day of physical activity. It will also provide us with the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, spend quality time with our peers and raise money for CAFOD!*

*We look forward to this well being event!*



**Friday 7th  
March**



We will be celebrating **WORLD BOOK DAY** this year on **Friday 7th March!**

Children are invited to do one or more of these things as part of our celebrations:

*Dress as a character from your favourite book*

*Bring in a book you love to share with your class*

*Dress as your favourite book (wear the front cover and the back cover!)*

*Create a diorama, or 'a book in a box', based on a book you love*

*Please see the photos for inspiration and let your imaginations run wild! There will be prizes for the most creative costumes and the most delightful dioramas!*

*Additionally, Year 5 will be presenting their World Book Day-themed class assembly at 2.30pm in the sports hall. All classes - and Year 5 families - are invited to attend the assembly, to finish off what will certainly be a wonderful day!*



# NURSERY IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

A message from Mrs Lerego...

***Happy Valentine's day!***

***This week we have been making Valentine's cards and presents for our loved ones. The children loved exploring the Valentine's coloured rice tuff tray and playing in the pink gloop!***





# SCHOOL

## Attendance

***As a school we have a legal obligation to monitor attendance and follow DFE guidelines. If your child has particularly poor attendance it is classed as persistent absence. Attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence. If any children's attendance falls below 90% we will be sending a letter home to make you aware. In some cases we are aware of medical conditions which contributes to lower attendance, which makes it vitally important that you inform the office when your child is ill.***

***Thank you for your support in this matter.***

# YEAR 6 PLAYERS WANTED

OUR U11'S TEAM (YEAR 6) WHO PLAY IN THE  
HEREFORDSHIRE GIRLS LEAGUE ARE LOOKING FOR 1-2  
PLAYERS TO ADD TO SQUAD.



## ROSS JUNIORS U11 GIRLS

YEAR 6 GIRLS

FRIENDLY TEAM  
ENVIRONMENT

NIKE  
PARTNER

ALL KIT  
SUPPLIED

GAMES SUNDAY MORNING

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL MARTIN AT  
DAVISMJP@HOTMAIL.CO.UK OR CALL ON 07863 297775

Great pitches

Fantastic clubhouse

Friendly and Competitive Team

***Freya H.D in Year 6 is the captain of this great team (and lead goal scorer!) If any of our year 6 girls are interested in joining, please contact Mr Davis.***

# SPRING TERM

Wednesday 26th February	Well Being Day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent's Evening
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday Mass @ 10am
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	BIG LENT WALK
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Assembly
Monday 10th March	Science Week
Monday 10th March	Year 4 Residential—Parent meeting 3:45 pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Assembly
Monday 17th March	St Patrick's Day
Wednesday 19th March	St Joseph's Feast Day
Monday 24th March	Shakespeare Week
Friday 28th March	Reception Class Assembly
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
Thursday 10th April	End of Term Mass
Friday 11th April	FSJ Bounceathon
Friday 11th April	End of Spring term

# Cooking Club

## A message from Mrs Vernon...

On Tuesday the children at Cooking Club enjoyed baking chocolate chip scones. The children first helped to create the dough by rubbing together the flour and the butter to make a 'bread crumb' consistency. After this we added the chocolate chips (and also ate a few!) before using a cookie cutter to shape our scones. We then popped these into the oven to bake!



# Gardening Club

## A message from Mr Rogers...

KS1 loved getting their hands in the soil today to sow some garlic, chives and borage.

We learned that borage is a herb, whose flower goes in Earl Grey tea and smells wonderful.

In KS2, Defne and Sakura were superstars! They are St Joseph's first gardeners to ever sow seeds in wool bags. This is how all future seeds will be sown in order to save our planet by cutting down on plastics.

We used them to grow Mrs Francis' favourite flowers, Californian poppies.

We also planted some wild flowers which we are excited to see sprout after half term.





**YEAR 2  
SWIMMING AFTER  
HALF TERM**

*The children in Year 2 will be starting their weekly swimming lessons as part of their PE curriculum on Wednesday 26th February. The children will have weekly 1-hour lessons on the following dates:*

*Wednesday 26th February*

*Wednesday 5th March*

*Wednesday 12th March*

*Wednesday 19th March*

*Wednesday 26th March*

*Wednesday 2nd April*

*Wednesday 9th April*

*We will be leaving school at 8:40am prompt each Wednesday.*

**YEAR 6  
NEWS!**

**YEAR 6 Leavers Hoodies will be arriving soon!!!!**

**GREAT  
Attendance**

<b>SWIFTIES</b>	<b>90.82%</b>
<b>ABBA</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>FANTASIA</b>	<b>94.85%</b>
<b>ZIMMER</b>	<b>98.52%</b>
<b>ALISHA</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
<b>MIRANDA</b>	<b>96.09%</b>
<b>SHEERIOS</b>	<b>94.5%</b>

# Class Assembly

*On Wednesday, our Year one children performed their class assembly, all about St Valentine. The children did a f fabulous job and had made some great props as part of their art lessons!*

*Well done children!*



**Enjoy your half term break and thank you for your continued support.**

**God Bless**

**Mrs Francis**

**HAPPY  
HALF TERM  
EVERYONE**