

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



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

Matthew 7:12

11/10/24



Dear Family,

We started the week off on Monday with a fabulous Harvest Celebration Assembly. All of the classes had prepared their own songs and they performed them exceptionally well! Our Year five children did a splendid job in leading the prayers and readings. It really was a special occasion to reflect and give thanks for all the good things in our lives, especially the way in which the earth produces food for us to eat, to give thanks for all those who work to produce food and drink for us to enjoy, We look forward to welcoming parents to come and see their children perform their harvest songs on Monday 14th October, Reception and Key stage 1 at 2:30pm and Key Stage 2 at 2:45pm.



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

SCHOOL GAMES VALUES FESTIVAL!

On Tuesday some of our children from KS2 attended the School Games Values Festival at Hereford Leisure Centre. This was a fantastic experience to demonstrate the games values such as, passion, respect and honesty. They all had a brilliant time and we look forward to attending again in the future. Well done St Joseph's!





YEAR 1 AT COMMUNITY GARDENS!

Abba class had a wonderful time at Ross-on-Wye Community Garden on Tuesday afternoon. Despite the rain, the children had so much fun decorating plant sticks, going on a scavenger hunt and playing a variety of games under cover! Thank you to Tim and his team for a lovely afternoon.





LEARNING IN ACTION THIS WEEK!

Swift Class had a great afternoon on Wednesday, taking a peek into the past and looking at their baby photos! The children each brought in pictures of themselves as babies and we played can you guess who. The children loved discussing their photos from the past and noticing all the different ways they have changed since they were babies. They especially enjoyed guessing which baby pictures belonged to their teachers!






Wonderful

On 6th October, Amelia, Gabriella, Izzy and Paisley all had the most magical day at St Mary's church Ross-on-Wye. After months of preparation Amelia was baptised. She was also confirmed along with her three friends by Bishop Richard Jackson of Hereford. They all looked wonderful and were made to feel very special, as they continue on their journey of faith, celebrating their Confirmation Day.



Religious Education



On Wednesday the RE Curriculum Ambassadors met to discuss how their lessons are going so far this term. We shared what was working well and what they would like to do more of in their lessons. The children enjoyed talking about their recent 'hot tasks', which include answering a BIG QUESTION based on the topic they have been learning this this term.





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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On Thursday we celebrated 'World Mental Health Day' together with many other schools up and down the country. The children enjoyed launching this event with a whole school assembly and then completing with some well being activities in their classes.

#HelloYellow

YOUNG MiNDS



We blew imaginary bubbles to help us relax and be calm. This helped us to think clearly., we enjoyed it!

Poppy Year 2



We played a game as a whole class that made us think about the choices we make and how that affects ourselves and others. We also learnt that it's good to talk about our feelings.

Archie Plant

Year 4



Cooking Club

A message from Miss Sadler....

This week at Cooking Club, the children helped to bake ham and cheese rolls. Mr Barlow prepped our bread dough, and told us all how bread is 'alive' with its special ingredient - the yeast! He explained how the dough had doubled in size since he had made it! The children then kneaded their dough, before adding shredded ham and cheese and then shaped them into a roll before putting them into the oven to bake.



Gardening Club

A message from Mrs Hodges...

In this week's gardening club, we were amazed to see the size of our cucumber growing in our smaller greenhouse! We had fun planting up some tubs with bulbs using the lasagne (layering) method. We sowed some Wallflower seeds in the hope they will be as successful as last year's and enjoyed admiring our freshly planted autumnal troughs at reception! Today, we learned how to take a cutting and the different ways you can make several plants from one. We look forward to propagating some together in the coming weeks! With world mental health day being this week, we thought it was the perfect time to speak again about how gardening and being outdoors can work wonders for your mental health, we discussed the different ways that being outdoors can make you feel and the children gave some fantastic answers!



GARDEN
CLUB



MARK THIS ON YOUR
CALENDAR

QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT

JOIN US FOR OUR QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT TO RAISE MONEY FOR
OUR SCHOOL AND NURSERY. THERE WILL BE QUESTIONS FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!
THERE WILL BE A CHICKEN CURRY AND VEGETABLE CURRY KINDLY
DONATED TO US BY HAZELHURST NURSING HOME AND A LICENSED
BAR.

TICKET INCLUDES
QUIZ ENTRY AND
A CURRY.

FRIDAY 8TH NOV
5:30PM-8PM

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS: ADULT £5 / CHILDREN £2.50

MAXIMUM 10 PEOPLE PER TEAM

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE



HALF TERM HOLIDAY Club

28TH OCT TO 1ST NOV 2024

Monday to Friday
9am-3pm

2-11 YEARS

Breakfast club from 8am.
Wrap around care till
5.30pm

UNIQUE THEMES EVERY DAY

Snacks and drinks provided
throughout the day
*(Cooked or packed lunches also
available at an additional cost)*

Join us for a half term of endless fun and fabulous activities!

Whether building, crafting, painting or sports, each day brings new surprises, friendships and unforgettable moments.

Book your child's place now!



