

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

Matthew 7:12

31/1/25



Dear Family,

We've had another great week here in school. On Tuesday we celebrated our achievement in raising £150 for CAFOD in aid of World Gift Day. As we journey through this Jubilee year—

'Pilgrims of Hope', we will continue to collect pennies in each of our classrooms and hopefully by the end of each term we will be able to contribute a little more towards this great cause.

During Assembly our Liturgy Leaders led us in prayer and together we reflected on the gospel and how can work together to build a better world! Each class is excited to take on a class project linked to our Catholic social teaching principles whereby we can get out in the community and make a positive difference! Let's watch this space!



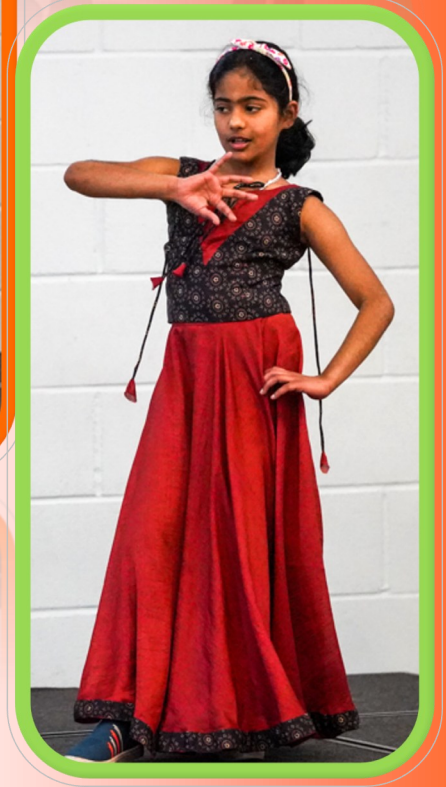
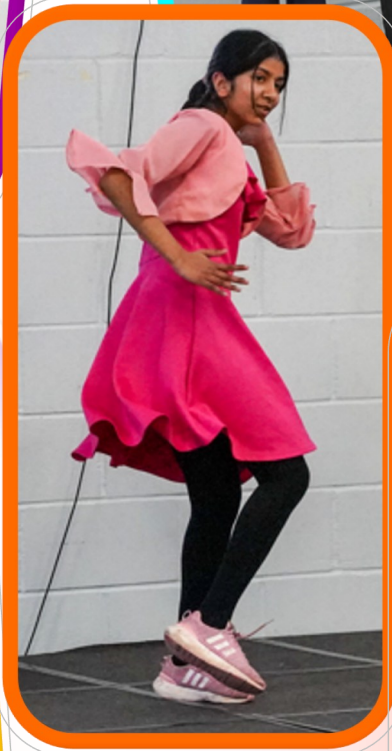
WE ARE PILGRIMS OF HOPE
working together to build a better world



On Wednesday afternoon we all had a fabulous time at our annual 'St Joseph's Got Talent' event. The whole school community came together to cheer on our finalists from each class. A huge congratulations to all of our children who took part, not only in the final show, but also in the class auditions too! Thank you to everyone

who made this event so successful! And well done to our winners!









LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK.....

YEAR 1 LEARNING ...



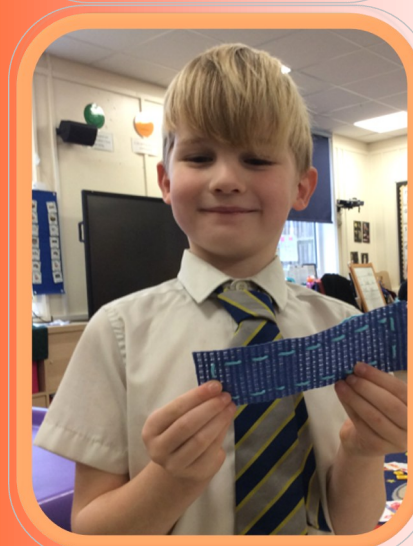
In Geography this week, Abba class have been learning about the countries of the UK, seasonal changes in the UK and today they learnt how to use a map and a compass. The children had lots of fun on the playground using their compass to find North, East, South and West. Well done everyone!



In Computing, Abba class have been learning about how to keep safe when being online. They made some wonderful safety booklets to remind them about these important rules. Super learning everyone!

RECEPTION ARE SEWING THIS WEEK...

During our DT topic this term, Swift Class are learning how to sew and create their own fabric book marks. We have so far explored weaving and designed our bookmarks, and now we are busy making them! With adult support, the children have picked which colour thread to use and have been practicing sewing up and down with a plastic threading needle. The children have showed great perseverance with this and a lot of patience. By the end of term we are hoping to have sewed two patterns onto our bookmarks!



