

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



Matthew 7:12


10/1/25

**Dear Family,**  
**Happy New Year to all our families!**  
**We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a good break! We are ready for a new term ahead, packed with lots of exciting events and opportunities for our children.**

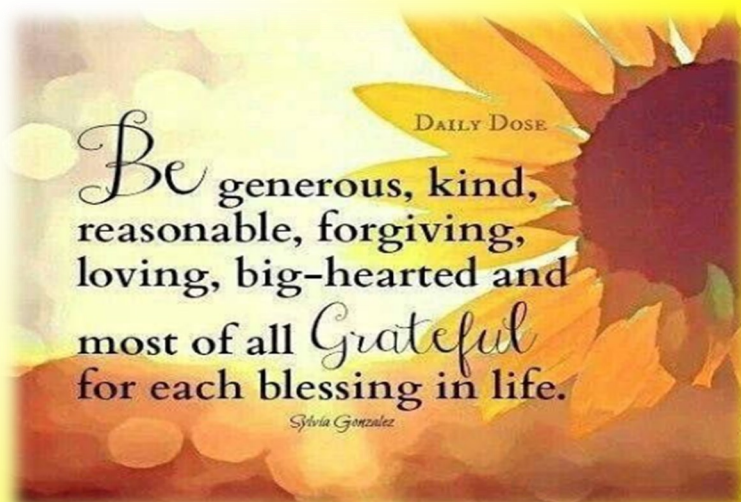
**Yesterday we welcomed Fr Nick and the parishioners of St Frances of Rome, to celebrate 'Beginning of Term Mass' with us. This is always a joyous occasion, when the children read and sing beautifully. Father Nick always delivers a super homily, linked to the Gospel, which the children are able to relate to and reflect upon.**

**During this half term our values are - '*Grateful and Generous*'. St Joseph's pupils are grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, and in the service of others.**

**All curriculum topic webs and knowledge organisers for this term's learning are available on the class pages of the school website. This will help parents keep up to date of what learning objectives are taking place in all of the subjects for the spring term. We will also be hosting some parent workshops throughout the term and will send out further information on this soon.**



I am  
the Vine,  
you are the  
branches."  
John 15:5



# LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK.....

## YEAR 1 AND 2 PE LESSONS

*Our first dance lessons for the term took place on Thursday with our dance teacher—Ricki. The children focused on the 'salsa'. They were practising the timing of the steps 1,2,3—5,6,7. They had to lift their legs when pausing for the silent 4 and they soon mastered this technique. We look forward to next week's lesson and by the end of the term we hope to show families what they have learnt so far!*



## RECEPTION CLASS WEAVING!

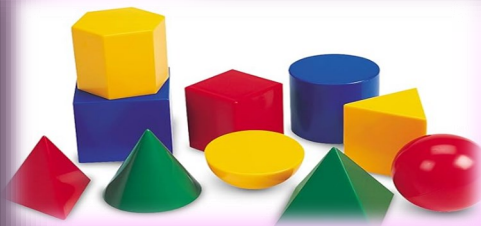
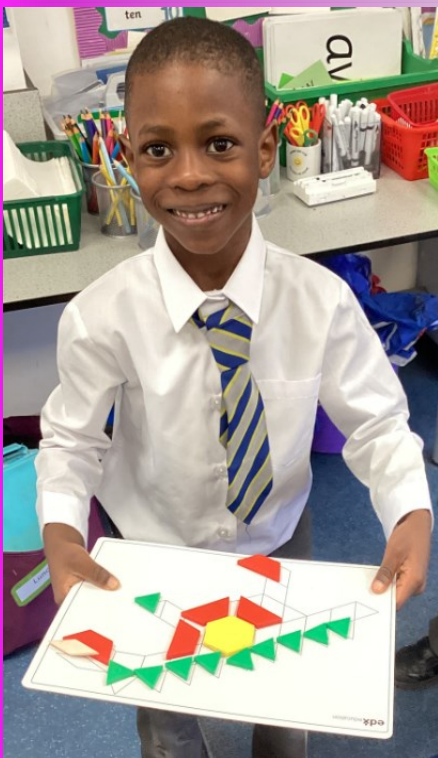
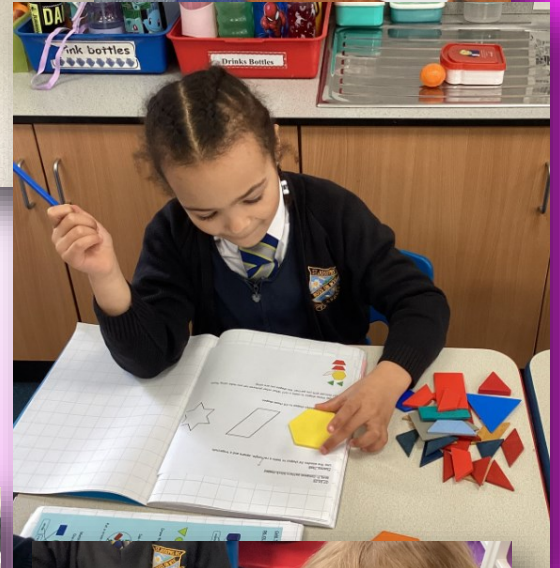
*Swift Class started their new DT unit this week. The children are learning to weave and sew to be able to create their own sewn book marks by the end of the term. To practise this skill, the children made some paper weave boards and used their fine motor skills to thread the paper up and down to create patterns.*



# LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK.....

## Maths in Year 1!

*Abba class have started their new topic on shapes in Maths. The children have had lots of fun exploring shapes and discussing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. They made patterns and created pictures using 2D shapes. Well done everyone for some super learning!*



## Religious Education in Year 1...

*We have been learning about when Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the temple to say thank you to God. There they met Anna and Simeon, who knew how special Jesus was and that he was the 'Light of all Nations.' The children took part in some fantastic role play and acted out the parts brilliantly.*



I was Simeon in our play and I held the baby. I had been waiting to see Jesus all of my life!