CONTACT US

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< Diary Dates

Monday 14th October	KINTERACT Parent Workshop @ 3:30pm
Tuesday 15th October	Year 5 Community Gardens Visit PM
Friday 25 th October	FSJ Pumpkin Party
Friday 25 th October	Break up for half term



On Monday 16th October at 3:30pm, Mrs Murray will be leading a parent workshop on Kinteract in her classroom. Please email the school office to book a place. Kinteract is our online learning platform and is a really helpful way of communicating between home and school. The children's homework is also set via this platform.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Also on Monday, at 2:30pm Reception and Key Stage 1 parents are welcome to come and watch their children perform their harvest songs and KS2 parents are welcome from 2:45pm.

On Monday 16th October Reception class will be having their eye tests.



Next Tuesday 16th October, Year 5 will be venturing down to the Community Gardens, with Tim and his team for an afternoon of outdoor learning.

The children will be leaving straight after their lunch at 12:45pm. Please can they bring in old, comfortable clothes to change into.



***On Tuesday 17th October, Mrs Gurney will be hosting 'Turn up Tuesday' at 1:30pm in the school library.* Our School Nurse will be coming along to this meeting to talk about how the school nursing team can help families.**



Last Thursday we held our first Parent Voice meeting of the academic year. This was a successful meeting, where we were able to share our priorities for the year and parents were able to contribute and ask questions.. Parents also brought matters to the meetings which we discussed and ideas and possible solutions were shared. If you would like to read the summary minutes of the meeting, please follow the link below. Our next meeting will be held on 25th November. Thank you to Mrs Spray, a member of Governing Board, for also attending.

[Parent Voice | St Josephs RC Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](https://secure-primariesite.net)

Just a friendly reminder...

We pride ourselves on having an open door policy here at St Joseph's and are always happy to discuss matters with parents concerning their children. If there is a pressing concern then please do come to the school office or email the admin staff and they will pass the message on. In the mornings teachers are extremely busy preparing for the day and also some teachers are leading targeted interventions from 8:30am each morning. We ask that parents make an appointment with the class teacher via the school office and so teachers have the quality time to talk with parents.

Many thanks as always for your support.

COMING SOON

Friday 25th October

We will be hosting our annual PUMPKIN PARTY in the sports hall.

Please bring costume/party wear in a bag for the children to change into if you would like, this is optional.

Please be considerate of any 'props' children may like to bring as part of their costumes.

£4 per child, includes a snack bag (bookable through parent pay)

Entertainment and disco!

KS1: 3:30pm – 4:30pm

KS2: 5pm – 6pm



NURSERY IN ACTION THIS WEEK
A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

This week we have been reading the hungry caterpillar story. The children have enjoyed using an apple to make red and green patterns to make the hungry caterpillar.

The children have also been sorting healthy and unhealthy foods in the indoor tuff tray. They gave it a thumbs up if it was healthy and a thumbs down if not. We talked about the importance of eating healthily and how we should limit unhealthy foods.



Ophelia for staying dry throughout the day!



Help is available to reduce your energy bills and make your home more energy efficient...



Keep Herefordshire Warm offers free energy advice to Herefordshire residents. They also administer energy efficiency grants on behalf of the Council, which can be used to make a range of home energy improvements.

- Call Keep Herefordshire Warm free on 0800 677 1432 to speak to one of their friendly and professional advisors. (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)
- or email: khw.advicecentre@yesenergysolutions.co.uk



www.yesenergysolutions.co.uk/schemes/keep-herefordshire-warm



This scheme helps Herefordshire residents identify home energy improvements and offers funding support for approved projects

You can apply if

- Your household income is £36,000 a year or more and/or
- Your household has disposable income available to spend on energy efficiency measures for your home



www.yesenergysolutions.co.uk/schemes/herefordshire-home-energy-savers



This scheme will pay for efficiency improvements to off-grid homes in Herefordshire that are hard to heat

You can apply if

- You are off mains gas
- Your total household income is under £36,000 per year
- You live in an inefficient property, with an Energy Performance Certificate of D, E, F or G



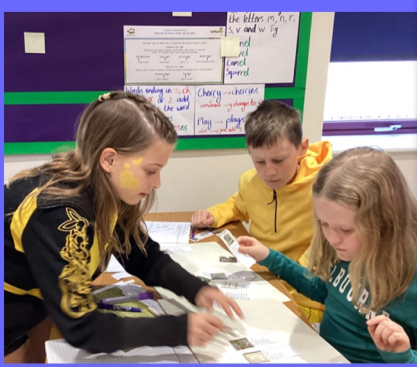
www.gov.uk/apply-home-upgrade-grant



The FSJ are currently looking for a Treasurer. If you are interested in finding out more about this role, please contact the school office. Many thanks

HISTORY

Year 6 have been learning about the history of the census and this week we looked at the census from 1911 – where some women deliberately ruled their names out of a census or refused to have them recorded. We explored how women were not considered equal or as important in the eyes of the government and how Millicent Fawcett and Emmeline Pankhurst sought to change this to make sure that voices of women were heard and they could vote. The children were really curious and asked good questions surrounding The Suffragette Movement. In groups, they put together a timeline from the first petition for women to vote in 1866 right through to all women being given the right to vote in 1929. They then did a good job of presenting and explaining various aspects of The Suffragette Movement to the rest of the class.



GREAT Attendance

SWIFTIES	97%
ABBA	99.26%
FANTASIA	99.41%
ZIMMER	99.2%
ALISHA	100%
MIRANDA	95.65%
SHEERIOS	97%