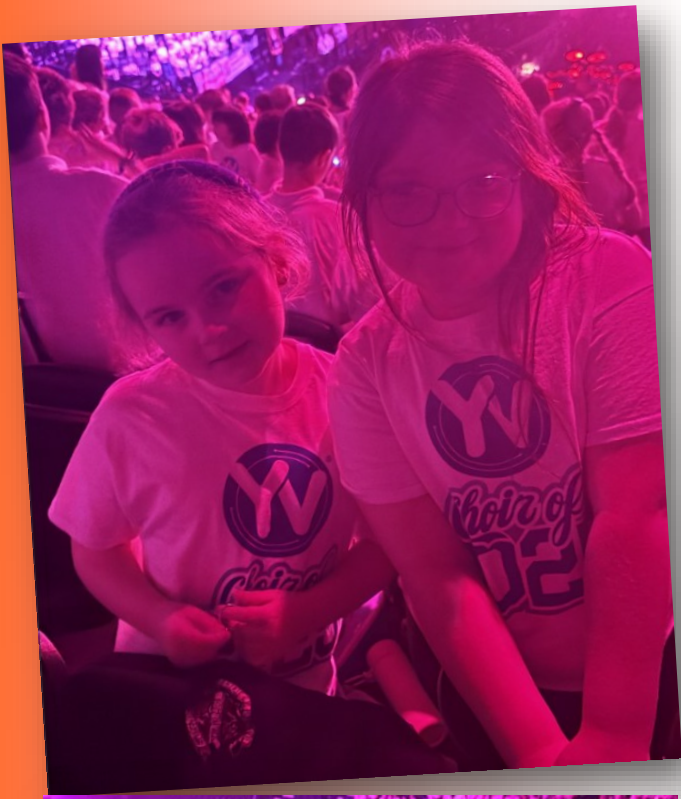


AMAZING!

On Thursday some of our Key Stage 2 children ventured to the Resorts Arena in Birmingham to take part in Young Voices 2025! This is a truly unique experience where the children and teachers from across the UK come together to unite in an electrifying choir experience! Mrs Murray and Miss Sadler have been busy practising with the children since September and it really did pay off—they

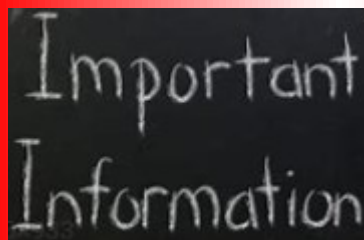
were all amazing! A big thank you to all our families who came along and joined us for this fantastic event! Lots of memories made!







**...COMING
NEXT WEEK!**



Important
Information



Year One Parents Meeting

Next Thursday 6th February, Mrs Murray will be leading a parent information session for year 1 parents, regarding the Phonics Screening Check, which is a statutory check for all maintained schools in England.

This meeting will take place in the Year 2 classroom straight after school. If you are unable to attend, we will email you the PowerPoint presentation and answer any questions you may have.




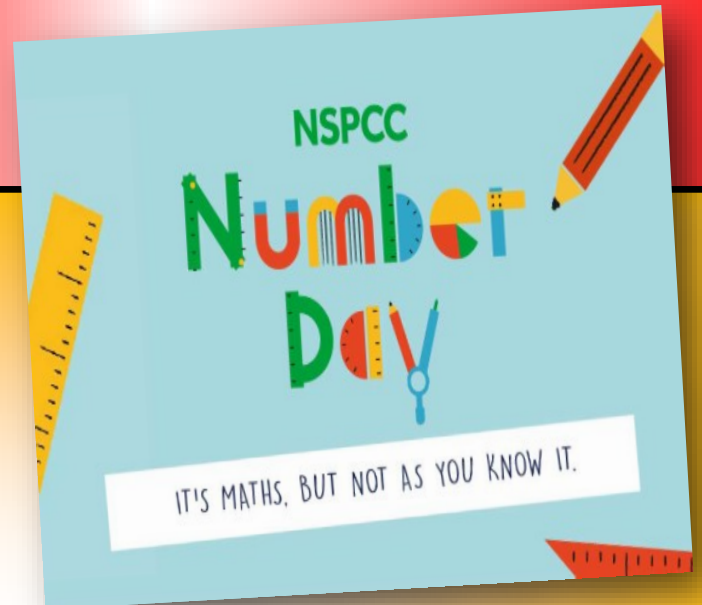
Thursday



Friday

Next Friday 7th February we will be celebrating 'Number Day' taking part in different fun activities during the day to highlight the importance of numbers in everyday life, develop their numeracy skills and at the same time to raise money for the NSPCC.

To make the day a little different, the children are invited to 'Dress up for Digits'. This could simply be a football shirt with a number on it, a onesie or perhaps the more adventurous could dress as some dice, a domino or even a calculator. We would ask that the children bring in a £1 donation to be dressed up; all monies going to the NSPCC.



Class
Assembly

Year 2 will be performing their class assembly next Friday 7th February, at 2:30pm, the same day as NSPCC Number Day and so you may guess what the theme might be...? We look forward to welcoming our year 2 parents to this special occasion.

**COMING
SOON**

*Tickets
now on sale!*

FROZEN JR.