Buddy Year 1



I was Anna in the play and I prayed in the temple everyday. I was so pleased to see Jesus!

Phoebe Year 1

# Coming Soon



**Our annual event of 'St Joseph's Got Talent' will be taking place on Wednesday 29th January 2025. Class auditions will take place the week before, starting from Monday 20th January. Everyone is welcome to take part, we're all looking forward to this event!**



**We are very excited to be taking some of our Key Stage 2 children once again to Young Voices on 30th January 2025.**

**This is a huge concert taking place at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham, which provides the children with the opportunity to sing as part of a choir of many hundreds of people. We really enjoy this annual event and the children have been practising since September for this!**



**This term we're looking forward to embarking upon a new project—'Happy Lunchtime Award'. We are working with an external provider, 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 out lunchtimes more exciting! We look forward to sharing this journey with you!**



**A message from  
Miss Steiner...**

**Tickets for our production of 'Frozen Jr' are now on sale!**

The show will be at 6pm on Tuesday **11th February at The Savoy Theatre in Monmouth** and tickets are £6 each. For now, they are only available to the families of cast members, but from Friday 17th January, they will be available to everyone!

You WILL NOT want to miss the St. Joseph's version of this Disney classic! The production is a lovely story about friendship, sisterhood and loyalty and will have you laughing and crying along with the characters throughout!

As always, the children have worked incredibly hard and the show really is fabulous! Come along with friends and family and enjoy 'Do You Wanna Build a Snowman', 'Let It Go', 'For the First Time in Forever', 'Fixer Upper' and all your other favourites!

Tickets can be ordered through the school office - make sure you book yours soon to avoid disappointment!

**KINTERACT  
UPDATE!**



Please note that Kinteract have recently moved to a new platform.

To continue to access your Kinteract account on the Microsoft Azure system, you will need to update to the latest version of the Kinteract app. The iPhone app requires at least iOS version 13.4 and for the Android app you will need at least Android version 14.

If you access Kinteract via the internet, you will now need to go to [www.kinteract.com](http://www.kinteract.com).

If you have any questions, please come in and see us or use the live support within the Kinteract app.



**NURSERY IN ACTION  
THIS WEEK!**

*A message from Mrs Lerego...*

**We have welcomed lots of new children into the Nursery and they are settling in brilliantly!**

**We have been doing lots of arts and crafts - making a weather clock, polar bear feet printing and blowing paint bubbles with Miss. Jenn!**

**The Oakleaves loved their first dance session with Mr. Mason today!**





***We are very excited to host a Whole School Wellbeing Day on Wednesday, February 26th. Children are welcome to wear their coziest and favourite clothes to school, even pyjamas if they choose! During the afternoon, they will participate in a variety of fun and wellness 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

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 Assembly
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	St Joseph's Got Talent
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 Assembly
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Frozen Performance – Monmouth Savoy
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Assembly
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Voice
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	FSJ Valentines Disco
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	End of first half term
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half term
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Assembly
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	St Joseph's Feast Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Shakespeare Week
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Romeo and Juliet Performance
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class Assembly
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Years 3 and 4 Golf Experience Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Years 5 and 6 Golf Experience Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Flat Stan First Aid Day
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term Mass
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	FSJ Bounceathon
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Spring term

**Change of date– Year 5 assembly will now take place on Friday 7th March at 2:30pm.**



**A message from Miss Sadler...**



**Welcome back to Cooking Club! We were very excited for our first bake of the year - and this week it was Oreo Muffins! The children first creamed together the sugar and the butter before adding the rest of the ingredients to the bowl. Once we had a lovely chocolatey batter, we crushed up Oreo biscuits and added them to the mix. We then spooned our mixture into cases and popped these into the oven to bake. A lovely sweet treat for our first week back!**



# Gardening Club



## A message from Miss Hillary...

During our first week back we discussed the importance of every season. The winter is a season of stillness, where leaves that have dropped and fallen from their plants help to nourish the soil. Bugs and insects are working hard to prepare the soil for the Spring. Our key stage 1 children used objects that had fallen to build letters of their names. In Key Stage 2 we built a bug hotel for all the bugs to have a safe and soft place to rest in.

Gardening Club is every Wednesday during lunchtime and free for all who would like to join!



## YEAR 5 TASTER MORNING

John Kyrle High School



**John Kyrle have invited our year 5 children to spend a morning with them on 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.**

**GREAT  
Attendance**

<b>SWIFTIES</b>	<b>76.1%</b>
<b>ABBA</b>	<b>97.8%</b>
<b>FANTASIA</b>	<b>94.38%</b>
<b>ZIMMER</b>	<b>91.2%</b>
<b>ALISHA</b>	<b>94.78%</b>
<b>MIRANDA</b>	<b>96.52%</b>
<b>SHEERIOS</b>	<b>94.5%</b>

**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**

Please drop off donations at the office!

Raising funds for our new outdoor classroom!

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

# SCIENCE

MEGAMIND

## CERTIFICATE



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As we start the new term I would like to remind you of our school uniform requirements. Children should wear leather shoes, trainers are only to be used for PE lessons.

The uniform for girls is a navy tunic in KS1 and a navy skirt in KS2.

Please follow the link below for the full uniform list with links to retailers.

**PE kits should be brought to school every Monday and taken home for washing on Fridays.**

#### CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Spring term topic webs and knowledge organisers are available to view on the class pages of our school website and can also be accessed via Kinteract.

Enjoy your weekend

God Bless

Mrs Francis

