



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

*Matthew 7:12*

6/12/24

# Advent

**Dear Family,**

**On Tuesday we welcomed Father Nick to lead us in our Advent Assembly. This was a wonderful occasion, where we were able to appreciate the importance of this special time, as we prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in the coming weeks. As always, the children read and sang beautifully which was a perfect way to start our Advent journey.**




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

## FOOD TASTER AFTERNOON!

*On Monday we welcomed our school lunch supplier - Apetito, for a lunchtime taster of the new menu, coming in the new year. The children enjoyed a variety of dishes including the 'Green Thai Chicken Curry with Vegetable Rice' and 'Tomato and Paprika Chicken' to name a few. They then finished off with 'Hot Chocolate Brownie' and 'Rhubarb and Ginger Sponge Cake'. We look forward to their favourite dishes being added in the new year. Thanks for completing the survey children!*





# OUR GOVERNORS

***On Thursday 5th December our parent governor ballot closed at 12:00pm. Votes were counted and verified. Congratulations to Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Cunningham -Smith on their appointment. Thank you to all our candidates.***



***Last week, our school nurse - Nikki Lawley, led a Key Stage 1 assembly on the importance eating healthily. The children shared their knowledge on different food groups and how much we should eat of each group. Nikki showed the children how to use the traffic lights on food packing to find out how healthy different foods are. Please follow the link if you would like to download the NHS Healthy Food app.***

[NHS Food Scanner app - Healthier Families - NHS](#)

**PLEASE**

***A polite reminder about parking safely and considerately at drop off and collection times.***

***The Council has painted zig zag lines in specific areas outside the school. There should be no stopping or parking in any of these areas.***

***Many thanks for your continued support.***

**On Thursday our Reception and Key Stage 1 children took to the stage. They worked so hard to bring their Nativity story to life, and they absolutely shone! We were all so proud of them!**

**A big thank you to everyone who supported them - our wonderful teachers, parents and everyone behind the scenes at St Joseph's. It was such a special performance, full of joy and the true meaning of Christmas.**

**Well done to all the children - you were amazing!**





**PUTTING UP OUR DECORATIONS!!!!**

***We've really enjoyed decorating our school this week and getting into the Christmas spirit!***





# Gardening Club

## A message from Mrs Hodges ....

*This week in gardening club we used our sow and harvest calendar and some seed catalogues to plan our 2025 gardening projects picking out our favorite things to grow and marked them on our calendar to remind us when to sow them next year. We also divided some Bay tree cuttings and re potted them, we hope that by Summer they will be available to purchase at our fayre! Being wildlife conservation day, we spoke again about our pond planning and all the lovely things we are going to include to attract wildlife to our garden, the children had some great ideas! We were lucky enough to be shown some fantastic medals by Roy that he had achieved from his amazing work in horticulture, We were even allowed to hold and admire them, Thank you, Roy!*



# Let's Get Cooking



## A message from Miss Sadler....

*This week at Cooking Club, the children thoroughly enjoyed making 'melted snowman' biscuits! Using lots of our favourite treats such as marshmallows, chocolate buttons and sprinkles, the children constructed their own melted snowman. They used royal icing to stick their creations together and enjoyed adding smiley faces and fizzy scarf belts to their snowmen. Although these were very messy to make, they were a delicious treat to eat!*





# Turn Up Tuesday

This term our guest speaker is Nikki Lawley, Our School Nurse!

TUESDAY  
**10TH**  
DECEMBER

1:30-3pm in our school library



Come and join us for our friendly and informal half-termly Meetings, everyone is welcome!

A chance to ask any questions and see how our Herefordshire services support us.

Led by Mrs. Gurney (School SENDCo)



**On Tuesday , some of our children will be visiting Aspire Living in Ross, to perform some carols to the residents. We look forward to sharing some action photos with you!**



**We will be holding our 'SANTA FUN RUN' on Thursday 12th December at 10am. We will be completing our fun run along the 'town and country trail'. The children are welcomes to come to school in their Santa outfits or Christmas jumpers!**



**Next Friday 13th December, we will be holding our Christmas Dinner Day! On this day the children are invited to come to school in their Christmas party clothes.**

**After lunch, the FSJ have organised a surprise show in the hall for all of the children to enjoy- which is super exciting!**



**Our cast of Frozen will be singing at Morrisons next Saturday 14th December @ 2:00pm. Please come along to support us if you're free.**

# Diary Dates

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Santa Fun Run
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Nativity @ 2:30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner Day and Afternoon Show
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception visit to Clearwell Caves
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 1 Santa Safari
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Santa at the Stadium
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term Mass
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Party @ 11:00am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	HOLIDAY CLUB
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school for Spring Term

## Getting ready for our Christmas Fayre.....

Miss Jenn has been working her magic around our classrooms this week and creating some fabulous tree decorations with the children, in preparation for our Christmas Fayre.

We look forward to welcoming everyone this afternoon!





**NURSERY IN ACTION THIS WEEK**  
**A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO**

The Nursery children were very excited to start opening our Nursery Advent Calendar this week! We have been getting in to the Christmas spirit by making Christmas cards, playing in the 'snow' and making adorable melted snowmen with Miss. Jenn and Molly!

Star of the week: Charlie for taking part in all Nursery activities.





# RECEPTIONS ADMISSIONS

## September 2025

*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.*

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)



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Limited Availability!



# CHRISTMAS Holiday Club



Monday 23rd December  
Monday 30th and Tuesday 31st December  
Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January

## GREAT Attendance

SWIFTIES	93.85%
ABBA	98.52%
FANTASIA	96.97%
ZIMMER	98.8%
ALISHA	95.65%
MIRANDA	97.3%
SHEERIOS	96%



Please follow the link below to read the summary from our meeting on Thursday 28th November. Our next meeting will take place Thursday 13th February.

[Parent Voice | St Josephs RC Primary School](#)

# SCIENCE

## MEGAMIND



Values: Grateful & Generous, Attentive & Discerning, Compassionate & Loving, Faith-Filled & Joyful, Hopeful, Humble & Gracious, Knowledgeable & Wise, Curious & Active, Prophetic & Intentional.

***On Wednesday afternoon our RE Ambassadors met with Miss McIntosh—our RE advisor and Mrs Wise our chair of Governors and RE link governor. The children were so articulate in sharing their thoughts and knowledge on RE at St Joseph’s, including what they enjoy in their lessons and also explaining how collective worship is celebrated as part of school life.***



**PUPIL VOICE**



**Enjoy your weekend  
God Bless**

**Mrs Francis**

