

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

Matthew 7:12

24/1/25



Happy Lunchtimes Award
For Pupils. For Staff. Forever.

Dear Family,

We've had a great week here in school! On Wednesday we launched our 'Happy Lunchtime Award.' During the morning staff completed training with our external provider, Steve, and we put our training to the test with the children during lunchtime.

We all thoroughly enjoyed dancing, drawing, constructing and just having FUN!

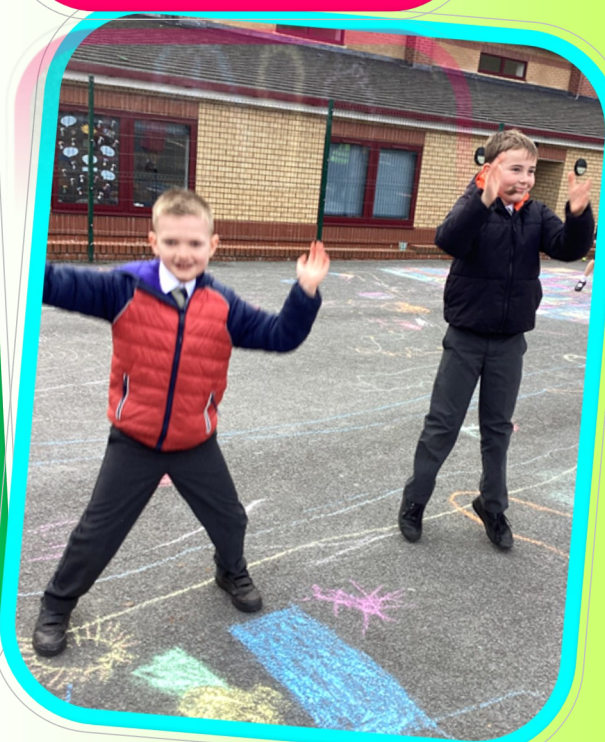
As you can see the smiles say it all!! We're looking forward to implementing our new initiative during our lunch times every day after half term! We'll provide more information on this new project very soon!



HAVE
FUN







LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK.....

YEAR 6 LEARNING...



Year 6 are learning about World War II and this week we were exploring the Blitz and what this was within the war. The class looked at various photos from this period of history and made inferences about them. They were fascinated to see pictures of people taking shelter in underground stations and we had good discussions as to the effects the Blitz had on the lives of the people. It is good to see the class really engaging with this history topic and asking relevant questions to improve their knowledge of this time period.



SPANISH IN RECEPTION THIS WEEK.

As part of their weekly Spanish lesson, Reception class have been busy learning colours. With Ms Dick, the children have loved playing 'splat' to learn their colours in Spanish. The children are picking up the vocabulary beautiful and are even using it spontaneously in their play! They have also applied

this learning to a song in Spanish to help embed these new words.



YEAR 1 LEARNING...



Our Year 1 children have been busy making their 'Tree of Life' models with Miss Jenn. They sketched their ideas and designs in their work books and then brought their trees to life using coloured paper!

Great art work everyone!



LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK.....

Swift Class had a lovely tour of our Church - St. Frances of Rome - this afternoon as part of their R.E. topic. We identified lots of different features of our church, such as the font, stained glass windows and the altar. Gerry & Tom kindly talked to us about different features we could see and we learnt about some new features such as the Tabernacle, the Chasuble and the Thurible. The children thoroughly enjoyed our visit and asked some very thoughtful questions to find out more about this special place. We finished our tour by saying our school prayer together while sitting in the pews. Thank you so much for your time Gerry & Tom!



LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK.....

In Year 3 we have been reading the book Flood by Alvaro F. Villa. To understand the damage floods cause we built our very own houses and then flooded them.

The year 3 children were asked the question after 'How did you feel seeing your house destroyed?'

Sakura - I felt sad that our hard work had been destroyed but i really enjoyed pouring water over the house!

Hunter - I was sad because I wanted to keep my house!

Katia - It made me think if it was my real house I would be really upset.





Next Wednesday 29th January, we will be hosting our annual 'St Joseph's Got Talent' event! Three finalists have been chosen from each class and everyone is really excited to be part of this special event!



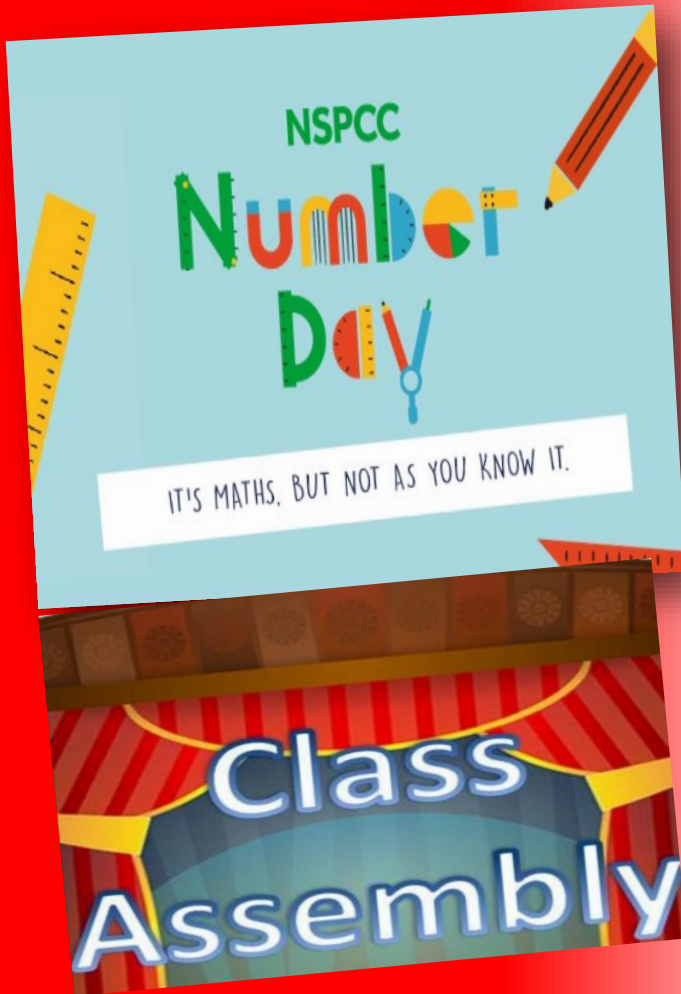
Next Thursday 30th January, some of our Key Stage 2 children will be performing at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham, together with lots of other primary schools, for the Young Voices annual event! .

