

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

*Matthew 7:12*

22/11/24

Dear Family,

On Monday we welcomed Therese Warwick from CAFOD, who spoke to the children in assembly about the important work that this charity is doing across the world to support people in need. Listening to the wonderful work that takes place has inspired us to work towards a fundraising project in the new year, to further support this great cause!

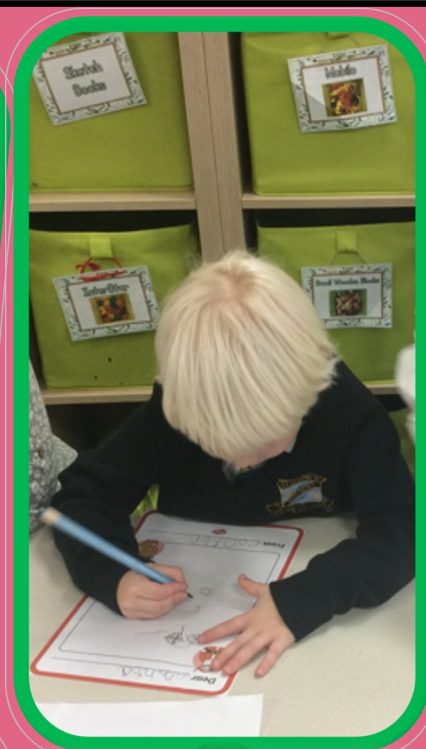


Although we are not yet in December.... Christmas festivities are starting early for us here! This week the children have enjoyed writing their letters to Santa and posting them too, in time for him to reply before the **BIG DAY!** All of our children are working hard in preparation for their Christmas performances and thank you to everyone for donating items towards our Christmas Fayre, that will take place on **Friday 6th December at 1:30pm.** If you are able to help out at this event please contact the school office.

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

RECEPTION CLASS WRITING THEIR LETTERS TO SANTA....

***This week the children have been very busy using their phonic skills to write their own letters to Santa. They used their 'Fred Fingers' to spell the word 'Santa' and enjoyed sharing with their friends what they would like for Christmas. Popular choices this year included Elsa Dolls and Sports Cars! The children then drew what they wanted and signed their names at the bottom.***



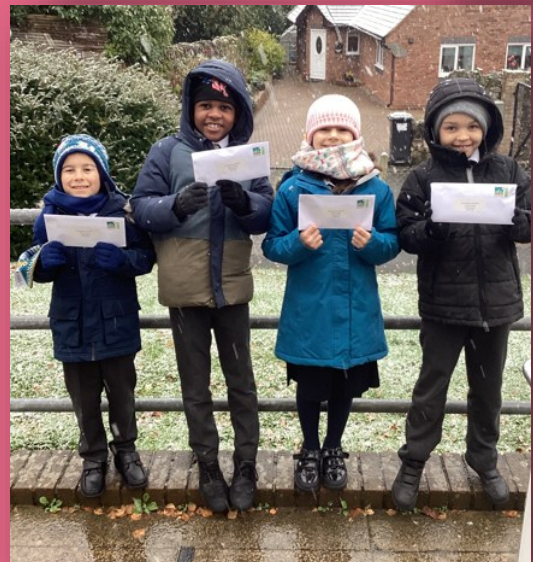


## YEAR 3 LETTERS TO SANTA!

***On Tuesday morning our Year 3 children posted their letters to Santa! The children had a great time enjoying the short burst of snow falling during this time and it added a bit of magic to their walk!***

***We now look forward to receiving some replies!***





## LEARNING IN ACTION TODAY.....

*This morning it was lovely to observe the phonic lessons taking place around the school. The children were fully engaged in their learning and are making super progress. They are proud of their work and excited to share what they have achieved— well done everyone!*

*On Monday we will be welcoming Louise Nightingale—our Read, Write Inc trainer, who will work alongside myself and Mrs Murray throughout the day, to focus on the quality and development of our phonics teaching and assessments.*





# 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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# Gardening Club

## A message from Mrs Hodges ....

*This week in gardening club we all loved seeing the snow on the ground! We talked about weather and the impact it has on our plants and why we'd need to bring some into the greenhouse over winter. We learnt that some of the things we have planted actually need a cold frost to start the germination process and we all had a guess as to why only half the garden was still covered in snow by the afternoon! The children worked really hard on filling up our gigantic bug house today, we used recycled wood, straw, the bark and twigs we collected last week and sheep's wool to make layers of cosy bedding for our garden critters.*



# Cookery Club

## A message from Miss Sadler....

*This week at Cooking Club the children helped to make two different bakes - Quiches and Rice Crispy Cakes. The children first made their quiches and selected their favourite toppings to go in them. Once added to the pastry, they filled up their quiches with the batter and added them to the oven. While they baked the children mixed melted chocolate and rice crispies and added these to cases. The children loved having a savory and sweet treat at cooking club this week!*



# GOOD NEWS

Welcome to  
Ross on Wye's Co-op



**A big thank you to Co-op 'Community Fund' for their generous donation of £1524.18!!!! This amount will massively enhance the children's educational experiences at St Joseph's. Thank you!!**



