

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

Matthew 7:12

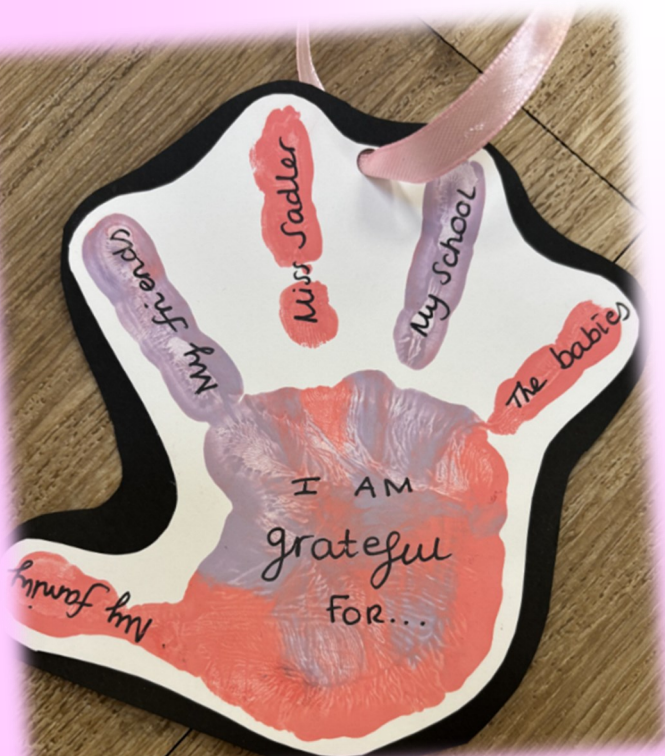
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Dear Family,

This week in assembly we have been reflecting on our values and sharing all of the things that we are grateful for. Together we read 'The feeding of the five thousand' (Matthew 14:13-21) and we recognised the message that God can provide for everybody, showing his boundless generosity and care. It also shows Jesus' compassion for His people. Through this miracle, we are reassured of Jesus' love for us and we are grateful. Reception class have been busy making their own 'Grateful Tree'. Please

come and take a look at their handprints listing all of the things they are grateful for.



LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK.....

YEAR 3 LEARNING...

In RE this week, year 3 have been investigating the question '**What is the Kingdom of God?**'. We wanted to understand why Jesus used the Parable of Yeast to explain what the Kingdom of God is.

'It is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through' (Matt 13:33)

After our investigation we could see that the bread dough had tripled in size, which suggested that the Kingdom of God starts quite small and grows quietly and powerfully until it changes things completely.



When you add Yeast to the bread it gets bigger, bigger and bigger. So if we spread God's word and love his Kingdom will get so big and it will be like heaven on Earth.'

Sakura Year 3

MATHS IN RECEPTION.....

During our Maths learning this week, Swift Class have been looking at the stable order principle – rehearsing the order of the first 5 numbers and understanding that the position each number holds in our number sequence does not change. While continuing to work with numbers to 5, the children have developed their understanding of the ordinal aspect by investigating the difference in value of consecutive whole numbers. They have spent time discovering that each number has a value of 1 more than the previous number. We have looked closely at the 'staircase' pattern on the Numberblocks to embed this learning.



LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK.....

YEAR 1 LEARNING...

The children in Abba class have had lots of fun in their Art lesson this week, creating 3D structures. They rolled paper to make different cylinders to make a sculpture. They attached these to a base and adapted their ideas as they worked. Super creative work everyone!



YEAR 4 LEARNING...

