

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12 19/12/24

Dear Family,

Tomorrow is our last day of term and as always, it's been eventful and successful!

The children have made good progress across the curriculum and have taken part and enjoyed the many new and exciting learning opportunities provided.

We have made some wonderful memories during the past four months, including this week's trips, which have been such magical and unique experiences for our children.

We are so grateful to our families, who work in partnership with us in making these opportunities possible. We look forward to doing it all again when we return in 2025!

Wishing you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas, as we celebrate this special time together, may we remain thankful for all that we have.

We didn't realize
we were making
memories, we just
knew we were
having fun



CLEARWELL CAVES

Reception Class had a festive, fun-filled day on Monday, heading to Clearwell Caves to visit Santa! The children

were bursting with excitement and loved exploring the caves ! They - especially enjoyed trying to find presents with their names on! They then got to visit Santa and told him what we would like for Christmas and then headed to his elves workshop where we could choose a gift. After this, we read the story 'The Hungry Polar Bear' and loved seeing the story come to life with some amazing displays for us to see around the caves. We the stopped for a picnic for lunch before heading to Beechenhurst for a play in their park. We had an amazing day and are all definitely feeling in the Christmas spirit!





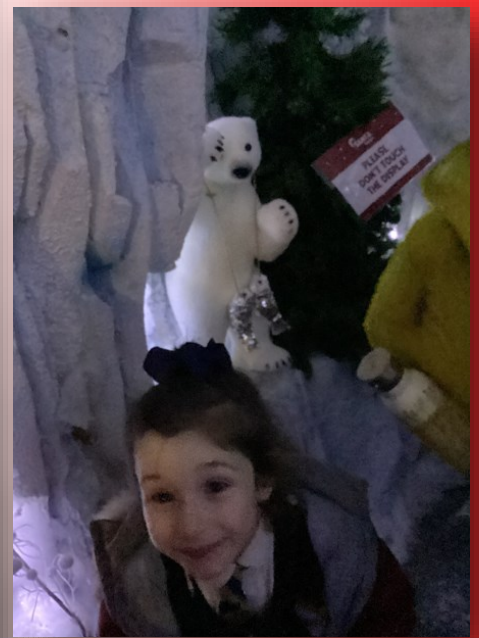


Key Stage 1 had a fantastic trip to West Midlands Safari park this week. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit and saw a variety of animals including giraffes, hippos, penguins and monkeys. The highlight was travelling in the magic elevator to the North Pole to visit Santa. The children loved seeing his magical grotto and finding out that they were on his 'good' list! Finally they chose a present from Santa's workshop and enjoyed making their own reindeer food with Mrs. Claus. Well done Key Stage 1, you were fantastic ambassadors for St Joseph's.









'Treat others as you would like to be treated.'

Santa at the Stadium

Wales
Principality | TOURS

Our Key Stage 2 children had a fabulous time on Tuesday, touring the Principality Stadium, looking for Santa! We eventually found the magical grotto and the children enjoyed meeting Santa and receiving their gifts. This was a truly unique experience and we look forward to visiting again soon, to see the players in action!









WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Monday

Monday 6th January 2025—everyone returns to school!

All after school clubs commence!

Wednesday

Year 3 will start their weekly swimming lessons on Wednesday 8th January 2025. They will need to be in school for 8:40am prompt, with their swimming kits.

Get Ready

A large, illuminated sign for 'ST JOSEPH'S GOT TALENT!' is the central focus. The sign is rectangular with a black background and yellow text, framed by a border of small, glowing lights. It sits on a red carpet that leads towards the sign. In the background, there are red curtains and several large, glowing stars. A small crest is visible in the top right corner of the sign's frame.

**ST JOSEPH'S
GOT TALENT!**

We will be hosting our annual event of 'St Joseph's Got Talent' on Wednesday 29th January 2025. Class auditions will take place the week before, starting from Monday 20th January. Everyone is welcome to take part. Make sure you get practising and so you're ready to perform when we return for the Spring Term!