**Monmouth Savoy Theatre
11th of February - 6pm**

Tickets : £6.00

Please contact the school office to purchase your tickets :
admin@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk



Year 1 will be performing their class assembly on Wednesday 12th February at 2:30pm. We look forward to welcoming our year 1 parents to this special occasion.

**I ♥
Disco**

Valentine Disco – Friday 14th February

To celebrate the end of half term, we will be hosting our annual Valentine themed disco. Key stage one can bring their party clothes to school in a bag and change into them at the end of the school day.

KS1 3:30pm – 4:30pm

KS2 5pm – 6pm

Disco, entertainment, snack box and drink

£4 per child attending. Please email the office to book a place and we will add it on to your parent pay account.

NURSERY IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

The Seedlings and Acorns are really enjoying playing in our new soft play room - climbing, balancing and jumping on the soft play and sorting the healthy and unhealthy foods on the interactive display board!

The Oakleaves and Acorns have been busy celebrating Chinese new year. They have made lanterns, Chinese red envelopes with a lucky penny inside and watched some videos on how Chinese new year is celebrated.

Star of the week - William for always taking part in Nursery activities !

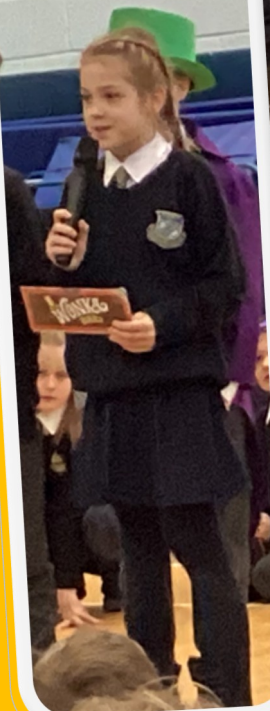




Class Assembly

Last Friday we were treated to Year 4's class assembly, all about the Roman Empire and Willy Wonka—it really was a clever combination! The children put on a spectacular performance and showcased all of the wonderful work they have completed during their topics, it was such a lovely way to celebrate their learning!

Well done Year 4 !



SPRING TERM

Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 7 th February	Year 2 Assembly
Tuesday 11 th February	Frozen Performance – Monmouth Savoy
Wednesday 12 th February	Year 1 Assembly
Thursday 13 th February	Parent Voice
Friday 14 th February	FSJ Valentines Disco
Friday 14 th February	End of first half term
Monday 17 th Friday 21 st February	Half term
Wednesday 26 th February	Well Being Day
Monday 3 rd March	Parent's Evening
Tuesday 4 th March	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 4 th March	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday Mass @ 10am
Thursday 6 th March	BIG LENT WALK
Friday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 7 th March	Year 5 Assembly
Monday 10 th March	Science Week
Friday 15 th March	Year 3 Assembly
Monday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day
Wednesday 19 th March	St Joseph's Feast Day
Monday 24 th March	Shakespeare Week
Thursday 27 th March	Romeo and Juliet Performance
Friday 28 th March	Reception Class Assembly
Thursday 3 rd April	Years 3 and 4 Golf Experience Day
Friday 4 th April	Years 5 and 6 Golf Experience Day
Monday 7 th April	Flat Stan First Aid Day
Thursday 10 th April	End of Term Mass
Friday 11 th April	FSJ Bounceathon
Friday 11 th April	End of Spring term

Cooking Club

A message from Miss Sadler...

This week at Cooking Club, the children helped to bake banana muffins. Miss Sadler had some very overripe bananas which were perfect for our muffins - the children mashed these with a fork to make them nice and smooth. The children then added the banana to melted butter, sugar and eggs before adding the flour and some milk. Once combined, we added an extra sweet treat - some chocolate chips! We then spooned the mixture into cases before putting them into the oven to bake.



Gardening Club

A message from Miss Hilary...

Gardening Club today was led by our in house gardener and teacher—Roy. We visited the beds where the children were delighted to find some carrots and parsnips left over from last season! We had our first tour of the wild life garden and got very excited to help build the fountain, plant wild flowers and observe how many critters will join us there soon. We also looked at the bulbs of snowdrops, tulips and daffodils growing in the poly tunnel. We also made sure the birds were well fed for the next two weeks.



SCIENCE

MEGAMIND

CERTIFICATE

This certificate is awarded to



GREAT
Attendance

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
MEDICAL
APPOINTMENTS**

SWIFTIES	95.15%
ABBA	99.29%
FANTASIA	92.52%
ZIMMER	98.46%
ALISHA	96.09%
MIRANDA	96.09%
SHEERIOS	96%

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment during the school day, please can you provide proof of appointment to the school office. We are only able to authorise absences with the appropriate evidence otherwise these absences will be recorded as unauthorised. We are only able to approve absences for medical reasons when it is for the children, not for the parents. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



On Monday we celebrated Mrs Urding's birthday. This was a special birthday (ending in a '0') yes—you guessed right—20 again! Wishing Mrs Urding a special day from St Joseph's school family.



Wishing all of our January Birthdays a very happy time celebrating with family and friends!

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