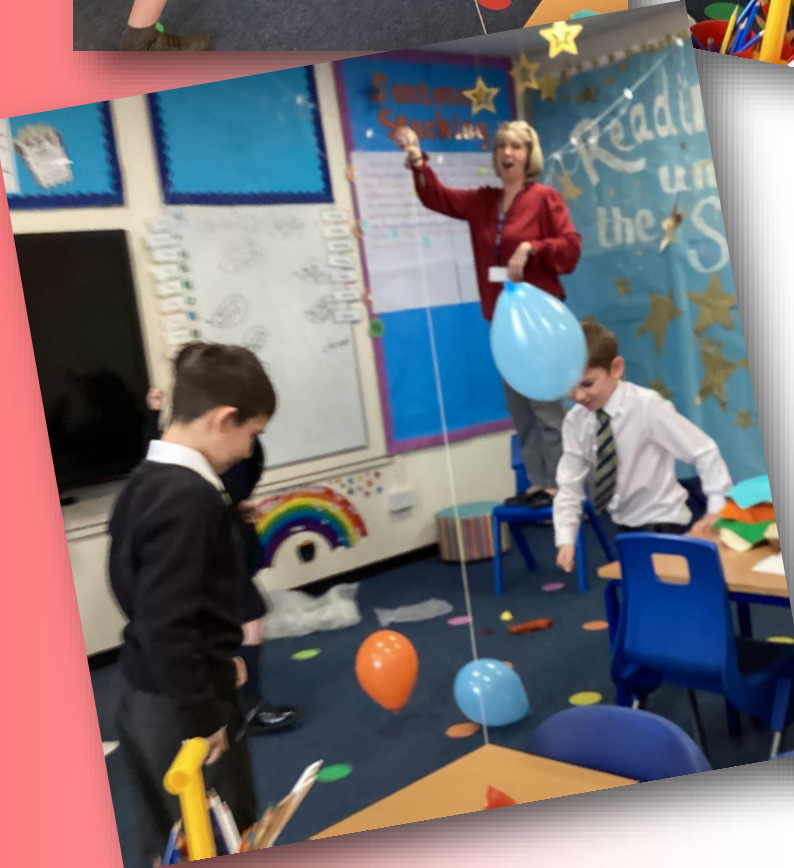
Wednesday afternoon, Year 4 expressed their creativity Roman style. To supplement and enhance their studies of Ancient Rome, Year four had an afternoon of creating their own fresco (painting on wet plaster) depicting a landscape, still life or significant event. They also had the opportunity to design their own Roman coin considering what to put on the obverse and reverse sides they then recreated their coin in tooling metal using a sharp pencil as a stylus. Finally, they truly expressed their individuality by creating a clothes peg Roman soldier. The children were spectacularly wonderful! They were extremely well behaved, shared resources and supported/encouraged each other and everyone created with smiles on their faces. Overall, it was a fantastic afternoon.



LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK.....

YEAR 2 LEARNING...

In English this week, the children worked together to design and create a way of sending Mr Grinling's (the lighthouse keeper's) food from the cottage to the lighthouse without the seagulls being able to steal his lunch. We then tested the designs and sent their covered baskets down the wire. The children used balloons, as seagulls, to see if they were able to get into the basket



School

CLUBS



Our after school rugby club is going really well! The children are enjoying their Monday afternoon sessions with Mr Wilkes, Mr Mason and Mr Brain. Both Key Stage 1 and 2 are welcome to take part, as we are able to split them into age appropriate groups.

PE KIT REMINDER



Please can we remind everyone that PE kits need to be brought in on Mondays, ready for the week. PE is part of the curriculum and it's important that the children have the correct clothing and footwear for reasons of health and safety and comfort. Thank you for your support in this matter.



**...COMING
NEXT WEEK!**



Monday

John Kyrle have invited our year 5 children to spend a morning with them next Monday 20th January, to give them a flavour of secondary school life. The John Kyrle minibus will pick them up from St Joseph's at 9.15am, they will be taking part in a woodwork lesson and a PE lesson during their morning there. Can you please ensure the children come to school in their PE kits for this day, so they will not need to change whilst they are there. They will be back in time for lunch.



Happy Lunchtimes Award
For Pupils. For Staff. Forever.



Wednesday

This term we're looking forward to embarking upon a new project—'Happy Lunchtime Award'. Next Wednesday we will be welcoming an external provider, from 'Happy Lunchtimes' who will be coming in and working children, staff and members of our parent voice, to support us in further improving our lunchtime provision. The children have completed questionnaires which will help us look at what's working well and what we need to do to make our lunchtimes more exciting! We look forward to sharing this journey with you!



Throughout next week our class auditions for St Joseph's got talent will be taking place. The class teachers will arrange with their children the days that they will be performing the week before, starting from Monday 20th January. Everyone is welcome to take part, we're all looking forward to this event! Our annual event of 'St Joseph's Got Talent' will be taking place on Wednesday 29th January 2025.



Next Friday 24th January, Year 4 will be performing their class assembly in the sports hall at 2:30pm. We look forward to welcoming our year 4 parents to this event.



Frozen tickets are now available for all families to purchase. The show will be at 6pm on Tuesday 11th February at The Savoy Theatre in Monmouth and tickets are £6 each.

Please contact the office if you would like to buy some.