SPRING TERM

Monday 6 th January	Return to school
Thursday 16 th January	New Term Mass
Friday 17 th January	Year 5 Assembly
Friday 24 th January	Year 4 Assembly
Wednesday 29 th January	St Joseph's Got Talent
Thursday 30 th January	Young Voices
Monday 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Day
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
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
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

Extra—Curricular Clubs -SPRING TERM!

An email has been sent to all families with a clubs fixture list for when we return after Christmas.

We will be introducing 'Rugby' for both Key Stage 1 and 2 on Mondays after school. Football club will return after Easter.

We will also be introducing 'Ballroom and Latin' dance lessons, with Tara, our specialist teacher after school on Thursdays for Key Stage 2.

All other clubs will remain the same. If you have not yet received your email link to sign up, please contact the school office.



DAY	CLUB	AGE GROUP	START TIME & DATE
Monday	Art Club	Years 4, 5 & 6 (<i>Maximum number 20</i>)	<u>3.30-4.30pm – 6th January 2025</u>
Monday	KS1 – Rugby	Years 1 & 2	<u>3.30-4.30pm – 6th January 2025</u>
Monday	KS2 - Rugby	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	<u>3.30-4.30pm – 6th January 2025</u>
Tuesday	KS1 Cookery	Years R, 1 & 2	<u>3.30-4.30pm – 7th January 2025</u>
Tuesday	Frozen Club	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	<u>3.30-5.00pm – 7th January 2025</u>
Wednesday	Art Club	Years 1, 2 & 3 (<i>Maximum number 20</i>)	<u>3.30-4.30pm – 8th January 2025</u>
Wednesday	Homework Club	All year groups (<i>KS1 and 5 KS2</i>)	<u>3.30-4.30pm – 8th January 2025</u>
Wednesday	KS2– Coding Club	Years 3, 4, 5, 6 (<i>Maximum number 20</i>)	<u>3.30-4.30pm – 8th January 2025</u>
Wednesday LUNCH	Gardening Club	All year groups (<i>Maximum number 5 KS1 and 5 KS2</i>)	<u>12.30-1.00pm– 8th January 2025</u>
Thursday	KS1 – Multisports Club	Years R, 1 & 2	<u>3.30-4.15pm – 9th January 2025</u>
Thursday	KS2 – Ballroom/Latin Club	Years 3,4,5 & 6	<u>3.30-4.30pm – 9th January 2025</u>
Thursday LUNCH	Liturgy Leaders	Year 5	<u>12.30-1.00pm– 9th January 2025</u>
Friday	KS2 Tennis	Years 3,4,5 & 6	<u>3.30-4.15pm– 10th January 2025</u>

Gardening Club

This week in our final gardening club of the year, we looked through some gardening magazines and had a chat to Roy about hibernation and what we could do to help our wildlife over winter.

We collected up some leaves to put a layer into our raised bed for them to compost down before we add manure and soil. We headed over to our wildlife pond area where we measured and cut our pond liner underlay ready to go in once we're back next year.





Wishing everyone who celebrated their birthday in December a very happy day, celebrating with family and friends! To all of those who will be celebrating their special day during the holidays, sending you lots of happy birthday wishes!



**Applications close on
15th January 2025!**



**RECEPTIONS
ADMISSIONS
September 2025**

Do you have a child
born between
1 September 2020
and 31 August 2021

If so you will need to
apply for a school
place by 15th Jan 25
(to commence Sept 25)



St Joseph's Primary School is a thriving
and happy primary school, providing a
broad and balanced curriculum.

To arrange a visit, please contact us on
the details below.



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SWIFTIES	80%
ABBA	98%
FANTASIA	94.6%
ZIMMER	89%
ALISHA	96.3%
MIRANDA	981.%
SHEERIOS	92.9%



Our Ukrainian children had a fabulous time creating their own Christmas stockings with Oksana last week.

We look forward to seeing more of their creative projects in the new year!

Thanks Oksana!



Wishing all our families a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone back in the new year!

God Bless

Mrs Francis