**We are pleased to announce that some of our year 5 children have been appointed as office lunchtime assistants. They took part in a rigorous recruitment process, whereby they completed application forms and attended formal interviews for this role. The children who applied were successful in their applications and will start their training induction on Monday. Good luck to our new recruits and we hope they gain lots of experience in their new roles!**



# Welcome to Our Nursery



**A message from Mrs Lerego....**

**We have been focusing on kindness and friendship this week in Nursery - the children have made friendship flowers and drawn pictures of the heroes in their life.**

**We loved exploring the ice and snow this week - getting togged up and hunting for snow down at forest school!**

**The babies are settling in well and enjoying their time at Nursery - they loved the snow and ice too!**





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## RECEPTION AND KEY STAGE 1 NATIVITY

*Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children will be performing their Christmas Nativity on **Thursday 5th December at 10am and 5:30pm** in the school hall.*

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE!

*Our Christmas Fayre will take place on **Friday 6th December at 1:30pm** in the school hall. An email to confirm arrangements will be sent out.*

## NURSERY NATIVITY

*Our Nursery children will be performing their Christmas Nativity on **Thursday 12th December @ 2:30pm** in the school hall.*

## CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

*On **Friday 13th December** we will be taking part in a Santa Fun Run in the morning, to build up our appetite for our Christmas Dinner altogether in the hall. After lunch we will have a surprise show... !*

## SINGING AT MORRISONS

*The cast of Frozen will be singing at Morrisons on **Saturday 14th December at 2:30pm.***

## RECEPTION CHRISTMAS OUTING

*Our Reception children will be will be visiting Clearwell Caves on Monday 16th December at 10am.*

## KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS OUTING

*Our Key Stage one children will be going on a 'Santa Safari' at West midlands Safari Park on Tuesday 17th December and leaving school at 9:00am.*

## KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS OUTING

*Our Key Stage two children will be venturing to the Principality Stadium for a Winter Wonderland experience on Tuesday 17th December and leaving school at 9:00am.*

## KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*Our Key Stage 2 children will be performing their Christmas Concert on Friday 20th December @ 3:00pm. The performance will take place at Monmouth Haberdashers School NP25 5XT.*

## NURSERY CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY!

*Our Nursery children will be having their Christmas party on Friday 20th December we look forward to welcoming 'Small World' for an exciting experience!*

# Diary Dates

Wednesday 27th November	Flu Vaccinations
Friday 29th November	ATHLETE DAY
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre
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	



**ATHLETE DAY**  
**A MESSAGE FROM MR MASON...**



***On Friday the 29th of November, St Joseph's will be holding a whole school Athlete Day. This is to celebrate the children's achievements and interests in their chosen sports. Also, this will support the demonstration of values that are needed when performing, competing or playing. To help us understand how we can show respect, determination, perseverance and humility towards referees, teammates and opponents, Andy William's, a former Premier League referee and Mia and Leo Sullivan's grandparent will be visiting the school. With Andy's help, the children will understand why there are specific rules across all sports and how to follow them, which in turn will improve sporting behaviours shown during playtimes and out of school sporting commitments. To mark this day in style, children are allowed to dress in their favorite sport attire for the day!***



***Ballot papers were sent home with your child yesterday and are to be returned to the school office by 12.00pm on Thursday 5th December 2024. Please can all parents take the time to vote for their choice of two parent governors. Many thanks***

## **Turn Up Tuesday**

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

***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)***

**TUESDAY  
10TH  
DECEMBER**

***1:30-3pm in our school library***





# Congratulations

**Congratulations to Norrie in Year , who successfully achieved 'Gymnast of the week' at her gymnastics club. Thanks for sharing this achievement with us– great work!**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND IN THE CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL SO WE CAN CELEBRATE THESE TOO!**



# REMINDERS



- Flu vaccinations next week—Wednesday 27th November**
- Parent Voice Thursday 28th November @ 2:00pm**
- Athlete day next week—Friday 29th November—please come to school in your favourite sports attire (letter home to follow)**

<b>SWIFTIES</b>	<b>95.9%</b>
<b>ABBA</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>FANTASIA</b>	<b>96.67%</b>
<b>ZIMMER</b>	<b>96.8%</b>
<b>ALISHA</b>	<b>97.8%</b>
<b>MIRANDA</b>	<b>96.52%</b>
<b>SHEERIOS</b>	<b>96%</b>

# Royal Writers CERTIFICATE

*This certificate is awarded to*



**Next Thursday 28th November, we will be holding our Parent Voice meeting. If you have any items you would like to bring forward, please speak to your class representative.**

**Reception— Mrs Mason—Wenn**

**Year 1—Mrs Cunningham—Smith**

**Year 2—Mrs Griffiths**

**Year 3— Mrs Wooding**

**Year 4— Mrs Kingsmill Parsons**

**Year 5— Mrs Preece**

**Year 6—Mrs Smith**



**Enjoy your  
weekend**

**God Bless**

**Mrs Francis**

*Relax and have  
a Happy Weekend*