**NURSERY IN ACTION
THIS WEEK!**



The nursery children have loved their first session with Moo Music this week! They had great fun dancing, jumping and using the musical instruments. The bubbles at the end were a big hit too!



The nursery children have also.....

The Oakleaves have loved their P.E lesson with Mr. Mason this week and have been using the emotions board to recognize their feelings. They have explored the snowman tuff tray - finding the correct amount of buttons to add to the snowmen!

The acorns have been focusing on their independence this week - lots of them can now put on and zip up their own coat!

The Seedlings have enjoyed exploring the home role play area and we have had a few trips out in our new 6 seater pram!

The children enjoyed their first visit to the school library and loved listening to the new stories.



We are very excited to host a Whole School Wellbeing Day on Wednesday, February 26th. Children are welcome to wear their co-siest and favourite clothes to school, even pyjamas if they choose! During the afternoon, they will participate in a variety of fun and well-ness activities centered around the five approaches to wellbeing. On this day, the Wellbeing Warriors will host the 'Wellbeing Toy Sale,' where all children are encouraged to bring some pocket money and buy a 'new' toy- Who doesn't love a new toy! We have also arranged for the children to stay for a film; therefore children can be collected at 5pm. For more details about our Wellbeing Day, please stay tuned. It will definitely be a memorable one!



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

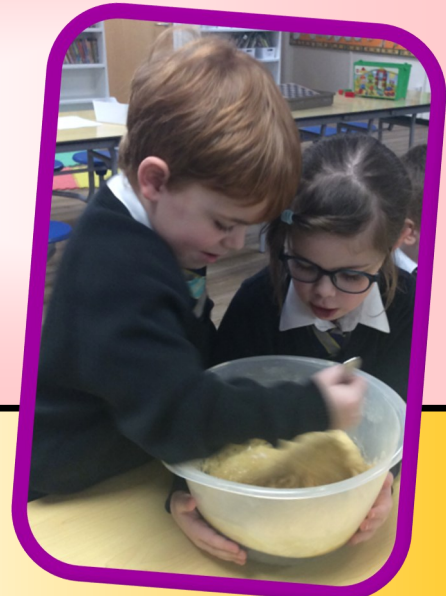
SPRING TERM

Monday 20th January	Year 5 taster morning at John Kyrle
Friday 24 th January	Year 4 Assembly
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 26th 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 7th March	Year 5 Assembly
Monday 10th March	Science Week
Friday 15 th March	Year 3 Assembly
Monday 17th March	St Patrick's Day
Wednesday 19th March	St Joseph's Feast Day
Monday 24th March	Shakespeare Week
Thursday 27th March	Romeo and Juliet Performance
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 Miss Sadler...

This week at Cooking Club the children helped to bake one of their favourites - jam duffins! These are a donut / muffin hybrid and the children absolutely love them! We first combined our dry ingredients and our wet ingredients separately before combining them both to create a batter. We then spooned the batter into cases before adding a layer of jam to the middle. Once out of the oven, we rolled the top of them in sugar, just like a doughnut!



Gardening Club

A message from Miss Hillary...

We had a great time this week furthering our discussions on all the jobs and prep work we do in the winter season for our gardens. We rolled our sleeves up and deseeded watermelons, cucumber, tomatoes and peppers. Roy explained the importance of allowing produce to get to its full maturity in order to be able to harvest the seeds. Cucumbers in our shops have been grown in poly tunnels with lots of heat and picked before fully grown (mature) and the seeds are not yet developed. He showed us what cucumber seeds look like when fully grown and how different they looked from the cucumbers we were eating. Next week we will look at all the seeds we want to grow and start putting them in our planting calendar while surveying all the places we have at school to plant our happy little seeds.



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	97.5%
ABBA	100%
FANTASIA	95.15%
ZIMMER	98.46%
ALISHA	98.26%
MIRANDA	99.13%
SHEERIOS	98.99%



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

Royal Writer's CERTIFICATE

For:

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During next Wednesday's assembly our Liturgy Leaders will be leading us in the 'Jubilee launch day'. The theme for the Jubilee is

'Pilgrims of Hope.'

As a school community, we look forward to taking part in this, pledging to work together for God's kingdom of justice, peace and love.

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

A prayer of hope

God, our loving Father,
in this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together
to replant, repair, and renew.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Jesus, our light,
In this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love
our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our
call to grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see
Jesus in others,
and to be united as God's global family.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Amen

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