We really enjoy taking part in this concert, it's an amazing experience for children and their families!



Next Friday 31st January, we will be holding a cake sale on the playground after school. Donations are always warmly welcome!

COMING SOON



On 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 asked 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.

Year 2 will be performing their class assembly on Friday 7th February, 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.

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

NURSERY IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

The Seedlings have loved climbing on our new activity cube and slide - starting off the week needing lots of support and ending the week with some children climbing independently. We have also loved playing with coloured spaghetti, oats and flour and zip lock bag finger painting!

The children have loved going out and about for walks looking for wildlife in the 6 seater pram and have had great fun exploring all the messy play this week - colouring ice, stick man's beach and making cloud dough with Miss Jenn and Molly!

Star of the week: Medeea for being extra kind and helpful to her friends.





caroline garner

Sorry
you're
leaving
{ we will miss
you lots & lots }

GOOD LUCK!

At the end of this half term we say farewell to Mrs Hopkins and her family. They will be making the move to Dubai for a new adventure! We will miss them lots but wish them all the best in their next chapter! Thank you Mrs Hopkins for all your hard work and commitment to St Joseph's!

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ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



HALF TERM HOLIDAY

17TH TO 21ST FEBRUARY

Club

 holidayclub@st-josephs.hereford.sch.uk

 01989 564655

SPRING TERM

Wednesday 29 th January	St Joseph's Got Talent
Thursday 30 th January	Young Voices
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 some triple chocolate brownies. We first whisked together the sugar and eggs, making sure we added lots of air to the mixture as we mixed. We melted together the butter and chocolate before adding this to the mixture, along with the dry ingredients. Once all combined, we helped to chop white, milk and dark chocolate before also adding these to the bowl. We then popped these in the oven to bake - sorry we overran with the cooking time!



YEAR 5 TASTER MORNING AT JOHN KYRLE!

Year 5 had an amazing time at John Kyrle High School on Monday! We were invited for a taster morning and the children were asked to select which lessons they would most like to try out. DT Woodwork and P.E. were the clear winners in our vote and so we were treated to a fabulous lesson in each of these two departments.

In woodwork, the children used saws, sandpaper and files to create little wooden boats. We made sails for the boats back at school and were really pleased with the end results! The children absolutely loved the lesson from start to finish and were excited to use the tools independently.

In P.E, the children got to try out basketball, which was also great fun. They practised dribbling, passing and shooting and were amazed to get some balls through hoops!

During the morning, the children had a full tour of the school which they found fascinating. It was a really great experience for our Year 5s and was lovely to see some familiar faces too as we wandered around the school...

A big thank you to John Kyrle High School for hosting us this morning!



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.



SWIFTIES	95.19%
ABBA	100%
FANTASIA	96.36%
ZIMMER	99.62%
ALISHA	95.65%
MIRANDA	96.96%
SHEERIOS	95%

TOY DONATIONS NEEDED! ASAP

Got any spare toys? Donate for our Wellbeing Day toy sale! The Wellbeing Warriors will happily take them!

WELLBEING DAY TOY SALE ON WEDNESDAY 26 FEB 2025

Plushies, fidgets, action figures, complete jigsaws, board games, small world toys, and books.

Please drop off donations at the office!

Raising funds for our new outdoor classroom



Mathemagician AWARD



This certificate is awarded to



Values: Grateful & Generous, Attentive

ous & Active, Prophetic & Intentional.

**A
message from
Mrs Urding...**

We would like to say a big thank you for all your wonderful donations for CAFOD World Gift day. We raised a grand total of £152.00 and we will donate this money to CAFOD in order to buy a 'marvellous moo cow' for a family. A cow's milk is vital to supplement a diet. Plus, struggling families can sell the extra milk at market! Cows help to plough farmland. Their manure can boost crops and any baby cows that appear can be passed on to help another family in need.

Thank you again for all your support.

WHAT ARE
**WORLD
GIFTS?**

World Gifts

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

no one
beyond reach

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

Lord, thank you for walking with us through the seasons of our lives. For the winter, when we are held safe in your arms through the darkness. For the hope of spring, as we are filled with new promise and life. For summer time, full of warmth and colour And for autumn days as leaves fall to seed new growth.

You are always with us.

Amen.